

ST MARY'S C OF E (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

'A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum'

NEWSLETTER

Week beginning 21st July 2025

Message from Mrs Copus



As the end of the school year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in all the learning activities that we have had this year. We wish you all a very happy summer holidays and look forward to welcoming the children back on Friday 5th September.





End of Year Celebrations

Year 6 Awards

Every year at the end of Year 6, we present awards to celebrate and recognise outstanding effort, achievement and all the qualities that make our children truly special—not just academically, but in every aspect of who they are. This year, the awards have been presented to the following children.

Literacy Cup

Rosie M - You are a highly creative learner with an infectious passion for all areas of English. You are a competent reader, demonstrating a secure understanding of a range of genres and providing thoughtful, well-reasoned contributions to class discussions. Your natural ability, complemented by your hard work and determination, has been reflected in outstanding results in reading assessments throughout the year. Your writing is always thoughtfully planned with carefully chosen vocabulary to build atmosphere and engage the reader. You write effectively for a range of audiences and purposes, showing initiative and diversity by adapting your style of language accordingly. This term, we have also been impressed with your talent on stage; you rose to the new challenge of your role in Treasure Island and made it your own!



Maths Cup

Josh E - I have been so impressed by your enthusiastic, hardworking attitude towards Maths. You are keen to challenge yourself and never settle for anything less than your best, always striving to reach even greater heights. You show initiative and independent thinking which helps you to solve problems in a wide range of contexts. You are able to make connections within mathematics and you have an excellent understanding of the relevant vocabulary. I have also been pleased to see you continue to develop your resilience, confronting mistakes with positivity and a determination to improve your understanding. I know that you aspire to be a teacher yourself and enjoy helping others in this area of your learning. Well done, Josh! You should be very proud of everything you have achieved.





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Roe Cup - Science (boys)

Rex W - You have a thirst for knowledge and you always want to find out more about the world around you. You are keen to learn and make progress across the curriculum which is evidenced by how well you have applied yourself in science. During these lessons, you have paid close attention to detail, building your conclusions upon observations and data carefully collected during our investigations. Across the various units we have studied, you have consistently shown an excellent understanding of new scientific vocabulary and challenging concepts. Well done, Rex.



Berry Cup - Science (girls)

Gemma - You are a naturally inquisitive learner and you have produced a consistently high standard of work across the curriculum, including Science. You think deeply about scientific concepts, making connections between prior knowledge and new experiences. This ability, combined with your tremendously hardworking nature, has helped you develop an in-depth knowledge of all the areas of science we have covered. You have shown a great interest in our learning, and are curious to find out more. You have also collaborated well with others during our experiments, setting an excellent example. Thank you, Gemma.



RE Award

Imogen - You are a capable and inquisitive learner, approaching all areas of RE with interest and enthusiasm. We have been impressed with the thoughtful and mature contributions that you have regularly provided during both RE lessons and in class worship throughout the year. You are always keen to challenge yourself and engage in discussions to extend your thinking; showing respect to the views of others and sharing your own opinions articulately. You are a calm, kind and sensible individual, showing a comprehensive understanding of our Christian values and demonstrating these in all that you do. Thank you for being an exemplary role model, consistently setting the standard for others to aspire to.





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Hodges Cup - Sport (girls)

Indigo - You are a talented sportswoman and have embraced every sporting opportunity, participating wholeheartedly in a wide range of sports. You have successfully represented the school at Football, Athletics, Tag Rugby and Swimming. You are always energetic and enthusiastic and you have proved yourself to be a true team player, encouraging and inspiring others in all that you do. Your natural agility and coordination have enabled you to achieve highly in a range of sports. You have been described as a fearless player, leading by example with some exceptional saves in football tournaments, keeping the team's hopes alive on many occasions. You have also shown the qualities of tenacity and resilience, bouncing back from setbacks with determination time and time again. Thank you for your unbridled positivity and outstanding contribution to sport at St Mary's.



