

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

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



Week beginning 8th September 2025

Message from Mrs Copus



We are very excited about the first week together and the children have settled into new routines and new classes. Attendance has been exemplary so far as has time keeping so thank you for all of your efforts with this.

Church Links

Reflection - Thank you to Mrs Smith who has shared her reflection about LOVE. It is our value for this half term. These reflections are so powerful! [Love - 2025](#)





Our Vision

We treasure each child and enable them to flourish, using their God given potential and establishing a secure foundation for them to thrive in a rapidly changing world. We are a Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum where wisdom and love shape learning and teaching within our community.



Our vision is inspired by scripture

Loving: John: 15 v12: Jesus said: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Learning: Proverbs: 18 v15: 'An intelligent mind acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.'

Living: 1 Corinthians: 13 v4-8: 'Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.'

These principles of loving, learning and living are building a community where the fruits of the spirit (Galatians: 5 v22-23) are made real (vine leaves).

We always start with the book 'Only One You' which fits with our vision and our analogy is that we do swim as a shoal in our school community, we take everyone with us on our journey through learning but each fish is unique, special and has its own skills and talents to share. A great way to see our school vision!



Information

Staffing

Class	Staffing
UK	Mrs Huntley Hart
Thailand	Mrs Gowland (M/T), Mrs Martin-Wells (W/Th/Fr)
Italy	Miss Heasman
India	Miss Sleat
Australia	Mrs Packham
New Zealand	Mrs McTiffen and Mrs Mac
Sierra Leone	Miss Taylor
USA	Mrs Farrant
China	Miss Aburrow
Mexico	Mr Coomber
South Africa	Miss Turner
Japan	Miss Callender
Teaching Assistants	Mrs Ansell, Mrs Parsons, Ms Quaranta, Mrs Woodley, Ms Catchpole, Mrs Metaliaj, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Bryan, Mrs Castle, Mrs Dona, Mrs Shepherd, Mr Barrett Garlick, Mrs Flinders and Mrs Cooper
Midday Meal supervisors	Mrs Ansell, Ms Cuthbert, Mrs Woodley, Ms Catchpole, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Bryan, Mr Barrett Garlick, Mrs Castle and Mrs Metaliaj
Forest Schools	Mr Cullen
Pastoral support	Mrs Smith (Learning Mentor), Mrs Flinders (Speech and Language) Mrs Hatcher and Ms Catchpole (Individual needs)

SEND - Mrs Hatcher is SENDCo (part time) and is available every afternoon and all teaching assistants will work with children who need additional support within the classrooms. Mrs Smith is Learning Mentor and works four days a week. Mrs Callender will be running phonics and reading interventions for some children in Y1/2/3.

Planning, Preparation and Assessment cover - Miss Dunstall will be working with UK, Thailand, Italy, Australia and India class this year. Mrs Burbidge is teaching PE for KS2 and Miss Bell is teaching Spanish in KS2.

Office - Mrs Adams is School Secretary, Mrs Worley is the School Bursar, Mrs Sheppard is our Receptionist, Mrs Hancock oversees the library/website, and Mrs Miller is the School Business Manager. Mr Hubbard is our Premises Manager.

Governors - Mr Edge and Mr Clark lead the Governing Body as co-chairs with a team of Governors who are all volunteers - Fr Paul, Dr Leach, Mrs Henderson, Ms Ellis, Mrs Heath, Mr Campbell, Mrs Batchelor, Mr Edge, Mr Shepherd and Mrs Sheppard. Mrs Moran is the Clerk to the Governors. If anyone wishes to find out more about what they do or raise any issues that they may have. We currently have two vacancies on our Governing Body and will send out paperwork next week for this. If you would like more information then please email clerk@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk



Information

Worries or concerns

We are always keen to help if your child isn't happy at school for any reason. Please contact the class teacher in the first instance through seeing them at the end of the day on the playground, email or a telephone call. If you still need support then please contact the Deputy Headteacher - Mrs Hatcher who will deal with Teaching and Learning enquiries and meet with you and the class teacher - shatcher@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk and if you still can't resolve your concerns then please do email head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk . We are here to help and do our very best for your child.

All of the teachers are contactable via the class email addresses. They will respond within working hours only (this is 8am - 5.30pm) and will try to respond within two working days to emails. No contact should be made to any staff member via personal telephone numbers. Staff won't reply if things come through on personal devices – use school channels only.

uk@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
thailand@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
italy@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
india@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
australia@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
NZ@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
SL@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
USA@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
Mexico@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
China@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
SA@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk
Japan@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Curriculum

UK and Thailand class will be starting the year with the topic 'All About Me', **Italy, India and Australia** class are learning about Dinosaurs, **New Zealand, SL and USA** are learning about 'Stone Age', **Mexico and China's** topic is called 'Into the Unknown, Earth, Space and Beyond' and **SA and Jap** are exploring 'The World Wars'. More detail about the curriculum for all subjects will be available on our website from next week. This is under classes on our website and will have a newsletter, knowledge organiser and homework grid.



