



## Head's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had in school! We have had World Book Week, our very own St Mary's careers event, and children representing the school at various events. So many highlights for the week!

On Wednesday, we hosted our very own careers event. The day was a huge success, providing our children with an exciting opportunity to explore a wide range of professions and begin thinking about their futures in a meaningful way.

Throughout the event, it was a truly heartening to see the enthusiasm and curiosity of the children as they engaged with our guest speakers. From scientists and engineers to artists and healthcare professionals, each visitor shared their career journeys with passion and encouraged our children to dream big. The interactive sessions not only sparked excitement but also broadened our children's understanding of the diverse opportunities available.

Our guest speakers commented on the exemplary behaviour of the children, their impeccable manners and kindness towards others. I would like to thank the guest speakers for their time and inspiration in supporting our children at St Mary's.

Another highlight of the week has been our 'World Book Week' – from having mystery teachers read a story in classes, buddy and parent reading, a book sale to dressing up as a book character. Undoubtedly, the highlight of the week was Thursday when the school was filled with characters from books. The creativity and effort put into the costumes were truly amazing – thank you.

It was lovely to have the fundraising group joining in with the dressing up too. The World Book Day book sale raised £48.40. Thank you for the book donations and the fundraising group for organising the activity.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's World Book Week a success and thank you to all you parents and carers for continuing the passion for books and reading at home.

Many children represented the school this week in various activities. The Year 6 football team played St Georges away. Even though it was a respectable defeat, we showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. Our chess teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in a very tight tournament with Theo winning all of his matches against the other teams. And, Year 6 girls, attended a STEM event at Shrewsbury Girls High School.

Next week, I am excited to be taking part in the UK-Ukraine partnership workshops led by the British Council in Poland. We are delighted to be working alongside our partner school - Poltava Liceum No13, Poltavaska region. The partnership is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about international school partnerships, exchange ideas to promote reading in classrooms and have a joint online project. Our KS2 children have been busy writing letters to the Ukrainian children and are excited to receive letters from them next week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sarah North

Headteacher

# March Dates & Events



The poster features a central image of a nursery room with bookshelves and toys, surrounded by circular cutouts showing an outdoor play area with a slide and a sun. The text is in a playful, rounded font.

## STAY & PLAY NURSERY

St. Mary's Primary School and Nursery in Shawbury

Tuesday 25th February  
Tuesday 11th March  
Tuesday 25th March  
Tuesday 8th April

Please join us from 1.30pm till 2.30pm on the above dates if your child is turning 3 or 4 years old

Empower  
admin@stmarys.empowermat.co.uk  
Call us on 01939 250323  
St Mary's

If you have a child aged between 2 and 3, please join us on Tuesday 11th March for our next Stay & Play session in our nursery.

**Boogie Bounce** is coming to our school on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March.

The trampolines will be in school for both days. All school children will get a chance to do a Boogie Bounce session. (This does not include nursery)

Please can all children come in PE kit on boths days.

Please consent on Arbor for your child to join in. There is no charge.

Four of our year 5 children are taking part in a **maths challenge** at Wrekin College on **Thursday 13th March.**

We wish them all good luck!

### Science lesson in school

Friday 14th March  
9am to 9.45am

We would like to invite parents to come into school and watch a science lesson in your child's class.

If you have more than one child you can spend around 20 minutes in each class.

Please sign in at the school office and leave mobile phones at home.

We look forward to seeing you

### Gotta Dance

Our dance club are busy rehearsing for their Gotta Dance event which takes place at Theatre Severn on **Tuesday 18th March.**

You should have received a letter this week informing you of all the details of the event including timings and what the children need to bring with them.

Tickets can be purchased direct from Theatre Severn for parents to watch.

Any questions, please speak to Mrs Neesham or ask at the school office.

# March Dates & Events Continued

## Friday 21st March - Down Syndrome Awareness Day & Comic Relief



Our school will be taking part in events on Friday 21st to join in the awareness day for Down Syndrome and Comic Relief.



Children can come to school in non-uniform to include something red for comic relief and wearing odd socks for down syndrome awareness. Please bring a donation which will be split between the two charities.

During the afternoon we will be holding a cake sale, 50p per cake and decorate a biscuit stall, 50p per biscuit. Donations of cakes required for the day.

### Oracy Exhibition

We would like to invite parents into school for our next Oracy Exhibition which takes place on **Thursday 20th March**.

The oracy exhibition will be based around geography plus other subjects

The afternoon will start at 1.45pm and finish at 3pm. During the afternoon you can pop in and out of classes to see what they have been learning about.

### Skills 4 Bills

DLC are coming into to school to play their Skills 4 Bills game with our year 6 children.

They will be here for the morning on Wednesday 19th March giving our year 6 children an awareness of the financial commitments and decisions they will face during their lives. This is a fun session during which time the children will learn some valuable financial skills, in an enjoyable way.



On

Thursday 27th March

(EYF, KS1 & 2)

&

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th

(Nursery)



All items will be £2 each.

Please place money in an envelope with amount and who they are for i.e. mum or grandmother and the number of gifts for each required.

### Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

**Wednesday 26th March**

Mothers Day for mums of children

**Wednesday 9th April**

Grandmothers Day for grandmothers

Both of these sessions will run from 3pm to 4.30pm

The cost of the afternoon tea is £5 for adults and £2.50 per child. Book your place on Arbor now. Places are limited so please book early. Bookings close on Tuesday 18th March



### Rock Kidz Workshop

On Wednesday 2nd April Rock Kidz will be holding a workshop and concert in our school. All classes (not nursery) will be taking part in a workshop.