Symes Cup - Sport (boys)

Toby - You have proved yourself to be an exceptional team captain this year and epitomise all that it means to be a sportsman at St Mary's! You have demonstrated a diverse skillset, showcasing your talents in all school teams: Football, Cricket, Cross Country, Tag Rugby, Athletics and Netball. Your leadership has been commended and you are always willing to share your knowledge and expertise with others. You are a versatile and courageous footballer and your work rate is outstanding. We have been delighted to hear of your sporting achievements outside of school and we know you will continue to embrace the new opportunities presented to you as you move forwards to secondary school. Thank you for your unfailing commitment to sport at St Mary's.



Olly - You have involved yourself wholeheartedly in sport at St Mary's and it has been fantastic to see you sharing your expertise with others, particularly in the swimming pool where you have shared constructive feedback with others to help them improve their technique. You have performed to a consistently high standard and represented the school at Cross Country, Athletics, Cricket and Swimming, as well as being commended for leading the Boys' Football team to success at the Area Finals and County Finals. Gaining a place in the Regional Finals was an incredible achievement for St Mary's. You are an effective communicator, calm under pressure and always willing to work collaboratively with others as a team player.





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Pavey Cup - SEN

Cameron - You have amazed us with the resilience to overcome challenges and determination that you have shown this year! You are a true asset to Year 6; we have loved getting to know you and appreciated your delightful sense of humour. From the start of the year, you have shown your competence at demonstrating your knowledge and understanding in different ways – your clay model making is exemplary and deserves a special mention! Your knowledge of the prehistoric era and natural world is second to none and we have all benefitted from your expertise. You are a creative thinker; your writing shows originality and has gone from strength to strength – not many children leaving Year 6 can say they are a published author! Thank you for your contribution to St Mary's – we wish you every success on the next stage of your journey.



Art Award

Zac - Your creative flair is to be admired. You have impressed me time and again with the thoughtful approach towards this area of your learning, consistently producing high quality work. Throughout your time at St Mary's, we have seen you develop your own artistic style. You are an out of the box thinker who always puts their own spin on an idea or stimulus; this has allowed you to produce pieces which are interesting and original to you. Your passion for the natural world often inspires your art work and I have loved seeing your detailed drawings of maps and landscapes. Well done Zac!



Cargill Treble Clef - Music

Josh H - This award is presented to you in recognition of your talent, dedication, and musicality as a drummer. You have demonstrated not only technical skill and rhythmic precision, but also the confidence and leadership that make a true musician stand out. During our African Drumming workshop, you stepped up as the djembe fola—the lead drummer—and delivered a sophisticated, compelling beat that showcased your ability to listen, lead, and inspire the rest of the group. You are passionate about music, drawing inspiration from bands such as Imagine Dragons and Coldplay. I know that you aspire to be a musician and I am sure that you will continue to shine.





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Kim Frey Award

Rex E and Ivy - You have both consistently shown kindness, patience and a willingness to help others, setting a wonderful example for your peers. You interact thoughtfully and respectfully with us in the office, always bringing a positive attitude and a friendly smile. Whether popping in for help, to deliver a message or to simply say hello, you are a true delight to talk to and brighten our day with your warm and considerate nature. Thank you both.



Ian Jenkins Community Award

Elba - You are the most kind, hardworking and giving individual. You consistently put others before yourself and can always be found where help is needed! You give above and beyond to life at St Mary's, epitomising our Christian values of courage, compassion, responsibility and humility in all that you do. We can always rely upon you to step in when a job needs doing or lend a hand to a friend in need. You have supported all school events with energy and enthusiasm and you truly understand what it means to be a part of our school community. Thank you for being such a star!



Henry Adams Outstanding Achievement

Daniel - This award is well-deserved recognition of the consistently high standards you have achieved in all curriculum areas during your time at St Mary's. You possess an unparalleled aptitude for reading, demonstrating clear understanding of a range of genres and breaking numerous reading records throughout Key Stage 2. You are a naturally gifted writer, using a diverse range of language effectively and showing conscious control over levels of formality required for different purposes. You are also a competent mathematician, always willing to embrace challenge and fluently applying your knowledge of the key skills to multi-step problems and investigations. Your sporting achievements must also be mentioned as you have excelled in Swimming, Cross Country and Triathlon events, always striving to break your previous records and achieve more. Thank you for your outstanding contribution, Daniel - we know you will go on to achieve great things!





