

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

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



Week beginning 12th October 2026

Message from Mrs Copus



In our final week before the half term break, we've noticed the leaves on the trees starting to change and the weather definitely getting cooler. This is our last week of swimming until the summer term and the week will finish with an Inset Day on Friday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November and hope that you have a great October half term break.

Living Church Links

There will be a Remembrance Sunday service at St Mary's Church on Sunday 8th November 2026, and we would love to see as many of our school families there as possible. On Armistice Day, Wednesday 11th November, children who are members of uniformed organisations, such as Cubs, Brownies and Beavers, are welcome to wear their uniforms to school for our Remembrance Assembly.





News

Classrooms

Our teachers begin teaching as soon as the children arrive at school in the morning, so we kindly ask that parents and carers do not go into the classrooms at the start of the school day. If you need to pass a message on to your child's teacher, please email them or leave the message with our friendly office staff, who will be happy to help. Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation in helping us ensure a smooth start to the school day for all our children.

ITN News

St Mary's has a long-standing tradition of working closely with the residents of The Anchorage Care Home in Pulborough. This week, Amelia, Violet, Bowie, Freddie, Freddie and Mattie visited the home and were delighted to feature on Channel 5 News with Dan Walker as part of the 'Hero of the Week' feature,, which celebrated Kate Wyatt from The Anchorage, alongside her daughter Daisy, a former pupil of St Mary's.

What a wonderful experience for everyone involved!





Things to know



94.4%

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a key priority, and we will now be sharing our weekly attendance percentage with families. Please remember to provide sufficient information when your child is absent due to illness and that holiday absences cannot normally be authorised. If you are experiencing difficulties with attendance, please speak to our friendly and supportive pastoral team – we are here to help.

Author Visit - Lindsay Galvin



We are delighted that Lindsay Galvin is coming to talk to the KS2 children on Thursday 22nd October. She has written so many fantastic books that are in our library and it is such an opportunity to meet her. The teachers have sent home information regarding buying a signed copy of one of her books or you can send cash on the day.

Poppy Appeal

From next Thursday, some of our prefects will be supporting the Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and other remembrance items on the front playground at the end of the school day. Donations can be made in cash, or you can use the QR code available to pay by card. Thank you for supporting this important cause.





Things to know



Dates for your diary

Fri 23rd Oct – INSET DAY

Mon 26th Oct – HALF TERM

Tue 3rd Nov – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Thu 5th Nov – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Fri 6th Nov – UK/Thailand walk to church

Fri 6th Nov – Firework Evening PTA

Fri 13th Nov – Children In Need Day – spots or pyjamas – No football kits

Mon 16th Nov – Anti-Bullying week – odd socks to support this

Fri 27th Nov – Christingles

Fri 4th Dec – Advent Eucharist – Parents are welcome

Fri 4th Dec – Christmas Grotto at the Village Hall PTA

Tue 8th Dec – Ita/Ind/Aus Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm

Wed 9th Dec – Ita/Ind/Aus Christmas Production 5pm

Tue 15th Dec – UK/Tha Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm

Wed 16th Dec – Christmas Meal and Disco

Thur 17th Dec – Pantomime for the whole school

Fri 18th Dec – Christmas jumper day and Christmas Eucharist – TERM ENDS

Mon 4th Jan – Back to School



Celebration Assembly

A huge well done to **USA Class** for their wonderful assembly yesterday! The children shared their learning about rainforests, showcasing some fantastic artwork inspired by their topic. Millie impressed us with a demonstration of her clarinet playing, while Teddy treated us to a guitar demonstration. The class also sang a times tables song, showing just how much progress they have already made this term. We are very proud of all their hard work and confidence in sharing their learning with parents. Well done, everyone!

Celebration Assemblies

Please come and join us at 9am on these dates so the children can share their learning with parents / carers.

SL – Thur 22nd Oct **Australia** – Thur 5th Nov

India – Thur 12th Nov **Italy** – Thur 19th Nov

NZ – Wed 25th Nov **Thai (Year 1's)** – Thur 26th Nov



Learning Curriculum

English

Year 2 have been exploring the features of fact files and thinking about how to present information clearly. We look forward to seeing their fantastic finished pieces!

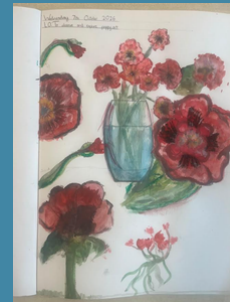


Art Work

Look at this fabulous painting that Macie (Chi) has produced at home. What an incredibly talented artist she is; we're thrilled that she shared it with us all.

