



The School Bell



"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow"

Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 4th November - Tempest Photos
Thursday 6th November - Parents' Evening 5pm - 7pm
Wednesday 12th November - Open Morning
Friday 14th November - Children In Need
Monday 17th November - Parents' Evening 3:30pm - 6pm
Monday 24th & 25th - Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 27th November - Parents' Evening for Willow & Oak Class. 3:30pm - 6pm
December 5th - Whole school - Mother Goose at the Courtyard
Wednesday 10th - KS1 Nativity 4pm in Church
Friday 12th - Christmas Fayre 3pm - 6pm
Monday 15th & Wednesday 17th - Christmas Dinners
Thursday 18th - Christmas Parties
Friday 19th - KS2 Carol Service 2pm in Church

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's,
 Fruit of the Spirit for October: Patience

Following our first Governing Body meeting of this academic year earlier this week, we are delighted to announce that a new Chair of Governors has been elected. Amanda Gunn, foundation governor, has replaced James Potheary as chair; we thank James for leading the governors for several years. The Vice Chair is Reverend Chris Moore. We also welcome Trixie Clarke to the Governing Body and say goodbye and thank you to Jake Herbst. For more details about our governors, please see our school website at [Governors | St Mary's C of E Primary School, Fownhope](#)

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

[Home | St Mary's C of E Primary School, Fownhope](#)

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



A reminder that we break up next Thursday and that school will be closed for staff training on Friday 24th October. Thursday will be a 'wear what you like' day in exchange for bringing in a bottle for the PTA Christmas Fair – see details later in this newsletter.

Don't forget that our parents' evenings for this term will take place on Thursday 6th and Monday 17th November, with an extra evening for parents and carers of children in Oak and Willow Classes on Thursday 27th November.

Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025

Term begins: Tuesday 2nd September
 Half-Term: Friday 24th October - 31st October
 (INSET Day Friday 24th October)
 Term ends: Friday 19th December

Spring Term 2026

Term begins: Tuesday 6th January
 Half-Term: Monday 16th - Friday 20th February
 Term ends: Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2026

Term begins: Monday 13th April
 Half-Term Friday 22nd - 29th May
 (INSET Day Friday 22nd May)
 Term ends: Friday 17th July
 May bank holiday Monday 4th May

Don't forget that when we come back after the half-term break, children should wear the winter school uniform.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr. Milne

The Fruit of the Spirit for the month of October is Patience.
 Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.



Follow us on social media

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 23rd October



Reminder

Oak Class PGL Residential Trip

Please return consent slips by Monday 20th October, 2025.

Parents Evening

Thursday 6th November 5pm - 7pm

Monday 17th November 3.30pm - 6pm

Willow and Oak classes only (extra session)

Thursday 27th November 3.30pm - 6pm

Parents will be sent a link to book via email next week.



This year we are again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and will be selling Poppy items at school.

This will start after half term, from Monday 3rd November.

Your contributions will help provide vital support to the Armed Forces Community

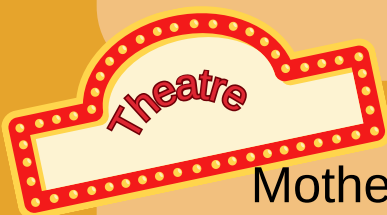


Winter Uniform

All pupils should be in their winter uniform after the half term break. All the information you need regarding winter uniform can be found by clicking the link to our uniform page below.

Thank you.

[School website link](#)



Mother Goose Panto at The Courtyard on Friday 5th November for Reception children and KS1 and KS2 classes. More details to follow next week...

OPEN MORNING

We have an
open morning on
Wednesday 12th November between 9am and 12 noon
for families interested in joining St. Mary's.
We would love to welcome prospective parents and carers
to look around our school. If you know anyone who might
be interested please let them know.

**The online Admissions portal at Herefordshire Council is
now open for applications for Reception Class for the
2026/27 academic year.**

[Click here](#) to
access the portal

If your child was born between 1st September
2021 and 31st August 2022 you will need to
apply for a reception class place for your child
to start school in September 2026.





PTA NEWS

NON UNIFORM DAY!

Thursday 23rd October

*non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle
for the Christmas Fayre*

*please bring donations to the front gates
or to the office*

Our new School Lottery is up and running! Click the link below to get your tickets!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/referral/125492838/1196202949?>

Good Luck Everyone!



**WEDNESDAY 22ND
OCTOBER**

*uniform
&
ice cream
sale*



DUE TO THE INSET DAY (FRIDAY 24TH) & THE AUTUMN DISCO (THURSDAY 23RD), ICE CREAMS WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 22ND.

AS WINTER UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN AFTER HALF TERM, THERE WILL BE A UNIFORM SALE ON WEDNESDAY 22ND

CASH ONLY PLEASE

