



The School Bell



"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow"

Dates for your diary...

Friday 10th October - Harvest Service & Lunch 10:30am
 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

Please join us for our harvest festival service in St. Mary's Church next Friday at 10.30 and for harvest lunch afterwards at school. There are still spaces available for lunch if you haven't yet booked. A reminder that this year we are supporting Hereford Food Bank. Please remember to send your child into school on Friday with an item of food to be donated.

I wanted to let you know that Mrs Gooch has decided to retire at Christmas after working here for 26 years! We would like to thank her for her dedication and service to the school and there will be more chances as we approach the end of term to thank her properly! We are currently advertising for a part-time teacher to share the teaching of Birch Class with Miss Scrivens and will let you know when the appointment has been made.

Have a great 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 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



Reminders

Last day for **booking Harvest Lunch is Monday 6th October** - please return completed booking slip if you would like to join us.

Flu Vaccinations in school next **Thursday, 9th October, 2025**. Please remember to complete consent on line:

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/herefordshire>

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 10th October

HEREFORD FOOD BANK Harvest 2025 Wish List

Tinned Ham
Tinned Mince and Onion
Tinned Chicken Casserole
Tinned Hot Dogs
Jars of Pasta Sauce
Jars of Sauce for Rice
Jars of White Sauce
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Soup
Small Coffee



Food Bank Donations



We are kindly requesting Food Bank donations for the upcoming Harvest Service.

Your generosity will support our local food bank and help those in need this Harvest.

Bring donations to school on **Friday 10th October.**

Thank you.

PTA NEWS



St Mary's Autumn Disco!

AUTUMN IS HERE



Join us for our autumn disco on Thursday 23rd October in the school hall!

- Seedlings & KS1 5-6pm
- KS2 6:15-7:15pm

• £5 entry (payable on teachers2parents by 16th October) to include a goodie bag & drink for every child.

• Party clothes (no costumes please!)

• DJ PTA will be providing the tunes!

• Please note pre school children need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian

• Movie room available for siblings attending the other slot

We can't wait to see you all there x



Do you have any ideas for fundraising, trips or events?
We'd love to hear them, please join the "PTA 25/26" WhatsApp and share your thoughts.

Lottery Prize Winners

August

Nikki Price 1st
Liz Rogers 2nd
Nic Nash 3rd



September

Rebecca Wallis 1st
T Milne 2nd
Louise Shah 3rd

Thank you for all your support with St Mary's lottery, and please don't forget to sign up to the new school lottery.



✨ Win Big & Support Our School with Our Brand New Lottery! ✨

We're thrilled to launch our brand new school lottery, with BIGGER prizes and more chances to win! 🎉

How to Play:

For just £1 a week, you'll be entered into THREE amazing prize draws:

A guaranteed weekly cash prize just for a supporter of our school! 💰

The massive £25,000 jackpot! 🎊

A monthly Super Draw for an extra bonus prize!

🎁 This Month's Prizes:

- ✅ Guaranteed Weekly Prize: 30% of our school's ticket sales.
- ✅ Weekly Jackpot: Match all 6 numbers to win £25,000.
- ✅ This Month's Super Draw: A £1,000 Aldi gift card! 🛒

It's the best way to support our school and win big at the same time!

Ready to join? Click the link below to get your tickets! 📌

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/referral/125492838/1196202949?utm_source=manual

❤️ Share with friends and family too, so can really boost the cash prizes and support our school!

IMPORTANT FINAL STEP:

The old lottery scheme ends after September. Please remember to cancel your existing standing order, as we can't do it for you. Good luck! 🍀