WW2

As part of their topic on World War 2, China, South Africa and Japan class have been studying poppies in their art work.



Benedict's Law



Sophia from Australia Class is proudly putting up the first Benedict's Law poster! She designed these posters to raise awareness of allergies and promote understanding, inclusion and safety throughout our school. Her fantastic design will be displayed around the school to help spread this important message. Well done, Sophia, for making such a positive difference to our school community!



Loving Celebrations

House Cup

The school uses ClassDojo as a positive encouragement tool to build a supportive learning environment and keep parents connected. Children can earn ClassDojo points by demonstrating positive behaviours, hard work and school pride throughout the day and by demonstrating school values:

- Showing the core Christian and community values upheld by the school.
- Positive behaviour: Displaying kindness, respect, and good conduct around the classrooms and school grounds.
- Effort and focus: Putting great energy into their daily lessons and tasks.
- Achievements: Celebrating individual successes, academic milestones, and excellent work.
- Teachers track these points digitally in real-time, allowing families to see updates and celebrate their child's daily successes from home.



This weeks winners are -
St Mary's (Blue)



Loving Celebrations



Vine Leaves

Malakai (Chi) - Service and Kindness - for being so committed to keeping our school grounds clean and tidy each lunchtime. **Albert (NZ) - Courage** - for trying really hard each morning. **Teddy (SL) - Wisdom** - for his dedication to reading at home this term, his reading record is full to the brim with reading.

Ava, Macie and Teagan (Chi) - Love and Compassion - for continuously offering friendship and support to other classmates when they need it, even if these are children they do not normally play with. **Henry (UK) - Kindness** - for filling up another child's water bottle and offering to help others. **Ava, Amber and Penelope (USA) - Perseverance** - for practising and overcoming their nerves to read their parts in the class celebration assembly extremely well.

Achievements

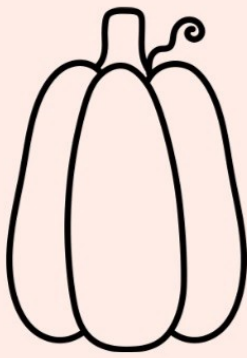


Teddy (USA) - awarded Player of the Match at a rugby tournament

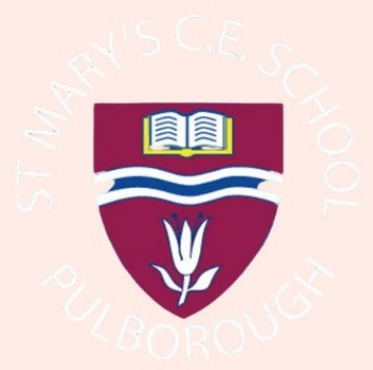


Bertie (SL) - awarded Player of the Week at rugby





FRIENDS OF ST
MARY'S PTA



HALLOWS EVE COLOURING COMPETITION



£1 PER COLOURING SHEET



SEPARATE CATEGORIES FOR KS1 & KS2

WINNERS CHOSEN BY MRS COPUS!

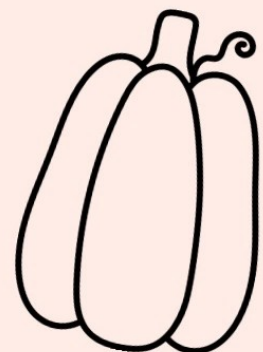
KS1 PRIZE: FISHERS FARM TICKETS

KS2 PRIZE: CONTINUE ARCADE CHICHESTER
VOUCHER

COLOURING SHEETS CAN BE
PURCHASED ON THE PLAYGROUND
AT PICK UP 19TH - 22ND OCT FROM
3:15PM

RETURN YOUR COLOURING SHEETS
TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 2ND
NOVEMBER

WINNER WILL BE PICKED ON
THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER



GOOD LUCK !!



Jigsaw Festival

St Mary's Church, Pulborough

Sat 14 Nov 10-4

OVER 100 PUZZLES FOR SALE

Inc children's & vintage

500/1000/2000 pieces

ALL MAKES, SHAPES & SIZES

TEA, COFFEE, CAKES & SCONES AVAILABLE

Proceeds to Education West Africa
(supporting schools in Sierra Leone)

Calling all jigsaw
puzzle lovers



STALL HOLDERS

WANTED

FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY
5th DECEMBER
12.00-4.00pm

Local stall holders
come and join our
Christmas Market
at The Anchorage
Care Home!



Showcase your festive goods and gifts with the
local community and support our residents

Premium Care Group
Quality Homes

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