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ST MARY'S C E PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to a new year at St Mary's.

Welcome back to a brand new school year! It has been a joy to see the children return after the summer break, full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. We've had a very positive and successful start to the term, and I'd like to thank you all for your continued support in helping the children come back to school prepared and excited for the year ahead.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Reception pupils and their families. The children have settled incredibly well into school life, quickly adapting to new routines and making new friends. We are very proud of how confident, curious and eager they have been – a fantastic start to their learning journey with us.

I'm also pleased to share that the School Council have already been busy this term and have gathered pupil voice to make an

important decision. After thoughtful discussion and a vote, they have chosen the NSPCA as our school charity for the year. We look forward to supporting this important cause through various fundraising events and activities.

Over the last week, we have also seen the completion of our building works. We now have a brand-new roof on part of the school, along with 64 solar panels installed to help us reduce our environmental impact. In addition, the middle part of the school now benefits from modern electric heating.

As we look ahead, there is so much to be excited about this year. From upcoming trips and assemblies to performances, sports and PTA events, the calendar is already filling up with opportunities for our pupils to thrive and shine both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to another fantastic year of learning, growth and 'Bringing out the Best in each other'.

Mr Warland

Solar Panels

We are very excited to share that we are now generating electricity for the school via our new solar 'field', situated above the middle section of our school. Alongside Mrs. Joel and Mr. Wright, our School Council, 10:10 team, will be monitoring how much electricity we are generating and how much we are saving by comparing our typical electricity costs to our new ones. They look forward to sharing updates with you about this.



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Bringing out the best in each other...
that all may know 'Life in all its fullness'. John 10

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FOSM Events Calendar 2025/26:

Thank you to everyone who supported or attended our first FOSM event of the year: Autumn Discos. We are working to raise money to improve the play experiences of our pupils by installing new resources and equipment in our playground areas. (New designs are being drawn up over the coming weeks.) If you would like to get involved and join FOSM in putting on the events that support the school so well, please contact Sarah on: 07703070039.

FOSM Events Calendar 2025- 2026	
Disco - Infants (Reception, Y1 and Y2) from 3:30 - 4:30 Junior school (Y3 - Y6) from 4:45 - 5:45	3 rd October 25
Reception and KS1 Movie Night 3:30 - 5:15	18 th November 25
KS2 Movie Night 3:30 - 5:15	20 th November 25
Christmas Fair 15.30 – 17.00	5 th December 25
Reception and KS1 Movie Night 3:30 - 5:15	20 th January 26
KS2 Movie Night 3:30 - 5:15	22 nd January 26
Disco - Infants (Reception, Y1 and Y2) from 3:30 - 4:30 Junior school (Y3 - Y6) from 4:45 - 5:45	20 th March 26
Summer Fair 3:30 - 5:30	5 th of June 26
Summer Disco - Infants (Reception, Y1 and Y2) from 3:30 - 4:30 Junior school (Y3 - Y6) from 4:45 - 5:45	19 th June 26

Celebrating Sports Events

There has already been an active start to the year with a number of after school sports activities taking place.

Both the boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 have competed in football league tournaments and represented the school and themselves extremely well. Year 6 have also taken part in a Mixed Basketball competition; our team finished in the top half of the schools competing and we were really proud of the way that they supported one another. We also had the opportunity to compete in a 3 x 3 Basketball competition. We entered both a girls and boys team; our girls came second and boys won but most importantly, both our teams were recognised for the positive approach that they took to the games and how they encouraged and supported other teams, demonstrating the best of our school values. Year 4 have been given a number of opportunities to represent the school in a Tag Rugby taster session, a Multi-skills session and Super 6 Athletics; again, they showed excellent perseverance and positive attitudes to these games.

For the rest of the term, there will be opportunities in cross country, dodgeball, indoor cricket and Netball.

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School Dates for your Diary:



You can synchronise our calendar with your own using the calendar on our school website. Visit: <https://www.stmarys-sellyoak.co.uk/calendar-of-events/> or scan the QR Code:



08.10.25	15.40 – 18.20 Parents Evening
09.10.25	15.40 – 18.20 Parents Evening
23.10.25	14.00 – 15.00 Encourage Harvest Service at Church
24.10.25	09.30 – 10.30 Encourage Harvest Service at Church
	27.10.25 – 30.10.25 Half Term Holidays
03.11.25	No School Today (Staff INSET)
04.11.25	Children return to school
06.11.25	09.30 – 10.45 New Reception 2026 Open Morning
11.11.25	09.30 – 10.45 New Reception 2026 Open Morning
12.11.25	14.30-15.30 5Otters Parent Workshop - school hall – enter Lodgehill Playground
13.11.25	14.30-15.30 5Beavers Parent Workshop - school hall – enter Lodgehill Playground
11.11.25	17.00 – 18.15 New Reception 2026 Open Evening
18.11.25	05.30-17.15 Infant Movie Night
19.11.25	09.00 – 09.45 4Peacocks Class Assembly
20.11.25	09.00 – 09.45 4Flamingos Class Assembly
20.11.25	05.30-17.15 KS2 Movie Night
26.11.25	09.00 – 09.45 2Kingfishers Class Assembly
26.11.25	14.30-15.30 Reception Chameleons Parent Workshop - school hall – enter <u>Lodgehill PG</u>
27.11.25	09.00 – 09.45 2Woodpeckers Class Assembly
26.11.25	14.30-15.30 Reception Geckos Parent Workshop - school hall – enter <u>Lodgehill PG</u>
02.12.25	Rec and KS1 Theatre Trip – The owl who came to tea
03.12.25	09.00 – 09.45 6Dragonflies Class Assembly
04.12.25	09.00 – 09.45 6Grasshoppers Class Assembly
05.12.25	15.30 – 17.30 Christmas Fair – Volunteers please contact Sarah: 07703070039
09.12.25	17.00 - 18.30 Music Electives and Choir Christmas Concert
10.12.25	Christmas Dinner Day
15.12.25	Christmas Theatre Company visiting school for KS2
16.12.25	09.30 – 10.30 Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance
17.12.25	09.30 – 10.30 Reception and KS1 Nativity Performance
18.12.25	14.00-15.00 KS2 Christmas Carol Service at Church
19.12.25	09.30 – 10.30 Reception and KS1 Christmas Service at Church
	22.12.25 – 02.01.26 Christmas Holidays
05.01.26	No School Today (Staff INSET)
06.01.26	Children return to school

A Harvest Time Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the abundance of your creation,
especially the food we eat and the beauty of your world.
We are grateful for your gifts and ask that you help us to take
care of the earth and share what we have generously with
others.
Amen

