



The School Bell



"Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit"

Dates for your diary...

September

Wednesday 16th - PTA AGM @5.15pm
Thursday 17th - Class Information Evening
Wednesday 23rd - Phonics Meeting

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

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

We are well and truly back in the routine of school now and we are delighted with how well all the children have settled back into their learning.

A reminder that we are hosting our first 'class information evening' of the year next Thursday. Three of the four class sessions 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. If you have a child in Willow Class, please attend this session first, as Ms Smith is not able to run a second session. 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.

As you may know, the sports company Activate are now running breakfast club on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and after school club on a Thursday. These sessions are great fun and are enabling children to try a variety of sporting activities! Why not sign up your child to come and enjoy something new?

Finally, a reminder that we will be holding the PTA AGM in school next Wednesday at 5.15 pm. Please come along and offer your support. The PTA plays a vital role in raising funds for the school and we are looking forward to electing and supporting this year's committee. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,

Mr. Milne

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!



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

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE

For all children born from 1st September 2015 to 31st August 2016 inclusive, their parents/carers will need to apply for a year 7 secondary school place for September 2026. The national closing date for on time year 7 applications is 31st October 2026. To apply please visit [Herefordshire Council](#)

(all the details of Secondary School open days are also available via this link)



Follow us on social media

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 18th September, 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 ...



Robin and Nala from Pets as Therapy visited this week. They come to our school to listen to children read. Nala is very attentive and a perfect listener!

[Pets as Therapy](#) - click for more information



Oak Class enjoyed taking part in small-sided netball games this week.

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



Thursday 17th September

Class Information Evening

all classes

3.20pm and 3.45pm

(apart from Willow Class - first session at 3.20pm
only)

to enable parents with children in
different classes to attend.

Wednesday 23rd September

Phonics Meeting

3.30pm

This is for new parents to our school
but if you have missed this in the
past, you are welcome to attend.

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



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.



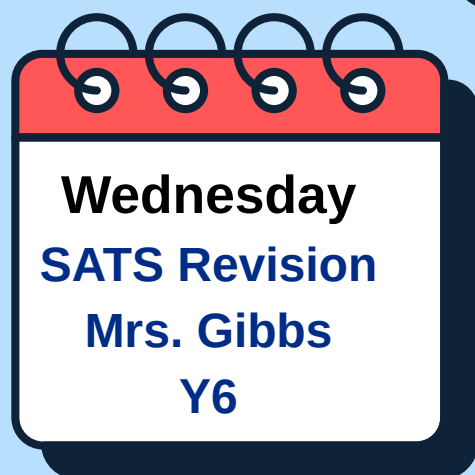
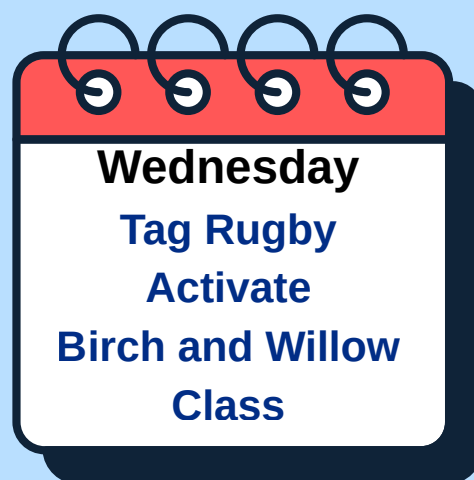
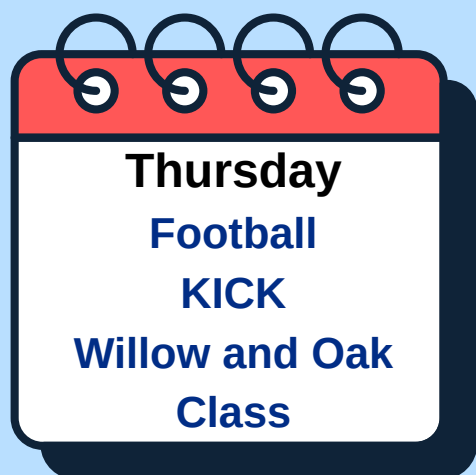
Clubs this half-term...

starting week commencing 14th September

Clubs available to book on
Teachers2Parents from
Monday 7th September



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Breakfast Club available everyday opening at 7.45am - £3.50

Afterschool Club open Monday - Thursday

3.15pm - 4.15pm - £4.50

full session to 5.30pm - £9

All sessions include breakfast/light snack

All sessions can be booked on Teachers2Parents





St Mary's

PTA

AGM



Wednesday
16th September
5.15pm

Come and join us
to make St Mary's
a better place

Open to parents, carers and staff.
We would love to see you there.



Music Tuiton



GUITAR LESSONS - Spaces available

**Acoustic, Electric and Bass
Guitars are available for hire**

Please contact:

Adam Huyton

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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