



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2026

Friday 27th March 2026

Mrs Bennett End of Term Report

As we reach the end of another busy and joy-filled term at St Mary's, I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the many highlights that have made this term so special.

One of our greatest celebrations was our excellent SIAMS inspection. The report affirmed what we already know to be true every day — that St Mary's is a school rooted in love, warmth, and a deep sense of community. Our children continue to shine their lights brightly, showing kindness, curiosity, and a genuine desire to do their best. It was wonderful to see the inspectors recognise the strength of our values and the way they permeate the life of our school.

Our pupils have enjoyed a rich and varied term of learning experiences. Our young carers had a memorable day out at Whipsnade Zoo — a well-deserved opportunity for them to relax, have fun, and enjoy time together. Year 2 also stepped back in time during their brilliant Great Fire of London day, bringing history alive with creativity, excitement, and plenty of hands-on learning.

We have continued to shine on the sports field as well, with both our girls' and boys' football teams excelling in their local leagues. Their determination, teamwork, and enthusiasm have been inspiring, and we are extremely proud of all they have achieved.

As always, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our parents and carers. Your support for the school and your children's learning makes an enormous difference, and we are deeply grateful for your ongoing partnership with us.

I wish you all a restful and happy break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another wonderful term ahead.

Staffing update

We would like to wish Miss Flower and her family well as she leaves us at the end of this term on Maternity Leave. Miss Flowers class that she shares with Mrs Gooding will be covered Mr Carter Wednesday to Friday.

Spring Term Attendance 2025-26 96.4%

- Reception – 95.8%
- Year 1 – 95.8%
- Year 2 – 96.8%
- Year 3 – 97.3%
- Year 4 – 96.7%
- Year 5 – 97.2%
- Year 6 – 94.5%

House Winner

Congratulations to Winton who have earned the most house points this half term. They will have a multi-day on Friday 17th April 2026.

'Shine as Lights in the World!'

Dates for the Diary – Summer Term

13/04/26	Return to School
27/04/26	Echoes Royal Albert Hall
11-14/05/26	Y6 SATS
16/05/26	PTA – May Fayre
21/05/26	Cultural diversity day
21/05/26	Coffee morning – culture and diversity 9-9.45
21/05/26	Break up (15.20)
22/05/26	INSET day (pupils do not attend)
03-05/06/26	Y 4/5 residential
12/06/26	Someone Special Shop Fathers Day
15-17/06/26	Y6 residential
19/06/26	Reception Fathers' and people special to us Day celebration
19/06/26	Y5 Fire Station to visit school
23/06/26	Y5 Modern Forgein Languages Visit (SHF)
24/06/26	Y5&6 Dance Tournament (pupils tbc) Mandeville School
25/06/26	Y2 Woburn Trip
26/06/26	Sports Day
3/07/26	Sports Day (back up)
10/07/26	Coffee Morning (transition) 9-9.45
10/07/26	Y6 Leavers Disco
16/07/26	Y6 performance (evening)
17/07/26	Y6 performance (afternoon)
20/07/26	Open Afternoon (15.30)
21/07/26	Nursery Break up for the Summer
22/07/26	Break up for summer (13.30)

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 had another run of successful clubs over the Spring.

The new clubs form is now live to apply for the Summer clubs and will close on Sunday 12th April 2026 and was sent via MCAS on 27th March 2026.

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.

Clubs are allocated for one school term only— Autumn, Spring, and Summer. Waiting lists are cleared at the end of each term, and parents are required to reapply for clubs for the following term.

Clubs are allocated with the aim of ensuring that as many children as possible are able to access at least one club per term. Priority is given to disadvantaged pupils and pupils who have not previously attended a club. Once those places have been allocated, any remaining spaces are then offered to pupils on the waiting list. This approach is intended to ensure fairness and equity across the year groups.

Please look out for separate communications regarding Game On Clubs that will be sent out this evening at 6pm.

Summer Weather

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child brings a **clearly named sunhat** to school each day. We also ask that all children have suncream applied **before** they arrive in the morning.

If you would like your child to reapply their own suncream during the day, they may bring a **named bottle** to stay in school. Please hand this directly to the class teacher; it will be kept safely in school, and we will know when children are reapplying their cream. Please **NO NUT** products.

Thank you for helping us keep the children safe and protected in the sunshine.

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