



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 25

Thursday 18th December 2025

Mrs Bennett End of Term Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Mary's,

As we come to the end of a truly wonderful term, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved and celebrated within our school community. Our vision, *"Shine as lights in the world"*, has been evident in so many ways – through learning, kindness, and the joy of shared experiences.

This term has been filled with exciting opportunities for our children. Year 4 enjoyed a delicious and educational trip to Cadbury World, while Year 6 explored the splendour of Waddesdon Manor. Year 2 were inspired by science and discovery at the Science Museum, and Year 3 delved into history at the Oxford Museum. Year 5 had an unforgettable time on their residential at Gulliver's World, building resilience and teamwork.

Our children have truly embodied our values by thinking of others. From acts of kindness within school to litter picking in the local community and collecting food for the local food bank, they have demonstrated compassion and responsibility. These moments remind us that shining as lights means making a difference beyond the classroom.

On the sports field, our pupils have once again excelled. At the Turn Furlong cross-country event, Afie in Year 3 achieved an incredible second place.

Both our boys' and girls' football teams are currently top of their respective leagues – a testament to their hard work and determination.

Christmas celebrations have brought joy and togetherness to our school. The beautiful Nine Lessons and Carols service, the heart-warming EYFS singalong, the spectacular KS1 production of "Lights, Camel, Action", and Year 4's moving Christingle service have all reminded us of the true meaning of this season.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and, most importantly, our wonderful children for making this term so special. I wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas and look forward to another exciting term ahead.

With kind regards

Staffing update

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss McEwan. Since joining us in September 2023, she has been a wonderful and valued member of our Early Years team. We will miss her greatly and wish her all the very best in her travels ahead.

Looking to January we are excited to announce the following staff members;

Mr Carter – Assistant head of inclusion

Miss Larter – EYFS Phase lead/Buttercups class teacher

Miss Blakeman – LSA

Miss Dale - LSA

'Shine as Lights in the World!'

Autumn Term Attendance 2025-26 95.7%

- Reception – 85.7%
- Year 1 – 94.3%
- Year 2 – 95.6%
- Year 3 – 97.0%
- Year 4 – 96.1%
- Year 5 – 96.6%
- Year 6 – 95.1%

House Winner

Congratulations to Park who have earned the most house points this half term. They will have a mufti-day on Friday 9th January 2026.

Dates for the Diary – Spring Term

05/01/26	Return to school
09/01/26	Parks house mufti day
05/02/26	Y4 swimming 05/02-27/03/26
9/2/26	Y5 trip to Science Museum (London)
10/02/26	Parents' evening (online)
11/02/26	Parents' evening (f2f)
12/02/26	Parents' information session – safer internet usage
12/02/26	Coffee morning (mental health) 9-9.45
12/02/26	Break up for half term (15.20)
13/02/26	INSET day (pupils do not attend)
16-20/02/26	February Half Term
23/02/26	Return to school
04/03/26	Y1 Collective Worship
06/03/26	National prayer day
06/03/26	Someone Special Shop Mothers Day
11/03/26	Y4 Collective Worship
13/03/26	Reception Mothers' and people special to us Day celebration
18/03/26	Y2 Collective Worship
20/03/26	Comic Relief (children wear red)
20/03/26	School Disco - PTA
24/03/26	Yr 2 Great Fire of London Day
25/03/26	Y6 Collective Worship
26/03/26	Coffee morning – inclusion (9-9.45)
26/03/26	Nursery Break up for Easter
27/03/26	Break up for Easter (13.30)
TBC	Y3 & Y5 Collective Worship

Updating Contact details

We have this term, been sending home a year's group at a time, data collection sheets so we can ensure that MCAS holds the most up to date contact numbers and addresses for your child, your family and your contacts. If you have not received these yet they will be coming home in January.

We cannot stress how important it is that we hold the most up to date information, so we know who to contact in the event of illness/injury of your children. This is also used by Buckinghamshire council to cross check any school transfer requests (Primary, Secondary and in-year)

We would also like to remind you to complete the parental consents on MCAS.

Clubs – Years 1 to 6

We have run a number of clubs over the Autumn Term with year 1's getting their first taste of our after-school clubs.

The new clubs form is now live to apply for the Spring clubs and will close on Sunday 4th January 2026 and was sent via MCAS on 12th December.

Before putting your child's name down for a club please take the time to discuss with your child the club they may wish to attend.

You will be made aware of your child's allocation of club before they begin on 12th January.

We do where possible try to ensure those who have not had a club previously get the opportunity at least once in an academic year, therefore if your child had a club this term we would like to manage your child's expectations for the coming term.

Please look out for separate communications regarding GameOn Clubs

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