



The School Bell



"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow"

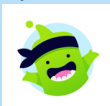
Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 24th September - Phonics Meeting 3:30pm
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
Monday 15th & Wednesday 17th - Christmas Dinners
Thursday 18th - Christmas Parties
Friday 19th - KS2 Carol Service 2pm in Church

All information can be found on our school website.
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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

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's,

A reminder that next Wednesday at 3.30pm we will be holding meetings explaining how we teach phonics and how you can support with this at home. Mrs Goode will be running a meeting specifically for the parents and carers of Reception children, and Miss Scrivens will be running a meeting for Birch Class parents and carers (plus anyone else who has children in other classes who would like to know how we teach phonics), both starting at 3.30. If you would like to attend either of these meetings and would like your children to be looked after by school staff during the meeting, please let the office know by Monday.

A reminder that we will be presenting our Year 6 children with their prefect badges during today's Good News Assembly. This is always an exciting time for them; please join us if you can to find out the new prefects and their roles!

Best wishes,
Mr. Milne



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."



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PTA Meeting Notes:
The Friends of St Mary's School PTA
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Meeting Title: September 2025 AGM

Date: 18TH September 2025

Time: 6.30pm

Location/Platform: School Hall

Attendees

Parents:

Sarah - Acting Chair, Laura, Emily, Sophie, Tom, Sam, Katherina, Sunny, Liz

Teachers:

Mr Milne & Mrs Gibbs

Apologies

Kate, Jan, Ros, Amz, Louise, Zoe

Agenda Items

- **Welcome old and new PTA Members**
- **Chair round of last year**
- **Louise Treasurer to discuss last years finances and what 2025/2026 brings**
- **Roles we are currently looking for; Chair, Co/Chair, Vise Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Raffle Co-ordinator, Catering Co-ordinator, Entertainment Lead, Event Planning Lead, Donations Officer, After School Events Co-ordinator, Lottery, Promotions Officer**
- **Voting to be done on the above**

Discussion: (notes taken from Chair (Sarah))

- Welcoming old and new pta members.
- Chair round up of last year events; Disco, summer and Christmas fair, Beach trip, Animals to the school, After school crafts.
- Louise Treasurer to discuss last year's finances and what 2025/2026 brings. A full broken down financial list for 2024/2025 will be circulated shortly.
- The below roles were discussed and voted in;
 - **Chair/Co-Chairs:** Sarah - Nominated by Laura. Seconded by Sam & Em. Laura - Nominated by Sarah. Seconded by Tom & Kate
 - **Deputy Chair:** Emily - Nominated by Sarah. Seconded by Laura & Tom.
 - **Secretary:** Sophie - Nominated by Sam. Seconded by Tom & Laura
 - **Treasurer/Co-Treasurer:** Louise - Nominated by Louise. Seconded by Tom & Liz. Tom - Nominated by Liz. Seconded by Sophie & Sarah
 - **Raffle Coordinator:** Kate - Nominated by Kate. Seconded by Sophie & Sarah
 - **Catering Coordinator:** Zoe - Nominated by Sarah. Seconded by Laura & Sam
 - **Entertainment/DJ:** Sam - Nominated by Laura. Seconded by Em & Sophie.
 - **Donations Officer:** Katharina - Nominated by Sarah. Seconded by Sarah & Laura.
 - **After-School Events Coordinator:** Jan - Nominated by Sarah. Seconded by Laura & Sam.
- Changes to the constitution - to be discussed in the next main meeting, it needs updating and modernising.
- Teacher wish lists - Mrs Gibbs all happy with the way it works.
- Harvest festival - to be discussed at the next meeting.
- How to get more involvement in pta - Sam has done a welcome package for all new members and will be a lot more transparent from now on for not just parents but teachers and community as well.
- Date for the first meeting. Potentially next Tuesday 23rd September. But to be confirmed by Mr Milne.

Action Plan

Action	Owner	Deadline	Status
Changes to be made to the constitution	Lead by Sam/Sophie	Next Meeting Date	ON-GOING
Harvest Festival	Sarah/Laura/Emily	Next Meeting	ON-GOING
New Members Package PTA	Sam	Next Meeting	ON-GOING

Progress/Completed

Action	Owner	Deadline	Status
New PTA Members	Sarah	18.09.2025	COMPLETE
Next Meeting Date	Mr Milne	19.09.2025 Next	To respond
Treasurer Financial Report	Louise	Meeting Date	To be shared

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday 23rd September 2025

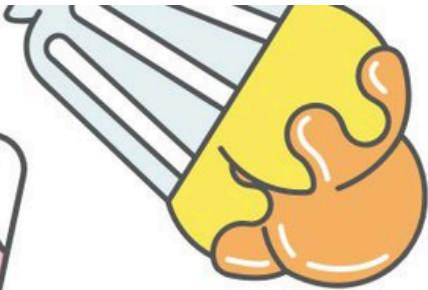
Time: 3.15pm

Location/Platform: School

Notes Prepared By

Name: Sarah & Sophie

Date: 19.09.2025



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