



St Mary's CofE Primary School

Parent Newsletter



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Farewells

We wish our Year 6 leavers every happiness as they look forward to the next chapter of their school journey. They have shown great application in preparing themselves for secondary education and have had to develop skills of independence far more than most groups who have left the school in recent years. They will be missed but we look forward to hearing of their successes in the years ahead. We also send our best wishes to families whose association with St Mary's draws to a close and thank them for their support. We say goodbye to Mrs Neild who leaves St Mary's next week. We thank her for her work over the past two terms and wish her well for the future.

Finally, we bid farewell to Mrs Price - our long-serving Office Manager who has given wonderful service to the school over so many years. We wish her a long and happy retirement and thank her for everything she has done for St Mary's.

Staffing from September

A list of next year's teachers and classes was sent earlier this month; please contact us if you did not receive a copy. Beyond the classroom, we have two new members of staff joining our office team – Miss Xola and Miss Avery – and we look forward to welcoming both of them in September.

Key Stage Two Outcomes - 2022

Our pupils have shown fantastic resilience despite the disruption to their education over the past two years. Our Year 6 have epitomised this and performed brilliantly in their recent national tests. The proportions of children reaching the national standard or better are shown in the figures below:

- Reading: 85% (national – 74%)
- Writing: 80% (national - 69%)
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: 78% (national - 72%)
- Mathematics: 86% (national – 71%)

Well done to the children and huge thanks to the Year 6 team and all of the adults who have supported them throughout their time at St Mary's.

An End of Year Prayer

Dear God,
We thank you for the strength you have given to us during this school year.
We think of those who will be moving on from St Mary's to begin new journeys and we ask you to bless them in your love.
Amen

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child during the summer break, then contact the Birmingham Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121-303-1888.

Term Dates 2022 - 2024

We close for the summer break next **Thursday 21st July** and will reopen for all pupils on **Tuesday 6th September**.

- Aut 1:** Tues 6th September – Fri 21st October 2022
- Aut 2:** Tues 1st November – Fri 16th December 2022
- Spr 1:** Weds 4th January – Fri 17th February 2023
- Spr 2:** Mon 27th February – Fri 31st March 2023
- Sum 1:** Mon 17th April – Fri 26th May 2023
- Sum 2:** Mon 5th June – Fri 21st July 2023

Staff training days (where school is closed) are:

- Monday 5th September 2022
- Monday 31st October 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Monday 24th July and Tuesday 25th July 2023

In addition, please find below term dates for the **2023/2024 academic year** with the intention that early notice enables holidays to be planned outside term time.

- Aut 1:** Tues 5th September – Fri 27th October 2023
- Aut 2:** Tues 7th November – Fri 22nd December 2023
- Spr 1:** Mon 8th January – Fri 9th February 2024
- Spr 2:** Mon 19th February – Fri 22nd March 2024
- Sum 1:** Tues 9th April – Fri 24th May 2024
- Sum 2:** Mon 3rd June – Thurs 18th July 2024

Staff training days (where school will be closed) are:

- Monday 4th September 2023
- Monday 6th November 2023
- Monday 8th April 2024
- Friday 19th July and Monday 22nd July 2024

Friends of St Mary's (FOSM)

Many thanks to all who organised last week's first summer fair in three years and to all who supported this event. It raised over £1300 and this will go towards purchasing a new sound system for the hall that will make the production of class assemblies, Christmas events and general day-to-day teaching a far better experience for everyone.

There is a full calendar of events planned for the new academic year including the return of the very popular discos. If you would like to get involved in supporting the work of the group, please get in touch via school in September.

Thank you for your support throughout this academic year. The cooperation and goodwill on the part of the school community has been of huge help this year. We wish you all a peaceful summer and look forward to our return in September.



