

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

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



NEWSLETTER

Week beginning 8th June 2026

Message from Mrs Copus



The week has thrown sun and rain at us but we have kept giving the children the best learning opportunities. It was great to see some Year 5 children at Christ's Hospital for Science enrichment, Year 3 & 4 at Bignor Roman Villa – a great resource to have right on our doorstep and a chance to be within the South Down's National Park - UK & Thailand class had the Planetarium from Herstmonceaux visit and it gave them a chance to be physically immersed in Science. These things all take time to get together and we are so grateful to everyone for making these experiences happen for our children.

Living Church Links

During assembly on Monday, Mrs Hatcher told us about Jesus and the 10 Lepers from Luke 17:11-19- Jesus healed all of the men from the disease but only one returned to thank him. We talked about the importance of gratitude and thankfulness.





News



Attendance

This weeks attendance was 94.1% - our target is 96.4%

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We are continuing to work towards meeting Government attendance targets and would appreciate your support with this.

The Department for Education (DfE) has provided schools with lists of pupils who are currently recorded as persistently absent. If your child's name appears on this list, you will receive a letter from school.

Improving attendance remains a priority for us, and we hope to work together with families to ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to learn and succeed.

Meal Provider - September

From September 2026, school meals at St Mary's, Pulborough will be provided by ISS Education, who are taking over from Chartwells as part of a new West Sussex County Council contract. ISS will be bringing exciting new menus and a brand new online ordering system to make managing school meals easier than ever for families. Meals will be just £2.95 per day, which is 25p less than the current charge. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals then check the WSCC website and apply today www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/ - the criteria for qualifying is in the process of changing so more families may now be eligible for this benefit and we would encourage you all to apply. To find out more about what's coming, including menus and how the new ordering system will work, visit www.feedwestsussex.co.uk. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact office@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Thank you to everyone who came and visited the ISS roadshow on the front playground this week. We received some great feedback about the food!



FEEDING EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY



News



Josh Andrews

Last week we told you about Josh Andrews, one of our former pupils who has just signed his first professional contract with Harlequins RFC. We were very fortunate to have Josh come into school to talk to KS2 about his journey from St Mary's to Seaford College and now Harlequins. He was so inspiring and talked about many of our values of resilience, perseverance and humility. We know he will go on to amazing things and we will follow his journey closely. He is currently fundraising for the Harlequins Foundation. If anyone feels that they could support his cause, please scan the QR code below. or use [this link](#).



Pollination Station

On Monday, as part of the Climate Coalition's Great Big Green Week, [Sussex Green Living](#), together with our Eco Council, installed a Pollination Education Station (PES) in the school grounds. Funded through a Tesco Blue Token grant, the PES is a purpose-built habitat made from reclaimed pallet wood to support bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Our PES will serve as a wonderful outdoor classroom, supporting environmental education, pupil wellbeing and local nature recovery. A huge thank you to all families who helped gather natural materials—your contributions have made our pollinators feel right at home!





Volunteering and Fundraising

We are so thankful to one of our parents, Evie, for giving up her time at the weekend. Evie came into school and completed some gardening and restacked our large play stuff and started making the pumpkin patch good for the growing this term. It is so lovely to have volunteers. If you feel that you could support her cause then please click the link [HERE](#).

Miss Aburrow



Miss Aburrow has now left us to start her maternity leave. It was lovely to be able to celebrate with her in assembly this week and present her with some gifts. We will share the news with you all once her baby has arrived.

Recreation Ground

There have recently been three incidents involving damage to trees on the Recreation Ground. We are unsure how this damage has occurred and would appreciate the community's support in helping to protect this valuable outdoor space.

Please could parents encourage their children to be mindful of the trees and to report any damage or concerns they may notice while using the Recreation Ground.

Football World Cup

A good night's sleep is essential for children's wellbeing, helping them to regulate their emotions, learn effectively and work positively with others throughout the school day. We appreciate that the men's football World Cup has now started and that some matches may be taking place later in the evening. As exciting as this is for a number of our students, we would be grateful if children could continue to follow their usual bedtime routines on school nights to ensure they are well rested and ready for school each day.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



News

Summer Fayre

Come and support us tomorrow afternoon and join in with all of this fun!

