



Weekly Newsletter

Monday 27th February 2017



Head of School's Message:

Starting a new half-term is always enjoyable. New learning begins and our teachers plan ways which captivate their pupils' imaginations and creates enthusiasm around new areas of learning. In year 4, the children started their new topic all about solid, liquids and gases. The children observed properties of solids and liquids by exploring the changes of an ice sculpture. Next week the classes will be planning their own experiments to investigate the speed at which ice melts.

Year 5 Attlee have been very busy this week caring for new members of their class-sun beetles! Currently they are in their larval stage and need a supply of fresh fruit and water in order to prosper. Luckily, our Year 5 pupils are always ensuring they are well fed and watered. As the children are learning about life cycles, this is a great opportunity to see science in action. The children will watch them grow, pupate and change into fully grown sun beetles which will be bright yellow in colour.

I look forward to seeing you at our parents' evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. Have an enjoyable week.

Faye Rider

Head of School

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5%. Last week our attendance was back on track and we achieved 96.78%. Well done.

Attendance Winner

The improvement in our overall school attendance was reflected in classes this week with 2 Wilson, 2 Morris and 3 Wilson all achieving 100% attendance. Well done to those classes!

Punctuality Awards

Year 6 had a great week for punctuality, with everyone being here on time every single day. Keep it up Year 6.

However, punctuality overall was poor last week, with 68 children receiving late marks. However, there was the tube strike, and Storm Doris to contend with and there were many disrupted journeys. Storm Ewan seems to have passed us by – so far, so hopefully punctuality will improve this week.

As a little reminder: Punctuality is so important for your child's education. Don't forget,

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!

10 minutes late = 6 days lost!

15 minutes late = 9 days lost!

20 minutes late = 12 days lost!, and

30 minutes late = 18 days lost!

We know that every minute counts so please try to get here on time every day

Parent Consultation Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday and Thursday after school for our Parental consultations. Entrance will be via the gym through Chestnut Avenue South and not via the main school entrance.

Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children who had an excellent start to the term and were nominated for Star of the Week in assembly on Friday 10th Feb:

- 1A Aliza and John
- 1M Lorrian and Milo
- 1W Bianka and Sophie
- 2A Arthur and Dawid
- 2M Amelle and Natty
- 2W Rebecca and Reniah
- 3A Treyvon and Amber
- 3M Eliza and Emilia W
- 3W Milo and Aaron
- 4A Monife and Elina
- 4M Kelsey and De'Andre
- 4W Micah and Fawn
- 5A Livia and Mila
- 5M Jasmine and Tominson
- 5W Jeverl and Ethan
- 6A Demmy and Ellie

Well done to all of you keep up the good work!





WORLD BOOK DAY

On the 2nd of March it is World Book Day. We can't wait to see which characters will greet us in costume in the morning. Each class will be exploring a text for the whole day with creative and engaging activities planned to really inspire our future authors.

Don't forget that our Book Fair is still in school with a fabulous array of books for sale. Do come and have a look before or after school each day.

Safety Awareness

With more and more traffic on the roads, please could we ask those of you who drive your children to school to be vigilant when driving and manoeuvring around any of the rounds around school. There have been a couple of near-miss accidents in Brooke Road, and in Chestnut Avenue North and South. Drivers, please be aware of families walking to and from school and of children who use their scooters too. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Don't forget to keep collecting the Sainsburys vouchers for us. Please encourage friends and family to save too! Thanks.

Red Nose Day

24th March will be Red Nose Day this year. From next Monday, 6th March, we will be selling Red Noses at the school office at a cost of £1 each. We have got 120 and once they are gone, they're gone!



Class Corner

4 Wilson have come back to school after our February half term with lots of enthusiasm. We have started to read an exciting new book - KrindleKrax - in our literacy lessons and we will be working hard to write our own suspense stories over the coming weeks. In maths, we have been busy plotting coordinates, translating shapes and exploring ratio. We have been looking forward to a visit from the Science Dome today where we will be able to immerse ourselves in all things sound!

Class 4 Wilson

After School Activity Clubs

Clubs begin again today but as advised to those who successfully gained a place, will not be happening on Wednesday or Thursday this week due to Parents Evening. This applies to Year 6 boosters too.

Wood Street Crossing

Don't forget that the Wood Street crossing will be unmanned on the afternoon of Thursday 2nd March. Please take extra care on the way home from school if you cross Wood Street.

