



The School Bell



"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow"

Dates for your diary...

Monday 15th September - Class Information Evening
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

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's,

Welcome back to school and to the first School Bell of the new school year! I hope you enjoyed the summer holidays.

It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception children into school this week; we are delighted with how well they have settled into Seedling Class. We warmly welcome Ayan, Billy, Charlie and Keana. They have made a fantastic start to their school life and we very much hope that they will enjoy their time here at St. Mary's.

We are also pleased to welcome four new members of staff to the school. Firstly, we are delighted to have employed Mrs Tracey Iles to work in Seedling Class on a Tuesday and Miss Emily Clarke to work with Seedling Class on a Monday, Thursday and Friday. We also warmly welcome Mrs Sam Clough as a full-time lunchtime supervisor. Finally, we welcome Mrs Lorraine Slane as our new business manager, who is joining us every Monday during September then four days per week from 29th September. Huge thanks to Ms Walshe who has stayed on in her role part-time during September to help aid the transition and bridge the gap.

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!



We are hosting our first 'class information evening' of the year on Monday 15th September after school. Each class session will be run twice, at 3.20 and again at 3.45, to allow those parents with children in different classes to attend both sessions. These meetings will be a chance for all the parents in a class to meet their child's teacher and be given lots of key information about what they will be doing in school and how you can support them at home. If you would like your child to be looked after by school staff during one or both sessions, please let the school office know.

Here's to a great school year!

Best wishes,

Mr. Milne



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

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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The next School Bell will be issued on Friday
September 12th

New 'Fruit of the Spirit' Mural

Last academic year, we were delighted to be awarded a grant from the Margaret Allen Foundation to work with a professional artist to design and produce a large mural for the hall wall, based on our 'Fruit of the Spirit' vision. Over the course of several days, Sarah Morton from Art Studio Ross worked with every child in the school to create a superb work of art. The finished mural was mounted in the hall during the summer holidays and looks fantastic; it has really brightened up the school hall, reminding everyone of our Christian vision. A huge thank you to Sarah for all her hard work and commitment to the project. The children have really enjoyed looking at the mural this week and trying to spot their contribution!



PTA NEWS!

 **Welcome Back, Families!** 

We're so excited to kick off a brand new school year together! The PTA is ready to support our students, teachers, and families, and we'd love for you to be a part of it.

✨ What's Happening This Month:

First PTA AGM – Thursday 18th Sept at 6.30pm, at the school. This will be for adults only. There are still a number of roles to be filled. Please come along on the night if you would like to join us - if you can't make it don't panic - all available roles will be advertised.   ✨

Uniform Donations - We are taking donations of any logoed school uniform only. If you have a pile of items too small now then please drop them off in our PTA box by the side of the school.   

Remember we have a fabulous clothes bank for any unwanted clothes or non logoed uniform to the right of the front of the school. All money raised goes to the PTA and therefore the school!

   Please look out for updates and News here, on our PTA Noticeboard and on our Facebook page!