ST MARY'S PULBOROUGH

SUMMER FAYRE

AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 13:00PM TILL 17:00PM

FREE ENTRY

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

BOUNCY CASTLES - DANCE DISPLAYS - FACE PAINTING - FIRE TRUCK & POLICE CAR - GAMES - BALLOON CART - FOOD & DRINK VENDORS - RAFFLE PRIZES & MANY MORE...

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SCHOOL FOR A NEW SENSORY ROOM

EVENT SPONSORED BY

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ARENA SPONSORED BY **Comyn & James**

ST MARYS PRIMARY PULBOROUGH

SUMMER FAYRE

FREE ENTRY

RAFFLE PRIZES

- BOCKETTS FARM
- ALDINGBOURNE COUNTRY CENTRE
- LEONARDSLEE
- PULBREW
- ODDFELLOWS
- WASHBROOKS FARM
- ARUNDEL WETLANDS
- SOUTH DOWNS LIGHT RAILWAY
- AMBERLEY MUSEUM
- FISHERS FARM
- PULBOROUGH BROOKS, RSPB
- ACE FOOTBALL ACADEMY
- SIGNED SHIRT FROM JODIE GRINHAM MBE PARALYMPIC ARCHER!
- THE GREENHOUSE
- RIVER MOON
- HARBOUR HOTELS
- BRINSBURY COLLEGE
- SOUTH DOWN PATISSERIE
- HENNING'S
- THE FAMILY NOOK
- TESCO
- BILLINGSHURST LEISURE CENTRE
- STATON PLACE
- CHANCTONBURY LEISURE CENTRE
- PARHAM HOUSE AND GARDENS
- TROPIC BEAUTY BUNDLE
- LOLAS BEAUTY
- £30 REIKI VOUCHER

ARENA Timetable

1:30 - UDANCE

2:00 - THE DANCE HUT

2:30 - BOXERCISE

3:00 - ADAM THE MAGIC MUSIC MAN 🎩

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SUPPLIERS

FOOD & DRINK

BILLI SPUDS - JACKET POTATOES, LOADED FRIES
 CHEF'S KISS - COFFEE, CAKES AND PASTRIES
 THE PIZZA OVEN - PIZZAS!
 T&M ICES - ICE CREAMS
 PETWORTH DISCO - CANDY FLOSS & SLUSHIES

STALL HOLDERS

BALLOON CART - FIDGET LABZ - BUTTERFLY CREATIONS -
 CHERRY BLOSSOM - MARTIN LUNDY - PULBOROUGH SHEDDERS -
 PDCCA - FACE PAINTING - SPLASH - PULBOROUGH PANTRY -
 THE RUSSEL COLLECTIVE - NUTS ABOUT MAGIC - THE SEWSTAINABLE BARN -
 BOUNCING HAPPY - FSW - EDUCATION AFRICA - KINGFISHERS

PTA STALLS

BALL IN A BUCKET - TOMBOLA - RAFFLE - FUN SCIENCE -
 BEAT THE GOALIE - BALL MAZE - WATER GAME - TIN CAN ALLEY -
 PLINKO - SECOND HAND UNIFORM



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.

June / July cut off dates

Thurs 18/06 for w/c 29/06

Thurs 25/06 for w/c 06/07

Thurs 02/07 for w/c 13/07

Thurs 09/07 for w/c 20/07

Dates for your diary

Sat 13th Jun - School Summer Fayre

Wed 24th Jun - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral

Mon 29th Jun - Summer Reading Challenge launch event

Fri 10th Jul - Move Up Afternoon

Tue 14th Jul - Year 6 production 'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory' 1pm & 6pm

Thur 16th Jul - Year 6 production 'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory' 6pm

Thur 16th Jul - Year 6 Leavers Service St Mary's Church, Pulborough

Fri 17th Jul - Year 6 production 'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory' 6pm

Sat 18th Jul - Year 6 Leavers' Prom 6-8pm

Mon 20th Jul - China & Mexico class - Bowls Club visit

Wed 22nd Jul - Leavers' Assembly

Wed 22nd Jul - Last day of school



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.

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



Curriculum

Romans



As part of their study topic 'Romans', the children in **Years 3 & 4** paid a visit to Bignor Roman Villa to look at the architecture, mosaics and way of life of the Romans in Britain.