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Class Achievement Awards

UK Class

Rosie B - despite shyness you have achieved amazing progress across all areas of your learning. Not only in reading and writing but with establishing relationships with your peers and adults and beginning to tell us the things you find challenging so that we can help to support you moving forwards.

Tom - you have a strong competitive streak and this pushes you to work incredibly hard across all areas. During the year you had a major challenge when it came to getting your thoughts down on to paper - your fine motor development just wasn't keeping up with your speed! I am so proud of the way you rose to the challenge and overcame this.

Thailand Class

Eliza - Wow, Eliza! What an incredible start you've made to your time at St. Mary's! You have shown such a remarkable desire to learn and have made truly outstanding progress this year. Even though you only started school ten months ago, your hard work shines through every day. You can now read fluently, write exciting paragraphs independently, and consistently impress us with your amazing vocabulary. You always push yourself to be the very best Eliza you can be, you are always ready to learn, ask fantastic questions, and approach every learning opportunity with enthusiasm. You set a fabulous example for all your friends and consistently go above and beyond in everything you do. Not only are you a brilliant learner, but you are also a kind and caring friend who plays thoughtfully with everyone. We feel incredibly lucky to have shared this wonderful year with you. What a fantastic year you've had, Eliza – well done!

Lillian - Lillian, you have had an outstanding year with us. You constantly strive to be the best you can be and you have made incredible progress in reading, writing, and maths. Your writing has come on hugely – you confidently writes independent paragraphs filled with exciting vocabulary, and you are reading fluently and you take immense pride in all your work. Your confidence has truly blossomed this year. You are a brilliant friend who always looks after others and consistently demonstrate kindness and consideration towards everyone around you, making you a wonderful role model. You approached every challenge with a quiet confidence and an unwavering desire to learn, always striving to be the best you can be. Always ready to learn, you push yourself to achieve your best. We feel so lucky to have watched you grow and develop in Thailand Class. It has been an absolute joy to teach you this year, and we're incredibly proud of all your achievements. We look forward to following your progress throughout your St Mary's journey. Well done, Lillian – keep up the fantastic work!



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Italy Class

Amelia - Amelia, you have made the most incredible progress this year. You have put 110% into everything you do and it really does show. Your reading and writing have come on leaps and bounds, and you have made the adults you work with very proud. Amelia, your confidence has flourished this year and it has been an absolute pleasure watching you develop and maintain friendships, all whilst giggling and having fun! Well done Amelia, I can't wait to see what you achieve as you move into Year 2!

Lewis - Lewis, you have blown me away this year! Your positive attitude always shines through and you have tried so hard in all areas of learning across the curriculum! We are incredibly proud of your reading and writing, and how this has developed this year. You are so thoughtful and kind to all around you. Well done Lewis - keep it up and make sure you wow your new teacher as much as you have wowed me!

India Class

Bonnie - I am giving this award to Bonnie because she gave her very best in everything she does. She has made excellent progress in her reading and maths, showing determination and a real love of learning. Her handwriting has improved beautifully, and she always takes care to make her work neat and well presented. But what makes her truly shine is her caring and thoughtful nature. She is always kind and helpful, a true friend to everyone around her. If someone is ever feeling left out or alone, she is the first to notice and warmly invites them to join. Well done to Bonnie.

Felix - This award is presented to Felix in recognition of his exceptional hard work and dedication this year. He listens to instructions and applies feedback to continually improve his work. He has shown a great amount of knowledge in History, often sharing his insights with others and inspiring his classmates with his passion for the subject. His contributions to discussions have enriched the learning environment for everyone. He is not only hardworking but also a kind and caring friend to those around him. His positive attitude and respect for others make him a great role model in the classroom. Well done, Felix!



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New Zealand Class

James - James has absolutely whizzed through his times tables, showing amazing speed, accuracy, and confidence. He has scored consistently highly in all of his maths assessments, and his understanding of mathematical concepts is truly impressive. James always tackles challenges with enthusiasm and focus, and his love for learning really shines through in everything he does. Well done, James! Keep up the fantastic work – we are all so proud of you!