SHINE and Achievement School

SHINE and Achievement School are both continuing here at St Mary's. Payment of £15 is now due if you have not yet done so, and may be paid via ParentPay. Dates for the second half of this term are:

SHINE and ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL at St Mary's Spring
March 4 th 2017
March 11 th 2017
March 18 th 2017 – NB this is a full day for SHINE – 8am to 6pm
March 25 th 2017

Weekly Reflections Our value of the week is: Forgiveness



And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins'

Mark 11:25

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Year 4's Ice experiments



Year 5 are anxiously awaiting the hatching of our Sun Beetles



Key dates and times for the Spring Term 2017

<i>Monday 27th February 2017</i>	<i>4pm – Parent Workshop – School Vision</i>
<i>Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March 2017</i>	<i>Parents Evening</i>
<i>Thursday 2nd March 2017</i>	<i>World Book day</i>
<i>Monday 6th March 2017</i>	<i>Year 2 Open Week sessions 12.45 to 3.20 Year 3 and 4 Open Week sessions 1.00 to 3.20 4pm – Parent Workshop - Science</i>
<i>Wednesday 8th March 2017</i>	<i>Year 1 Open Week sessions 12.45 to 3.20 Year 5 Open Week sessions 1.00 to 3.20</i>
<i>Thursday 9th March 2017</i>	<i>5Wilson Class Assembly Year 2 Open Week sessions 12.45 to 3.20 Year 4 Open Week sessions 1.00 to 3.20</i>
<i>Friday 10th March 2017</i>	<i>Year 1 Open Week sessions 12.45 to 3.20 Year 5 Open Week sessions 1.00 to 3.20</i>
<i>Thursday 16th March 2017</i>	<i>3.45-4.45 – Parent Council Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday 23rd March 2017</i>	<i>2 Morris Class assembly</i>
<i>Friday 24th March 2017</i>	<i>Red Nose Day 3.30 – PFA Cake Sale - further details to follow</i>
<i>Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March 2017</i>	<i>Easter Service – further details to follow</i>
<i>Wednesday 29th March 2017</i>	<i>Rescheduled Year 6 Open Week Core Lesson – 9.30 to 11.45 Rescheduled Year 6 Open Week Topic Lesson 1.30 to 3.20</i>
<i>Friday 31st March 2017</i>	<i>School closes at 2pm for Easter Holiday. No After School Club today</i>
<i>Tuesday 18th April 2017</i>	<i>Return to school</i>

St Mary's and St Saviour's Term Dates 2016-2017

Spring Term 2017 - Second Half (30 Days)

Start - Monday 20th February 2017

End – Friday 31st March 2017

Holidays: Monday 3rd April 2017 – Monday 17th April 2017

Summer Term 2017 - First Half (28 Days)

Start – Tuesday 18th April 2017

End - Friday 26th May 2017

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2017 - Friday 2nd June 2017

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2017

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 29th May 2017

Second Half (33 Days) -

Start - Monday 5th June 2017

End -Wednesday 19th July 2017

St Mary's and St Saviour's Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2017 - First Half (33 Days)

INSET – Friday 1st September, Monday 4th September 2017, Tuesday 5th September 2017

Start – Wednesday 6th September 2017

End – Thursday 19th October 2017

INSET – Friday 20th October 2017

Half Term: Monday 23rd October 2017 - Friday 27th October 2017

Second Half (38 Days)

Start – Monday 30th October 2017

End – Wednesday 20th December 2017

Holidays: Thursday 21st December 2017 to Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Spring Term 2018 - First Half (26 Days)

INSET – Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Start – Thursday 4th January 2018

End - Friday 9th February 2018

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2017 - Friday 16th February 2018

Second Half (29 Days)

Start - Monday 19th February 2018

End – Thursday 29th March 2018

Holidays: Friday 30th March to Thursday 12th April 2018

Summer Term 2018 - First Half (30 Days)

INSET – Friday 13th April 2018

Start - Monday 16th April 2018

End - Friday 25th May 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May 2018 - Friday 1st June 2018

Holidays May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May 2018

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 28th May 2018 (during Half Term)

Second Half (35 Days)

Start - Monday 4th June 2018

End –Friday 20th July 2018

This calendar gives a total of 195 days (190 pupil days plus 5 inset days).