



The School Bell



"Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit"

Dates for your diary...

September

- Monday 28th** - YR and Birch Class Wellbeing Walk
Tuesday 29th - Willow Class Wellbeing Walk

October

- Monday 5th** - Oak Class Wellbeing Walk
Friday 9th - Harvest Service 10.30am followed by Harvest lunch
Thursday 22nd - Festival of Light

November

- Tuesday 3rd** - School Photographer
Thursday 5th - Parents' Evening 5pm - 7pm
Tuesday 10th - Flu vaccinations
Thursday 12th - Open Day
Friday 13th - Children in Need - Into Film
Monday 16th - Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 26th - Parents Evening for Seedling, Willow and Oak Class 3.30pm - 6pm

December

- Friday 4th** - Christmas Fair
Friday 11th - Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham - Cinderella

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's,
 Fruit of the Spirit for September: Kindness

Thank you to everyone who came to our Reception phonics meeting on Wednesday.

A reminder that our harvest festival service will take place at 10.30am on Friday 9th October in St. Mary's Church. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for harvest lunch afterwards at school. A reminder that this year we are supporting Hereford Food Bank.

On Monday next week, Seedling YR children and Birch Class have their wellbeing walk followed by Willow Class on Tuesday. Now that Autumn is upon us and the weather is so lovely, it will be a wonderful opportunity to explore our surroundings and the changing seasons.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr. Milne

All information can be found on our school website.
 Please click link below

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We also communicate to parents via Class Dojo. Download the app to keep up with all of the happenings at St Mary's!



Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Term begins: Wednesday 2nd September
 Term ends: Friday 18th December
 Half term: Friday 23rd-30th October
 school closed to pupils on Friday 23rd October

Spring Term 2027

Term begins: Tuesday 5th January
 Term ends: Thursday 25th March
 Half Term: Monday 15th-19th February

Summer Term 2027

Term begins: Monday 12th April
 Term ends: Tuesday 20th July
 Half Term: Friday 28th May-4th June

CONSENT FORMS

Forms have been sent out today with your child - these are important forms detailing parental permissions. We have added a new form this year regarding photos and videos.

Please complete and return these forms by **Friday 9th October, 2026.**

Please remember to contact the school office with any updates for your child's records i.e. contact details, allergies and medical information. Thank you.

IMPORTANT!



Follow us on social media

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 2nd October, 2026

The Fruit of the Spirit for September is Kindness. Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."



This week in school ...



Afterschool Club



Arts and Crafts



Socialise with friends
after school



Smallworld Play



Board Games

Try out different sports with Activate
on a Thursday including Archery and
Dodge Ball



Archery

We also try to get outside at every opportunity so that children can enjoy outdoor play and fresh air after school each day

Afterschool Club open Monday - Thursday

3.15pm - 4.15pm - £4.50

full session to 5.30pm - £9

All sessions include a light snack

All sessions can be booked on Teachers2Parents



This week in school ...



On Monday we tried out the VR Headsets which we are able to loan from John Finch Computers. The children visited a school in Tanzania, London, under the sea and the cockpit of Apollo 11!



What's happening this half-term...



SWIMMING OAK CLASS

Tuesday 8th September
to 8th December (final
session)

PE DAYS

Seedling - Monday Dance

Birch - Monday Dance

Thursday KICK

Willow - Monday Forest School

Oak - Thursday KICK

Thursday PE

Wednesday Activate

Wednesday Activate



Monday 28th September

Seedling Class (YR pupils)
and Birch Class
Wellbeing walk



Tuesday 29th September

Willow Class
Wellbeing walk



Monday 5th October

Oak Class
Wellbeing walk



Friday 9th October

Harvest Service 10.30am in Church
followed by

Harvest lunch in school

Information has been sent out with your child and via
email with details of how to book the Harvest lunch

Thursday 22nd October



Festival of Light

Parents will be invited to join us for whole school worship to conclude this
celebration.

FOREST SCHOOL

Willow Class - starting Monday 7th September

Invite other families to discover our school!

Please share our post on social media.

Printed copies of the flyer are available from the school office.





St Mary's C of E Fownhope

Upcoming Events from the PTA

Pumpkin Patch
Come and pick your pumpkin
on the **Friday 16th October**

School Disco
Friday 20th November
Wear what you like day
In lieu of a bottle for the Christmas fair.

Christmas Evening Event
Come and decorate your own
plates and mug ready for Santa!
Date TBC

Christmas Fair
Friday 4th December

Other upcoming events for 2026/2027

Colour Run
Spring 2027

A day of fun with
DNA Kids
March 2027



JOHN KYRLE HIGH SCHOOL

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YEAR 6 TRANSITION EVENTS 2026



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book your visit

OPEN MORNINGS



Dates 6th • 7th • 8th October 2026



Time 9.30 AM – 11.30 AM

OPEN EVENING



Date Thursday 22nd October 2026



Time 5 PM – 7.30 PM



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Please contact:

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PIANO LESSONS

Hello everyone!



I'm Anna Jones and I teach piano lessons at St Mary's. I have been teaching music for thirty years now from 4 year olds to 74 year olds, sharing my love of music and enabling students to progress on their own musical journey.

I offer weekly half hour lessons at the school and at my home in Ross on Wye. I teach sight-reading, technical skills and music theory to ensure all my students have a broad and strong musical grounding.

I started to learn to play the piano at just 4 years of age which enabled me to start to read and understand music alongside learning to read and write in the school classroom.

Children are sponges! They learn and absorb so much so easily - starting to learn a musical instrument at primary school is ideal.

If you would like more information or would like your child/ children to enrol in piano lessons please contact me on: 07786373386

Thank you so much,

Anna Jones