Violet - Violet is an avid reader who absolutely loves getting lost in a good book – and it really shows! She has made fantastic progress in her reading this year and has scored exceptionally highly in her reading assessments. What's even more impressive is how Violet's passion for reading has transferred into her writing. She writes with a strong author's voice and shows a clear awareness of her reader, crafting pieces that are thoughtful, engaging, and creative. Violet, we are so proud of your hard work and enthusiasm – keep turning pages and writing your own amazing stories!

Sierra Leone Class

Darcy - It has been a joy to teach you this year Darcy. You put 100% effort into everything you do, and never back down from a challenge. Every piece of work you produce is completed to a very high standard, and you are always keen to help others overcome their challenges too. Your positive attitude to learning is contagious, and you should be really proud of the progress you have made this year. I can't wait to see how you continue to grow as you move up into year 5 and beyond. Well done Darcy.

Ben - What a fantastic year you have had this year Ben! You come into school with such a positive attitude to your learning, and are always keen to share interesting facts with the class. You show kindness and empathy to every member of Sierra Leone Class, and always work well as a team. Your enthusiasm for learning is so wonderful to see and will stand you in great stead for the future. Keep trying your best Ben, and I look forward to hearing about your time in year 4. Well done Ben!



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USA Class

Ted - Congratulations on receiving the End of Year Achievement Award! You have been a fantastic role model for USA Class, showing enthusiasm and dedication throughout the year. You participated eagerly in many school events, including attending every evening of the choir for the production and taking part in various sporting activities. In class, you always give your best effort—your work is consistently neat, well-presented, and beautifully illustrated. Your creativity shines through in your artwork, pottery club projects, and poster presentations. It was a pleasure to see you perform on the guitar in the recent presentation. Although you find maths a bit more challenging, you approach it with determination, present your work clearly, and your perseverance was reflected in your strong MTC results. You are a kind and friendly member of the class, and I wish you every success in Year 5 and beyond.

Tilly - You are truly deserving of the End of Year Achievement Award for your outstanding effort across all subjects. You consistently give your best, and your hard work has paid off with impressive results. Despite facing some challenges this year, you have shown great resilience and determination. You are a positive role model in the class and participate enthusiastically in school events. You approach your work with focus and efficiency, producing excellent pieces—particularly in English, where your dedication to writing and publishing your work is clearly evident. You are always ready to learn and complete tasks to the highest standard. In maths, you excel, often being the first to complete activities and challenges, and you remain undistracted by others around you. I wish you all the best for Year 5 and beyond.

China Class

Charlie S - Charlie, you have gone from strength to strength this year, showing exceptional progress and maturity in all areas of learning. You are a highly skilled mathematician who tackles complex problems with confidence and accuracy, always seeking to deepen your understanding. Alongside this, you have grown into a strong, thoughtful writer, crafting pieces that are both creative and precise. Your determination, focus, and never ending ability to make me laugh, has made you a standout learner this year. Never ever change!

Maryanne - Maryanne, what an incredible journey you've had this year! You started the year with a fire in your stomach and your progress—especially in maths—has been absolutely astounding. You've shown such determination and resilience, and it's been amazing to see your confidence grow. In English too, you continue to make leaps and bounds, developing your ideas with real thought and care. I'm really proud of everything you've achieved and the brilliant attitude you've shown along the way. Keep believing in yourself—you're capable of so much!



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Mexico Class

Jayden - You have worked incredibly hard to improve your reading this year, Jayden and it has been wonderful to see your confidence grow. Your commitment to reading outside of school has been outstanding and I have been so impressed seeing your entries for all of the books and texts which you have read. Over the last 10 months, your reading age has advanced by over 5 years, which is an outstanding achievement. You thoroughly deserve this award. Very well done.

Amelie-Joy - You have such a love of learning, Amelie-Joy and it has been a pleasure to have you in Mexico class this year. No matter which subject or the task or activity, you always approach your learning with such enthusiasm producing wonderful pieces of work that inspire others. Your most recent non-chronological report about a marine creature was just fantastic. It has been a joy to have you in Mexico class this year. Very well done.

South Africa Class

Bea - You are a hardworking, thoughtful and polite member of South Africa Class. You approach your learning with resilience and determination and this has been reflected in fantastic progress in all curriculum areas this year. We have been impressed with your consistently positive mindset and ability to take on board feedback and use this constructively to help you improve. Your hard work in the run up to SATs was inspirational and the results you achieved were thoroughly deserved. Keep reaching for the stars and believe in yourself – well done on a fantastic year!