Information

Clubs

Early Birds - Early Birds has started and if your child is attending Early Birds then they must be at the side gate at 8am. They will be collected by Mrs Parsons and Mrs Metaliaj. We still have spaces so please email wraparound@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk if you are interested.

Roosters - after school club has started and is being run by Ms Cuthbert, Mrs Ford, Mrs Hayes and Mrs Bryan. We still have some limited spaces available so please email wraparound@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk if you are interested.

After Schhol Clubs - Most external clubs have started or will start next week but please check with the provider to be certain. Internally run club details have been sent out to parents this week and allocations will be sent home to parents next week.

Inset Days

INset Days - On Wednesday 5th September, the teachers met together to look at 'Writing and the moderation of writing across all year groups and assessment in foundation subjects'. On Thursday the staff and Governors met together and have now received their safeguarding training, health and safety training and looked at the schools priorities for the upcoming year.

Celebration Assemblies

NZ - 15th October
India - 16th October
Mexico - 23rd October
Italy - 13th November
Australia - 19th November
USA - 20th November
Thai (Year 1 only) - 26th November
Japan - 27th November
SA - 4th December
SL - 6th November
China - 11th December





Things to know...

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.

Sept / Oct cut off dates

Thurs 18/9 for w/c 29/9

Thurs 25/8 for w/c 6/10

Thurs 2/10 for w/c 13/10

Dates for your diary

Fri 19th Sept – Non-school uniform

(please bring in chocolates or a bottle for a tombola)

Wed 24th Sept – Evacuee Day Year 6 (they will need an outfit)

Tues 30th Sept – Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm for EYFS and KS1, 3.45 for KS2 – Please go to your child's classroom and this is an opportunity to find out about plans for the year ahead and ask any questions that you may have.

Tues 30th Sept – Sex & relationship meeting for Y6 parents after 'Meet the Teacher'.

Fri 3rd Oct – Papaya Smartphone Parent chat – please come and find out more about smartphones and learn more about the neuroscience on your child's brain. 9am in the small hall

Fri 3rd Oct – Harvest Eucharist – children to bring a harvest gift to present (tins, dried goods, toiletries, packets - gifts to go to FSW as we support this charity)

Fri 3rd Oct – Harvest Eucharist 9am – Parents are welcome

Sat 4th Oct – Church Fete at the church

Wed 8th Oct – 6 week in meeting for new EYFS parents – main hall

Mon 13th October – Bikeability Y6

Thur 16th Oct – PTA AGM – 3.30pm – Please come along!

Fri 17th Oct – Individual School Photos – full school uniform please

Mon 20th Oct – Flu vaccinations

Tue 21st Oct – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Thur 23rd Oct – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Mon 27th Oct – HALF TERM



Help

We would love to have volunteers in to hear children read. You will need to have a DBS check. If you can help then let the office know and we can arrange this.



PTA



NEWSLETTER

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This term....

EVENTS THIS TERM

This term starts with non-school uniform day on Friday 19th Sept. Please bring a bottle of alcohol or sweets/ chocolate (these will be collected at the gate by the PTA in the morning) to be used at our Tombola on Saturday 4th October at the Harvest Fair.

We will be hosting our first Family Bingo Saturday 15th November!

The Grotto will be back at the Pulborough Christmas market on Friday 5th December, which we are really looking forward to again!

Just before we break up for the Christmas break we will have our school Discos on Wednesday 17th December which are always super popular!

GET INVOLVED!

If you want to get involved in the PTA for any of the events join us at our AGM on Thursday 16th October or send us an email pta@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk



Links/ other fundraising

EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK

Search Friends of St Mary's CofE (Aided) Primary School Pulborough

MYNAMETAGS.COM

Use code 32231 at check out

CLOTHES RECYCLING

Use the green clothes bin in the staff car park to recycle your clothes

SELL YOUR HOME WITH MARTIN LUNDY-LESTER



Reminders

AGM - Thursday 16th
Oct at 3:30pm in the
school hall



Upcoming 25/26

- Non-uniform - 19/09
- Harvest fete - 04/10
- Family Bingo - 15/11
- Grotto - 05/12
- Christmas Disco - 17/12



Pulborough Pop-In



Parents/carers are welcome to come and join us in a relaxed and safe environment to chat about anything and everything!

Make friends, learn about the community, the schools, things to do in and around the area for families, natter about work and where to go on holiday!

Tea, coffee and biscuits available.
Pre-schoolers are welcome.



WHEN AND WHERE?

Every Wednesday (during term-time)

From 9am - 11am

@ Pulborough Library

£1 suggested donation

For more information, please contact
Isla Moran 075 226 89948
isla@pdcca.org.uk

