

Newsletter – Friday 17th July 2026

St Mary's Primary School

Our Vision: We believe, we achieve, we succeed in God's family.

With God, all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

School Value – Courage



Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of our School Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you for making me feel so welcome during my time covering for Mrs Walker. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know both you and your children over the past few months.

St Mary's is a truly special school with a wonderful sense of community, where children are clearly at the heart of everything that is done. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of school life and seeing first-hand the warmth, care and dedication that make this such a lovely place to learn and grow.

As I come to the end of my role as a Trust leader, I feel incredibly privileged that I have been able to spend these final months at St Mary's, working alongside your fantastic children and the exceptional staff team.

Thank you once again for your kindness and support. I wish you and your families a wonderful summer holiday and every success and happiness for your children's future.

Mrs Kemp

Mindful Moments

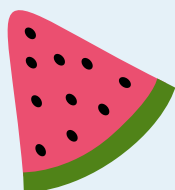
"THE MAGIC
OF SUMMER IS IN
CHILDHOOD
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— UNKNOWN
IT'S ALL YOU BOO.COM



Dojo Messages

- End of Year Reports
- Sports Day
- School Disco
- Carrier bag request for end of term books
- Please Clear ParentPay Balances
- Please collect any medicines
- Lunch Bookings
- Year 6 SATs Results
- Parent and Carer Newsletter from the Berlesduna Trust
- Berlesduna Design a Poster
- School Lunch Booking Update for September
- Parking from September
- St Mary's Church Monday at 9am.



A note from Mrs Kemp

It has been another busy and successful week at school, with lots to celebrate!

Our School Sports Day was a wonderful success, blessed with beautiful sunshine and plenty of smiles! The children took part in a range of exciting races and activities, giving every event their very best effort.

We were incredibly proud of how all of the children demonstrated our school values throughout the day. They showed great courage by taking on new challenges and trying their hardest in every race. Their compassion shone through as they encouraged and supported one another, celebrating everyone's achievements. Most of all, the fantastic community spirit was evident as children cheered enthusiastically for their teammates, creating a positive and uplifting atmosphere for everyone.

A huge thank you to our staff, volunteers, and families for helping to make the day such a memorable occasion. It was a joy to see the children enjoying themselves, working together, and making wonderful memories in the sunshine. Well done to everyone who took part—you should all be incredibly proud of your efforts!

This week, some of our Year 6 pupils completed their Bikeability training. They developed their cycling skills both on the school playground and out on the local roads, learning how to ride safely and confidently in different environments.

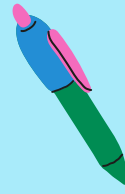
Our Year 6 Leavers' Disco was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of our pupils' primary school journey. All of the children had a wonderful afternoon dancing, singing, laughing and making special memories together as they marked this important milestone.

Our Year 6 children also had an amazing time celebrating the end of their primary school journey with a trip to AirHop. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time together, bouncing, playing games and making lasting memories with their friends before moving on to secondary school. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another, joining in with enthusiasm and having so much fun. The children were a credit to the school throughout the visit, demonstrating excellent behaviour, respect and responsibility at all times. They represented our school brilliantly, and we were extremely proud of them.

A huge thank you goes to our amazing PTA for organising and funding this special event. Their hard work, enthusiasm and continued support help to provide opportunities like this for our children, creating experiences and memories that will stay with them for years to come. We are so grateful for everything they do to support our school community.

THANKFULNESS – COMMUNITY – COMPASSION – TRUTHFULNESS – COURAGE – FORGIVENESS





Acorn Class

This Week In Class

In Acorns Class this week, on top of a fantastic sports day and school disco, we have been writing letters to the new children who will be starting here in September. Having a purpose for these letters has really helped the children to think extra carefully about all the different aspects of writing and they have been excited to share them.

In maths, we have continued to learn how to tell the time and to work on number formation in Reception. You can help us with both of these things at home, as we can always show you how we write our numbers and we should be gaining confidence in telling the time in five minute intervals.