Solving Crime

Christ's Hospital hosts an annual "Solving Crime with Science" day, which allows visiting **Year 5** students to engage in hands-on forensic investigations and practical STEM challenges and we were delighted to be able to send Flora, Alfie, Noah and Miller to take part this year. Using real forensic techniques, including comparing evidence such as hair and fibre samples under microscopes, using Bunsen burners to observe chemical reactions to identify compounds, developing & analysing fingerprints and sampling chromatography techniques, they worked in teams to crack the case and bring the culprit to justice. In addition, the children got to watch the CH band parade, enjoyed a lovely lunch in the dining hall and received their own doughnut at the end of the day for solving the case!

They all had a wonderful day and represented St Mary's beautifully with their respectful, enthusiastic and engaging behaviour.





Curriculum

Writing

Our **EYFS** children are really starting to flourish and show their writing skills, demonstrating how much they have progressed since they started with us in September. Everly was thrilled to share that she is already writing in full sentences and has so much phonic knowledge.



Reading

Well done to the children who have been busy quizzing away on our Accelerated Reader programme. Our current top ten readers are Isabella (Mex), Flora (Mex), Freddie B (Chi), Bea (SA), Noah (Chi), Stephan (USA), Victoria (SA), Andrew (USA), Violet (SL) and Emily (Jap). They should be very proud of their achievements.

Forest School



UK class ventured up to forest school for their weekly session and used stamp ink pads to print leaves, grasses and flowers. The level of detail in the prints was amazing!





✦ Curriculum ✦

Planetarium

We were delighted to welcome the Observatory Science Centre & Museum from Herstmonceux with their portable planetarium. The children in **UK and Thailand** classes were enthralled by the spectacle of the night skies as they were revealed to them under the dome.

They were keen to ask the presenters questions about the stars, planets and constellations that they were shown – well done to all of them!



Science

Year 6 have been learning about the work of Charles Darwin as part of their 'Evolution and Inheritance' topic. We discovered that he travelled to the Galapagos Islands, where he studied finches. Each of the islands had different seeds available for the finches to eat. Darwin observed that the finches were identical to those on the mainland, with the exception of their beaks which had been adapted to enable them to eat the food available on their island. He noticed that the finches had evolved to ensure their survival on each of the islands, confirming his theory of natural selection, where the organisms that are best adapted to their environment are the most likely to survive.

In our practical work, we used teaspoons, tweezers and pegs to represent the different beak types. We then timed how many 'seeds' (elastic bands, macaroni, mini marshmallows and peas) each of the beaks could pick up in 30 seconds.

Finally, we analysed our results and concluded which of the beaks was most effective for eating each type of seed.





Sport

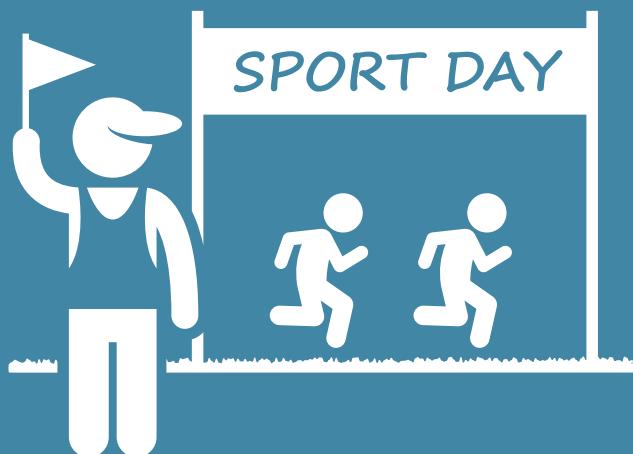
Talented Athletes

A group of Year 6 children travelled to The Weald for their locality 'Talented Athlete' programme, which they've been participating in all year. This time the events included games of rounders, tennis matches and a 4 x 100 metre relay race. They had to dodge the rain showers quite a bit but made the most of the time they had there. Huge thanks to the staff and Weald Sports Leaders for ensuring events like this happen and our children can attend.



KSI Sports Day

A reminder that the rescheduled Sports Day for Italy, India and Australia Class is on Monday 15th June - fingers crossed for much better weather this time!