Henry - You have thrown yourself into life at St Mary's, participating actively and achieving high standards in all areas of the curriculum. You are a knowledgeable and articulate learner, engaging in purposeful discussion in a range of subjects and asking thoughtful questions to further your understanding. You show particular passion for History and your achievements in Maths also deserve recognition. Your outstanding SATs results show just how capable you are and we know you are now ready to embrace new challenges as you move on to secondary school.



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Japan Class

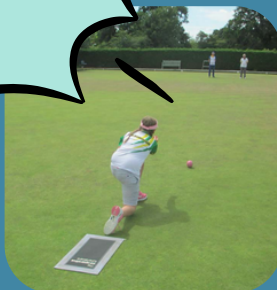
Spencer - You are always respectful and kind to everyone around you, and that doesn't go unnoticed. Your great sense of humour and positive nature make you a joy to be around. Your peers all value the energy and warmth you bring to the classroom.

You consistently give 100% across all areas of the curriculum, and the progress you've made has been excellent. In particular, your writing has truly impressed us – creative, thoughtful, and a real pleasure to read. Not only are you an excellent sportsman, but you also demonstrate true humility and teamwork, which makes you a fantastic role model both in and out of the classroom. It has been a pleasure to see you grow this year. You should feel very proud of everything you've achieved – we certainly are!

Caitlin - Watching your journey has been a true joy. At the start of the year, the thought of SATs felt overwhelming but you didn't let that stop you. You worked hard, stayed determined, and when the time came, you approached each test calmly and gave it your all. The improvement in your final scores is something you should be incredibly proud of. But your achievements go far beyond academics. You have grown in maturity and resilience, showing strength in moments that once felt difficult. You've also become a kind and thoughtful friend, showing empathy and understanding to those around you. You've learned to see different perspectives and handle disagreements with calm and care – a skill that shows just how much you've grown. You should be very proud of the person you are becoming. Well done Caitlin!

Achievements

Poppy P (Mex) - competed for Pulborough Bowls Club against Surrey and played very well!



Leah R (NZ) - earned her Purple belt at Karate





Things to know...

Swimming - September

This is the proposed timetable for September - these are subject to change but we will update where necessary. Children will need to bring swimming kit including costume, towel and swim hat on these days

Mon AM Sierra Leone PM USA
Tue AM China PM South Africa
Wed AM Mexico PM New Zealand
Thur AM Free PM Free
Fri AM Free PM Japan



PE Kits

The children in **KS2** will continue to come to school in their PE kits in September. A timetable will be shared in the Autumn Term.

Meal Ordering

Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.



September cut off dates

Thurs 21/8 for w/c 1/9

Thurs 28/8 for w/c 8/9

Thurs 4/9 for w/c 15/9

Dates for your diary

3rd & 4th September - INSET DAY
5th September - children return to school

LOVE PARKS

Sat 26 - Wed 30 July 2025

Join us for a fun filled day
at a park near you...

Saturday 26 July
Bennetts Field, Horsham

Sunday 27 July
Fletchers Croft, Steyning

Monday 28 July
Leechpool Woods, Horsham

Tuesday 29 July
Henfield Common

Wednesday 30 July
Southwater Country Park

Join us between
9.30am - 4pm



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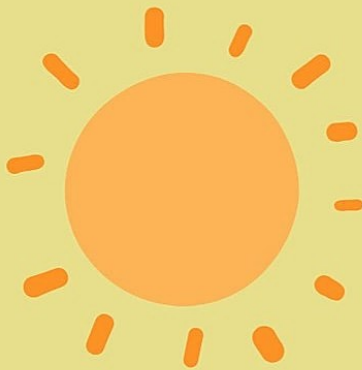
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**For selected sessions, pre-booking is essential
and small charges may apply**





You are invited too
The Anchorage Care Home's
SUMMER
PARTY



Saturday 6th September
13:15 - 16:30



Come along and join in the fun! Bring your friends and loved ones to enjoy the talented pebble beach band and special guest magician

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