Year 2 have gone into Chestnuts twice this week as part of their transition, and the new EYFS children have been in to see us twice! Friday was very exciting as the Year 2 children went into Chestnuts for their second time, and the current Reception and Year 1 children got to spend time with the new Reception children!

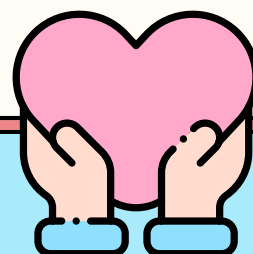
Love Your Learning

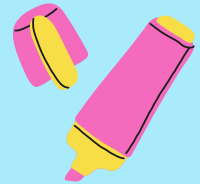
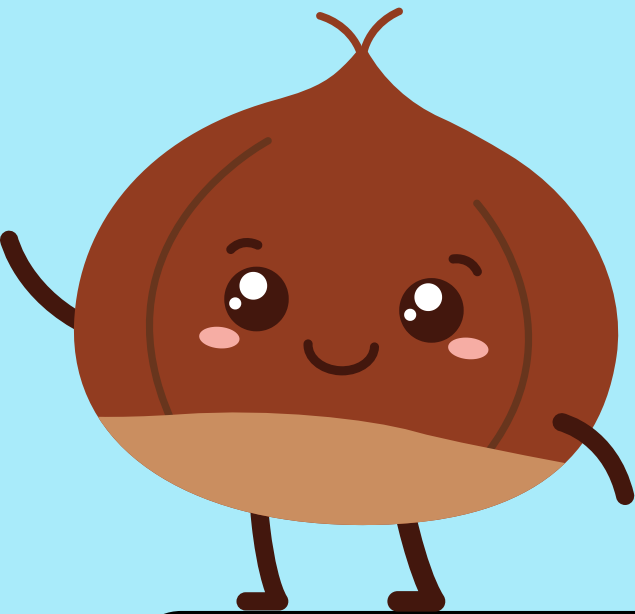
Loved your learning this week goes to George Woods. George worked very thoughtfully in an RE lesson about how it is our responsibility to take care of the world. He combined drawing and writing very successfully to create a page reminding us how to do this.



Caught You Caring

This week Luna was Caught Caring. Luna was looking after a classmate and checking on them when they were upset. Well done Luna!





Chestnut Class

This Week In Class

It's the last full week of the year and it's been very hot and busy but we have still packed a lot of learning in. In English we have continued to look at recipes. In maths we have done some fun maths mysteries which were a little taxing but they really got us thinking about our mathematical knowledge. As we had been writing recipes, we made some cupcakes and iced them too- it was lots of fun!

In RE, we have been learning about the Holy Trinity and what it means. In PSHE we have continued to talk about transition and what we've done well this year and what we want to try to do next year. In history, we have continued to look at the Anglo Saxons. For our last Computing lesson this year, we continued to look at Scratch. On Friday we enjoyed our weekly game of rounders. This year has been a fantastic year and I am so proud of the whole class and their efforts. They have been a lovely class and thank you for your support. I hope you all have a lovely summer.

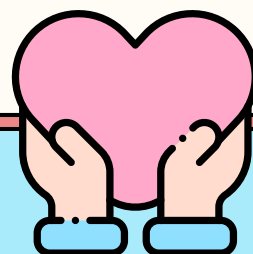
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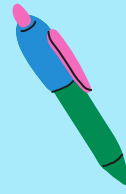
Loved your learning this week goes to Phoebe. Phoebe has worked brilliantly this year. She has listened really carefully to the instructions and made good progress, particularly in maths. Well done Phoebe!



Caught You Caring

This week Poppy was caught caring. Poppy noticed that a child didn't have anyone to play with and went to play with him. Well done Poppy!





