

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

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



NEWSLETTER

Week beginning 13th April 2026

Message from Mrs Copus



Welcome back after the Easter holidays. It was lovely to share stories with the children about their holidays. The swimming pool is now open and some of the KS2 classes have enjoyed their first swimming lesson. We hope that the sunshine will continue and we look forward to sharing our learning adventure as the term progresses.

Living Church Links

Our Christian values for this half term are Faith, Trust and Truthfulness. Our worship on Monday looked at the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den. The children reflected on the values that Daniel had shown.

Next Thursday is St George's Day and children who are in uniformed groups (Cubs / Rainbows etc) are welcome to wear their uniform with pride.



News



Attendance

This week's attendance was 94.1% - our target is 96.4%

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Staffing

We are very happy to welcome back Mrs Heasman-White after her wedding over the Easter holidays. We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Smith and Mrs Crosbie who join our team of Teaching Assistants.

Class Teachers are as follows -

UK - Mrs Huntley-Hart has returned **Thailand** - Mrs Gowland and Mrs Martin-Wells
Italy - Mrs Heasman-White **India** - Miss Duignan
Australia - Mrs Packham
New Zealand - Mrs McTiffin and Mrs Parford
SL - Miss Taylor **USA** - Mrs Farrant
China - Miss Aburrow **Mexico** - Mrs Ashton-Smith
SA - Miss Turner **Japan** - Miss Callander

Topics

The children have started new learning this term. Newsletter, knowledge organisers and homework grids are on the school website under classes - please do look at what they are learning and how parents can help and support.

UK and Thailand - Ready, Steady, Grow
Italy, India & Australia - Bright Lights, Big City
NZ, SI and USA - Tremors
China and Mexico - Under the Sea
SA and Japan - Shakespeare

News

Church Hill

Please be aware that from 20th April Church Hill will be closed. This will have implications on increased traffic and parking restrictions around the school. Please be extra vigilant and mindful. - as always, parking is available at the Sports and Social Club across the recreation ground.

Red Nose Day

We are thrilled to have raised £265.55 for Comic Relief through our dress down day on Red Nose Day - many thanks for all of your donations.

Grounds Development

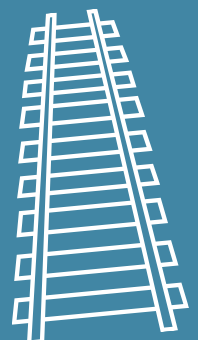
The fencing on the back field was replaced over the Easter holidays and now looks much smarter.

We have reopened the swimming pool as well and lessons have now started - please ensure you have checked the timetable that was emailed home before Easter and swimming kit is brought into school on the relevant day.



Railway Sleepers

We are looking for railway sleepers to rebuild some of our flower beds. If you have access to any then please do let us know office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk





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.

May cut off dates

Thurs 23/04 for w/c 03/05

Thurs 30/04 for w/c 10/05

Thurs 06/05 for w/c 17/05

HALF TERM

Dates for your diary

Weds 22nd April – EYFS Phonics open session 2.45pm

Weds 22nd April - UK & Thailand Planrtarium Workshop

Weds 6th - Fri 8th May - Year 5 Cobnor Residential trip

Mon 11th May – Year 6 SATS week

Fri 15th May – Non-uniform day for school summer fayre

Mon 18th May - Fri 22nd May - Year 6 PGL Bethany House residential

Mon 25th May - HALF TERM WEEK



Celebration Assemblies

These will be at 9am for this term and it is so valuable for parents to share the learning that has been going on.

20th May - New Zealand 21st May - China

4th June - Australia 11th June - Italy

18th June - Sierra Leone 24th June - Mexico

25th June - USA 2nd July - Thailand

8th July - India 9th July - UK

22nd July - Japan & SA 9.30am



Sport

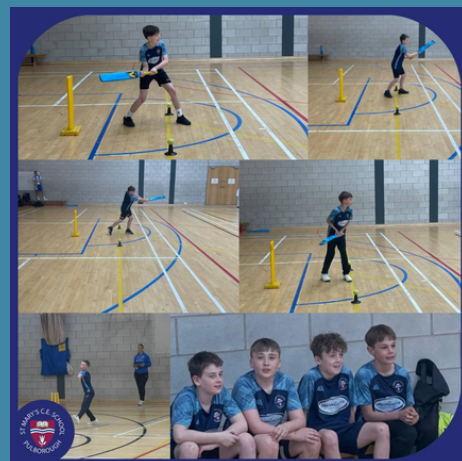
Cricket

Our Year 5 and 6 boys cricket team travelled to Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA) today to compete in the Indoor County Finals, and they represented the school brilliantly from start to finish. The atmosphere was buzzing, the standard of cricket was high, and our boys rose to the challenge with determination and pride.

They played with real heart—showing teamwork, resilience, and genuine support for one another throughout every match. Whether they were batting, bowling, or fielding, they encouraged their teammates, celebrated each other's successes, and kept spirits high even in the tightest moments. It was everything you want to see from a school sports team.

A special mention goes to Fred, who delivered an outstanding two-wicket maiden in one of the innings—an impressive achievement at any level, and a real highlight of the day. His accuracy, focus, and calmness under pressure were brilliant to watch.

A big thank you to Mrs Hayes for taking the boys today. The boys should be incredibly proud of themselves for reaching the county finals and giving it their all on the day. They represented the school with maturity, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm. A huge well done to every single player.



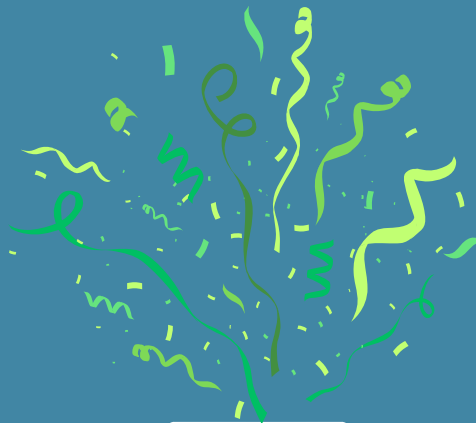


Celebrations

Loving House Cup

The children have collected Class Dojo points all week and this week's winners are - St Richard's (Green Team). The closest week so far this academic year!

Dojo's can be awarded for reading at home, kindness, politeness, upholding our school values, supporting our Christian ethos and extra curricular contributions to our school.



Celebrations



Vine Leaves

Nevaeh (NZ) - Courage and Perseverance - for being unsure about Forest Schools (as this was her first time!) but showing true bravery and ended up really enjoying the day. **Ava, Teagan, Macie and Zara (USA) - Wisdom** - for completing some excellent homework during the Easter holiday, which they shared with the class. **Bailey (USA) - Perseverance** - for working well and trying hard with his learning. **Alfie P, Charlie P (Japan) and Archie P (SA) - Service** - for helping to clear up rubbish that had been left in the boys toilets. **Fred (Mex), Hettie (Chi) and Oakley (Aus) - Service and Perseverance** - for helping to assemble the new greenhouse without instruction. **Malakai (SL) - Courage** - for making such a great start in class, it has been wonderful to welcome you to our school. **George (Aus) - Perseverance** - for being brave on his return to school. Well done! **Indy (Aus) - Kindness** - for being kind, caring and helpful to adults and children in Australia this week. **Oakley (Aus) - Service** - for helping with almost every job needed. He always offers to help his classmates and any adults.

Achievements



Elena (Ind) - performed in a ballet production of Sleeping Beauty.



Victoria (SA) - passed her grade 2 piano with merit



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