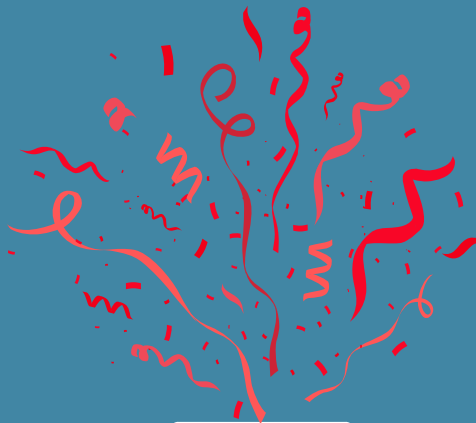


Celebrations

Loving House Cup

The children have collected Class Dojo points all week and this week's winners are
- St Matthew's (Red Team).

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

Freya (Jap) - Kindness and Compassion - for being willing to join other children from different schools at Talented Athlete and representing St Mary's perfectly. **Minnie (Chi) - Perseverance** - for attempting fire lighting at forest school. **Tommy (Chi) - Kindness and Friendship** - for lending another child his spare coat. **Danny (Tha) - Wisdom** - for his massive confidence growth in phonics and reading and his joy in reading new words in whole class learning, we are SO proud of you. **William (Tha) - Friendship** - for being a rock to a friend when they were finding something tricky. **Anthony, Arlo and Peter (Jap) - Service** - for helping to organise and colour code all of the glockenspiels! **Harry and Dylan (Ita) - Kindness** - For having a brilliant week, where they have shown constant kindness and respect

Achievements



Hattie (Thai) - took her first Royal Academy of Dance exam in Pre-Primary ballet!

Arlo (USA) - won his football teams Most Improved Player award



Celebrations

Achievements

William (SA) - won his football teams Player of the Year award



Ralph & George (NZ) - received trophies at their end of season football awards

Archie (Thai) - received a trophy at his end of season football awards



FUNDRAISING WALK

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A FUN COMMUNITY EVENT!

Led by Daisy, our
"Through the Eyes of a Child" star



DATE:
16th June 2026



TIME:
4:00pm – 5:30pm



LOCATION:
The Anchorage
Care Home



THE CHALLENGE

Daisy is taking on a
10-LAP WALK
around The Anchorage
and she wants

YOU to join in!



**COME IN
FANCY DRESS**
to make it
extra fun!



WHO CAN JOIN?

- Children from the programme
- Residents
- Families & visitors
- Staff
- Even dogs are welcome!



AFTER THE WALK

Stay and enjoy:



Cake sale



Drinks



Community fun



**ALL PROCEEDS
GO TO AGE UK**



GET INVOLVED

Daisy is inviting St Mary's School and the wider community to help make this a fantastic, community-wide event.



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Let's walk together, have fun, and make a difference.

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The timetables below are for this Summer – we refresh activities every holiday so there's always something new to experience!

OUR ACTIVITY COLOUR SYSTEM

- FIRE = YELLOW**
- SPARK = PURPLE**
- POWER = RED**
- CLASSIC = BLUE**

EVERY HOLIDAY NEW COLOUR. NEW ACTIVITIES!

WEEK 1 POWER SET					WEEK 2 POWER SET				
DRIVING ROBOTS	Inflatable GAMES ZONE	LittleBits INVENTIONS	DJ SKILLS WORKSHOP	MINECRAFT REDSTONE	LEGO BOOST BOT	HOVERCRAFT BUILDING	SCIENCE SHOW	WIZARD STOP MOTION	ANIMATION FUN!
INVENT & BUILD LAB	AUGMENTED REALITY	GAME CREATOR STUDIO	MUSIC CREATION	LEGO CONTRAPTIONS	ROBOT ARENA	HOVERCRAFT RACING	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS	ROBLOX WORKSHOP	ANIMATION STUDIO

The days that these activities will be taking place differ site to site, please check website for your camp's schedule

WHAT TO BRING

- SAFE & SECURE**
- Lunch & Snacks NUT-FREE**
- Water Bottle**
- Medication If Required**
- Weather Appropriate Clothing**
- EXPERT INSTRUCTORS**
- OFSTED REGISTERED & TRUSTED**
- AGES 5-11**

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