Oak Class

This Week In Class

This week in Oak class, we have focused on summarising information in texts in our reading lessons and, year five have consolidated the fundamental rules of punctuation whilst year six have produced projects in preparation for Monday's leavers assembly in our English lessons. In maths, we have revisited fractions subtracting mixed numbers that require turning into improper fractions. Our afternoons have been very different this week. On Monday we had our Sports Day, on Tuesday we had our leavers disco, Wednesday was Forest School and on Thursday was our leavers' trip. I have really enjoyed teaching this iteration of Oak class and Mrs Wells and I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer break.

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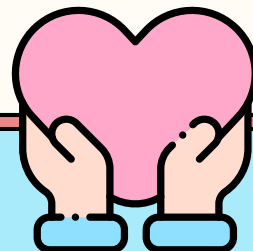
Oak's love your learning achievers are the entire Year 6 Oak class. As they reach the end of their primary school journey, they should all be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. Throughout the year, they have shown resilience, determination and a willingness to embrace new challenges, growing in confidence and maturity along the way.

Each member of Oak class has worked hard, supported one another and contributed to making our classroom a positive and enjoyable place to learn. Mrs Wells and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you all, and we are so proud of the progress you have made, both academically and personally.



Caught You Caring

This week Ivy was caught caring. Ivy was helping a child during break-time with his work that he hadn't managed to complete during the lesson. Well done Ivy!



Caught you Caring

Teachers and staff are invited to submit the names of pupils they "catch caring" along with a brief description of the act of kindness they observed. These moments will then be shared and celebrated, helping to reinforce our school values and inspire others to follow their example.

Mia Bennett

Mia was caught caring when she stepped in as class ambassador whe our usual ambassadow felt shy. she was being extremely supportive to a visiting child.
Well done Mia!

Amelia Richardson

Amelia was caught caring when she stayed behind at lunch to help Miss P{rior to stack the chairs.
Well done Amelis!

Reece Murphy

Reece was caught caring about the environment by volunteering to pick up litter on the field.
Well done Reece!

John-Boy Smith

John-Boy was caught caring helping a child with their PowerPoint when they were unsure what they needed to do.
Well done John-Boy!

Sophia Williams

Sophia was caught caring when she let a child use a ribbon toy at breaktime that she was playing with. Sophia said they could take turns.
Well done Sophia!



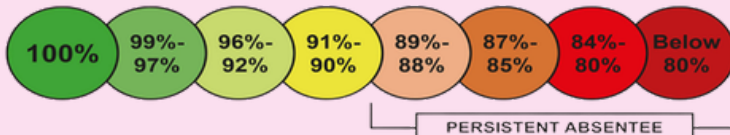


Attendance



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?



THIS WEEK

Reception	76%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	83%
Year 4	91%
Year 5	85%
Year 6	84%

TARGETS

Whole School Attendance Target is: **92%**

National Attendance Target is: **93.5%**

Whole School Attendance this week is: **86.45%**

Pupils with 100% attendance this week: **44**



LATENESS



Collective Worship will be held at 9.05am each morning and attended by all staff, including the office staff. It is important that your child arrives on time for school. If they arrive after 9.05am then you will need to wait with your child until Collective Worship has finished at 9.20am as there will not be any staff to let them in. Collective Worship is a legal entitlement in a Church of England school and a time of reflection and respect.

STUDYBUGS

If your child is absent from school please:

- Contact the school via Studybugs on the first day of absence before 9.00am . (This is our preferred method of communication for sickness absence)
- Contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 9.00am;
- Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible.



If you haven't already, please download the free studybugs app, or register on the studybugs website and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school.

The tool helps us to know sooner if your child is unaccounted for. It is quick and easy to register and automatically reminds you to keep us posted. Please use the following link to register:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents> If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office



FOREST SCHOOL

THIS WEEK

Acorn class has a lovely final Forest School session of the school year where they had a wonderful opportunity to enjoy plenty of child-led free play outdoors. The children enthusiastically explored the mud kitchen, creating imaginative recipes, expressed their creativity with colourful chalk drawings, and worked together to build cosy dens for the teddies using natural materials. The children demonstrated teamwork and imaginative play, giving everyone the chance to celebrate a fantastic year of learning in nature. We finished the session with a game of Cuckoo on the field, ending the year with smiles, fun and happy memories. Well done Acorn class!

