



Newsletter – Friday 4th September 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 Back

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

A very warm welcome back to a new school year! I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break and have had plenty of opportunities to relax, recharge and make special memories together.

As we begin the autumn term, there is always a wonderful sense of excitement and anticipation around school. We are delighted to welcome back our returning pupils and especially pleased to welcome those joining our school community for the very first time. We hope that everyone will quickly feel settled, happy and ready for the year ahead.

The start of a new academic year brings fresh opportunities, new challenges and plenty to look forward to. Our priority remains to provide a safe, nurturing and inspiring environment where every child feels valued, supported and encouraged to achieve their very best. We look forward to seeing our pupils grow in confidence, develop new skills and take pride in all that they accomplish.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff for their continued dedication and commitment. There has been a great deal of work taking place behind the scenes over the summer to prepare for the year ahead, and I am incredibly grateful for everything they do for our pupils.

We greatly value the support of our parents and carers and look forward to working closely with you throughout the year. Strong partnerships between home and school make such a positive difference to our children's experiences and achievements.

There is much to look forward to this term, and I am excited about the opportunities, experiences and successes that the new school year will bring.

Once again, welcome back. Let us make it a happy, successful and memorable year for every member of our school community.

Mrs Walker

Dojo Messages

- Forest School Reminder
- Welcome back to school
- Drop off and Pick up Reminder
- Multi Skills Club Reminder
- Lunch booking Reminder



Our School Priorities

We thought the beginning of a fresh new term was a wonderful time to reshare our school priorities.

Reading and Writing

We want every child to develop a love of reading and become a confident, fluent reader and writer.

- We are introducing Read Write Inc. Phonics to provide a consistent approach to early reading across the school.
- We will continue to develop reading fluency, vocabulary, spelling and writing skills.
- We will focus on handwriting, presentation and developing children's confidence in writing across all subjects.
- We will make sure every child is given the opportunities and encouragement they need to achieve their best.

Maths

We want every child to develop strong mathematical understanding and confidence with numbers.

- We will focus on number knowledge, arithmetic and times tables.
- Children will develop secure recall of important number facts.
- Strong mathematical foundations will help children approach reasoning and problem-solving with confidence.
- We will continue to prepare children well for assessments, including the Multiplication Tables Check.

Early Years

We want our youngest children to have the best possible start to their education.

- We are introducing Tapestry and Read Write Inc. Phonics.
- We are investing in high-quality resources and enhancing our indoor and outdoor learning environments.
- Children will have lots of opportunities to learn through purposeful play, exploration and carefully planned experiences.

Attendance

We want every child to enjoy coming to school regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity.

- We will continue to work closely with families to promote excellent attendance.
- We will encourage children to develop positive attitudes towards school and learning.
- We will celebrate the importance of being in school every day and enjoying everything school has to offer.

We will work in partnership with families to ensure children get the most from their time at school.

Together, these priorities will help us continue to provide an inspiring, nurturing education where every child can learn, grow and achieve their best.