



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good

The theme of Power for Good has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.



This week we have been thinking about what bullying is and the impact bullying can have on people. We started off on Monday with an 'Odd Socks Day.' This helped children to think about the differences in us all and how we should celebrate them.

Over the course of the week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about how acts of kindness can have an enormous impact on us as individual people and our school community.

## Uniform

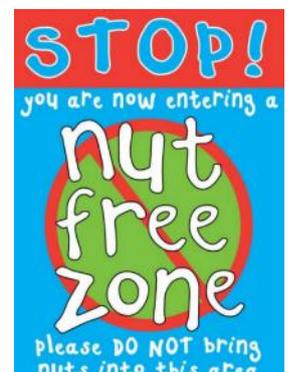


Please remember if you need any uniform for your child that is second hand but in good condition, please come along to the school office and we will try our hardest to support you.

## A gentle reminder: we are a nut-free school

To help keep all our children safe, please ensure that nuts and items containing nuts are not brought into school — whether as snacks or in packed lunches.

We do have children with nut allergies, and your care and understanding make a real difference in helping us prevent allergic reactions



## A kind reminder for families in the KS2 playground



If you're in the playground before or after school, please keep a close eye on your children. The equipment here is designed for older pupils and may not be safe for younger ones.

Thank you for helping us keep all children safe and happy at pla

## BBC Children in Need

We had a wonderful day in school supporting *Children in Need*, filled with colour, kindness, and community spirit. From spotty socks to Pudsey ears, it was fantastic to see so many children and staff getting involved and showing their support.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised **£162** — a brilliant total that will help make a real difference to children and families across the UK.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, dressed up, and joined in



## Parent Survey Results

We recently asked you to complete a parent survey to share your views about the school and the Trust and we will hopefully be able to share the findings of this very soon. Please keep an eye out on for this in your inbox.

## Why Attendance Matters at St Mary's

At St Mary's, we place great value on good attendance because we know how important it is for both the academic and personal development of our children.

Regular attendance means children don't miss out on valuable learning experiences — helping them to achieve their best and build confidence in the classroom. It also supports the development of key life skills like responsibility and self-discipline, which will serve them well in the future.

We work closely with our Trust Attendance Lead, Mrs Karen Harvey, to monitor attendance and support families where needed. Thank you for helping us give every child the best possible start.



**Don't let your child miss out - every school day counts**

Attending regularly is vital for your child's happiness and success in school.

We know that pupils with good school attendance – of 95% or more – are far more likely to achieve the expected level in their primary school tests at age 11 and go onto gain good passes in their GCSEs at age 16.

Every day your child is not in classes means they're less likely than their classmates to do well in school.

## Santa Fun Run – Coming Soon!

We're excited to share that all schools across the Trust will be taking part in this year's Santa Fun Run, taking place on Friday 5th December!

Last year, we raised a staggering amount for *Rainbows*, and we're hoping to do just as well this time around. Keep an eye out for our JustGiving page, which will be live shortly.

To help us get into the festive spirit, we're asking children to wear Santa hats or Christmas-themed headwear. Please also make sure they're dressed warmly, with coats and wellies, ready for some outdoor fun!

Attendance  
of the week

**Class R – 97.78%**



Happy Lunchtimes  
Class  
of the Week

**Class 1 & Class 5**

**Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.” 1 Corinthians 16 vs 13-14**

# Dates to Remember 2025-2026

Below are dates for this academic year. We will continue to add new dates, and these will be added in green.



Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November – Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Mayor's Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church 6.30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa Fun Run (details to follow)
	FoSMS Disco – To be Confirmed
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 2pm (1 <sup>st</sup> showing)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 2pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> showing)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity 2pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Coffee Morning 9.15am
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 Cinema Trip
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Panto Trip
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of Autumn Term!</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Back to School – Spring Term 1</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Inset Day – School Closed to all Pupils</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Half Term</b>