Chestnut class's final Forest School session of the year was a wonderful celebration of the children's creativity, independence and enjoyment of the outdoors. They spent the session immersed in child-led free play, cooking up imaginative creations in the mud kitchen, setting up and running pretend shops, painting logs with bright colours, taking turns to relax in the hammock, exploring the art of Hapa Zome by creating beautiful leaf and flower prints, producing colourful chalk drawings and enjoying the challenge of climbing trees. It was a fantastic way to end the year, with the children demonstrating confidence, cooperation and imagination while making lasting memories together in our outdoor environment. Well done Chestnut class.

Oak's final Forest School session of the year was a wonderful celebration of the children's creativity, confidence and enjoyment of the outdoors. The children embraced the opportunity for plenty of child-led free play, climbing trees, relaxing in the hammock, and having fun on the tyre swing. They expressed their creativity by painting logs, creating beautiful Hapa Zome nature prints and trying their hand at needle felting, while others worked together to create imaginative show performances for everyone to watch, demonstrating fantastic teamwork and confidence. It was a joyful way to end the year, with laughter, exploration and creativity at the heart of the session, leaving us with many happy memories of our time together at Forest School. Well done Oak class!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and I wish you a happy and healthy summer break. I look forward to welcoming the children back to Forest School in September.

Miss Wilson
Forest School Lead

UPCOMING EVENTS



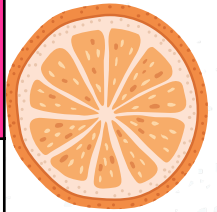
Date	Activity	Who
21.07.26 - 02.09.26	Summer Break	Whole School
01.09.26	Non Pupil Day	Whole School
02.09.26	Non Pupil Day	Whole School
03.09.26	Return to School!	Whole School

NEW TERMLY MENU

This is our new Autumn Term menu which begins on 3rd September and runs through to taking us right up to October half term. This is now published on ParentPay for bookings. We work a week in advance for bookings. The deadline for bookings is 9am Monday for the following week.



	Meat-free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Tomato and basil pasta V with garlic bread and side salad or Cheese / tuna baguette	Pitta bread pizza with cheese V or ham with potato wedges and side salad or Cheese / ham baguette	Roast chicken or Quorn fillet V with roast potatoes, veg and gravy or Cheese / ham baguette	Cheesy ham and broccoli pasta or Cheesy broccoli pasta V Cheese / ham baguette or Jacket potato with cheese / beans / tuna	Sausage Chips and Beans, or Quorn Sausages Chips and Beans V Cheese / ham / tuna baguette
	Fruit & yoghurt	Fruit & yoghurt	Fruit & yoghurt	Fruit & yoghurt	Baked treat
Week 2	Cheese and tomato pasta V with garlic bread and side salad or Cheese / tuna baguette	Fish Fingers, Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn or Veggie Fingers V or ham with potato wedges and side salad or Cheese / ham baguette	Sausage roast or Quorn sausage roast V or Cheese / ham baguette	Meatball or no meat ball V pasta bake with salad or Cheese / ham baguette or Jacket potato with cheese / beans / tuna	Chicken nuggets or Quorn nuggets V with potato wedges and beans or Cheese / ham / tuna baguette
	Fruit & yoghurt	Fruit & yoghurt	Fruit & yoghurt	Fruit & yoghurt	Baked treat





Clubs

Autumn Term After School
Clubs Sept - Dec 2026

We are delighted to confirm that we will be providing the Clubs below from September 2026.

Clubs will resume W/C Mon 7th September and will run up to W/C Monday 12th October.

Please note - No Clubs W/C Monday 19th October due to parent / teacher conferences.

