

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

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



Week beginning 22nd June 2026

Message from Mrs Copus



HOT HOT HOT does not cover this week but in true St Mary's style we came up with a plan and have worked together for the best interests of the children and our staff. Across the week we've been through over 1000 ice pops, 300 bottles of water and 30 bags of ice. Lets hope for a cooler week next week.

Living Church Links

Whole school worship today was in the main hall with all the doors and windows open and the fans all on. We focused on the feast of St Peter and St Paul. Fr Paul spoke about things associated with both of these Saints.





News



Attendance

This weeks attendance was 78.0% - 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



FEEDING EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY



News



Baby Aburrow

We are delighted to announce that Miss Aburrow has given birth to a little girl called Evie. Mother and baby are doing well and I know that you will join us in sending our best wishes.

Leavers' Service

We were thrilled to attend the Diocesan Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral for our Year 6 children. It was lovely to have Oscar and Bea reading a Bible verse to the whole congregation. Aimee presented our gift to Family Support Work and Daisy and Milo carried our school banner. I had the honour of reading the Headteacher's prayer. The children were all given a gift and parents were there to be part of the final celebrations. It was such a lovely moment in the children's school journeys.



Community

Thank you to Mr Lundy for presenting us with a cheque for £250. It is great to be able to use this in school for the benefit of the children.



Miss Dunstall

As you know, Miss Dunstall is retiring after 30 years of teaching. We are keen to hear from ex pupils or ex staff to pass on messages. If anyone you know would like to write a message then please do send it to school_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.

July cut off dates

Thurs 02/07 for w/c 13/07

Thurs 09/07 for w/c 20/07

Dates for your diary

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.

2nd July - Thailand

8th July - India 9th July - UK

22nd July - Japan & SA 9.30am



Sport



Hockey

It was a very warm afternoon at Farlington School for some of our Year 3 children who took part in a hockey festival. Some adaptations had been made due to the heat but our children did very well and supported each other through a carousel of activities in between their hydration breaks.



NURSERY TO SIXTH FORM



FARLINGTON
School



Celebrations

Loving House Cup

The children have collected Class Dojo points all week and this week's winners are
- St Mary's (Blue 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

Ben F and Edward (SL) - Service - for practising and playing their guitar for the Class Celebration Assembly **Lottie (Mex) - Friendship** - for making a new friend in class and being very kind to them **Swaily and Jayden (SL) - Service** - for finding a newt up by the Trim Trail releasing it by the pond. **Molly, Callie, Daniel and Amelie (SL) - Service and Perseverance** - for being fantastic representatives of the school in the hockey tournament and persevered through the heat. **Navy (China) - Perseverance** - for trying hard to complete work in all lessons, even those he finds difficult **Bowie and Freddie (China) - Service and Kindness** - for always being the first to offer help or assistance to anybody who needs it **Vince (NZ) - Perseverance** - for persevering in his PIRA and PUMA assessments **Martha (SL) and Harper (SL) - Responsibility** - for kindly locating a missing item belonging to a child in another class and ensured that it was returned to them **Esta (SA) - Perseverance** - for working tremendously hard to improve your weekly spelling scores this term. **Lucy (SA) - Kindness** - for immediately stopping what you were doing to offer a helping hand to a friend who was upset.

Class Assembly



Thank you to **Mexico** class for their celebration assembly this week. They really impressed us with their knowledge of coral bleaching, David Attenborough and Jane Goodall. They shared their art work which was beautiful and displayed their ability to produce excellent final outcomes.

Well done to **USA** class who presented their assembly today. They spoke about Romans – even singing a Roman numeral song, each child could be heard clearly and we all loved listening to the Egyptian reggae on the guitar!