KS1 & KS2 Film Club – Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm

This after school club is available for all year groups and will be run by Mrs Carlier

KS1 & KS2 Lego Club – Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm

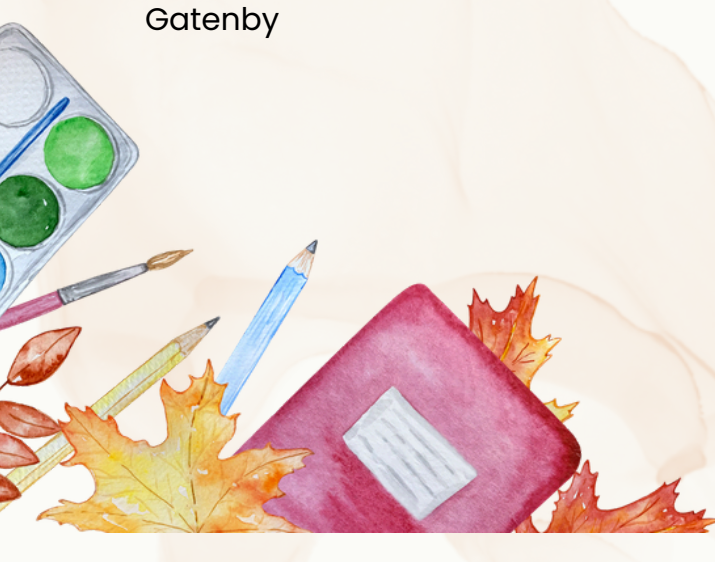
This after school club is available for all year groups and will be run by Mrs Richardson

Year 6 Tutoring Club – Thursday 3.15pm – 4.15pm

This after school club is available for Year 6 and will be run by Mr Austin
(This will be managed in groups throughout the year)

KS1 & KS2 Coding Club – Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm

This after school club is available for all year groups and will be run by Mr Gatenby





Friends of St Mary's School - FOSMS



Farewell to the Summer Term

Let's embrace the sunshine and fresh beginnings
the world feels lighter when Summer arrives!

Thank You!

As another fantastic school year comes to an end, the PTA would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents, carers, families and friends for your incredible support throughout the year.

Whether you attended our events, volunteered your time, donated prizes, bought raffle tickets or simply came along to support us, every contribution has made a real difference. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we have been able to provide so much for our school and our children, helping to enrich their learning and create memorable experiences for everyone.

We are incredibly grateful for the wonderful sense of community that makes our events so successful, and we couldn't do it without you.

We're already looking forward to the new school year and have lots more fun events and festivities planned for September and beyond. We hope you'll continue to support us and join in as we work together to make our school an even more special place for our children. Thank you once again, and we wish you all a happy, relaxing and well-deserved summer break!



Wishing you all a wonderful
Summer break and we will be
back in September for more fun!

Over and out from Leanne, Rhian
and Sandra.

Sports Day

A huge thank you to all of our parents, families and friends who came along to support our Sports Day. It was wonderful to see so many people gathered together, cheering on the children and helping to create such a fantastic atmosphere.

We have received so much positive feedback about the afternoon, and it was lovely to see our whole school community enjoying the event together. The children's enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship made the day truly special, and we are so grateful for your encouragement and support.

We have counted the cash and electronic payments, they total £800!! We do need to deduct our spend but what an amazing amount you have helped us to achieve and that is the coach to the Panto covered!!! Hows that for planning ahead.

Thank you once again for helping to make Sports Day such a memorable and enjoyable occasion for everyone - our school community never ceases to amaze me.

Can you help?

As always, we can only run our fun events and raise money for our school with help from volunteers. If you feel you could spare a few hours or share some new ideas over the course of the school year to lend a hand, we would love to hear from you!

contact@fosms.co.uk





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MARCH 2026



<https://www.berlesduna.co.uk/information/vacancies/>

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. We expect all staff and volunteers to share our commitment. All successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check, medical clearance and satisfactory references. We are an equal opportunities employer.

There are no current vacancies.