To get the children involved in the day we would like them to come to school dressed as rock stars.

The bulk of the cost for this fantastic workshop is kindly being covered by the fundraising group. However, there will still be a charge of £1.50 per child for parents to contribute. Please consent and pay on Arbor.

We are all very excited for this event.

### Year 3 & 4 Easter Concert

On Tuesday 1st April our year 3 & 4 children will be performing **'Resurrection Rock'**

The show will start at 3.30pm. A letter has come home today giving you full details and informing you of how you can purchase tickets to watch the show. Tickets are £3 each and we are having to limit two tickets per family due to space in the hall.

Money raised from the tickets will go towards year 3 & 4 summer term school trip.

### PE Dates

<b>Nursery</b>	Monday and Friday
<b>Class 1</b>	Monday and Friday
<b>Class 3</b>	Wednesday & Thursday
<b>Class 4</b>	Wednesday & Thursday
<b>Class 5</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>Class 6</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>Class 7</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>Class 8</b>	Monday & Wednesday
<b>Class 9</b>	Monday & Wednesday
<b>Class 10</b>	Monday & Wednesday

### Other Diary Dates this Half Term

#### **3rd April**

World Autism Day

#### **Thursday 3rd & Tuesday 8th April**

Parent's Evening

#### **Monday 7th April**

Easter Bingo for Elderly Residents

#### **Wednesday 9th April**

Grandmothers Afternoon Tea

#### **Friday 11th April**

Easter Church Service

Last day of term

#### **Saturday 11th April**

Shropshire Primary Half Marathon

### After School Clubs

All after school clubs are running as normal next week.

Year 6 maths club continues on a Tuesday am and Wednesday pm.

**Congratulations to our Chess teams who had a fabulous tournament at Much Wenlock Primary School this Wednesday. Please see the write up below from the organiser.**



**Shropshire Junior Chess**

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Congratulations to [Broseley C of E Primary School](#) for securing 1st place in the Shropshire Qualifier of the ECF Primary Team Chess ♟️ Challenge. They won every match scoring 16.5/20 game points across 5 rounds to take home the trophy 🏆 and the gold medals 🥇. A totally superb performance including a perfect score by Charlie and a near perfect score by Makari 🔥 🔥 🔥 🔥 🔥. We now expect them to receive an invite to the national final where they will pit their wits against the top schools in other regions.

St Mary's had a very strong competition which reflected how much their team has improved this year. They only just fell short in their match against Broseley but won every other match making them worthy silver medal winners 🥈. Theo had another brilliant performance on board 1, winning every match 🔥 🔥 🔥 🔥 🔥. St Mary's B also had a strong tournament finishing 4th including great performances by Charlie E (4/5) and Charlie A (4.5/5). Anyone named Charlie played some fine chess today.

The fight for 3rd place was extremely close with 3 teams scoring 6pts. In the end St Lawrence had the better tiebreak to take home the bronze medals 🥉. Their star performer was Declan on board 2 who won every game 🔥 🔥 🔥 🔥 🔥.

With 10 teams this was one of our larger competitions and we were very pleased to welcome for the first time a yr 4 team from Windmill Primary who have been receiving CSC lessons from Glyn Pugh.

As always the sportsmanship on display from all teams was exemplary 🏆 🏆.

**Also, a huge congratulations to Theo Wood who found out this week that he is officially the under 10's chess champion for Shropshire and will be getting his name on the annual shield/trophy to reflect this. This is worked out over the year of tournaments and the scores he got so it's a great achievement to be number 1 in the county for his age group.**



## *MENU WEEK 3*

### MONDAY

Chicken Goujons, Salmon Cakes, Quorn Bites  
Jacket Potato, Packed Lunch.  
Potato Wedges, Egg Noodles  
Carrots, Broccoli  
Selection of Muffins  
Fresh mixed fruit, Selection of Fruity Yogurts.

### TUESDAY

Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese & Tomato Pizza  
Jacket Potato, Packed Lunch.  
Chips  
Sweetcorn, Baked Beans.  
Selection of Ice-cream  
Fresh mixed fruit, Selection of Fruity Yogurts.

### WEDNESDAY

Sausage, Quorn Sausage  
Jacket Potato, Packed Lunch  
Roast Potato, Mashed Potato  
Green Beans, Carrots, Peas, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy  
Selection of Cookies  
Fresh mixed fruit, Selection of Fruity Yogurts.

### THURSDAY

Chicken Katsu Curry, Vegetable & Chickpea Curry  
Sweet & Sour Chicken  
Jacket Potato, Packed Lunch  
Rice, Mini Naan  
Cauliflower, Peas  
Traybake  
Fresh mixed fruit, Selection of Fruity Yogurts.

### FRIDAY

Meatballs in a tomato sauce, Cheesy Pasta  
Jacket Potato, Packed Lunch.  
Pasta, Garlic Bread  
Sweetcorn, Baked Beans  
Flapjack  
Fresh mixed fruit, Selection of Fruity Yogurts.

**A FRESH SALAD BAR & FRESH BREAD IS AVAILABLE DAILY**

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Dylan  
Caine

Ivy  
Handley

Esmae  
Longland

James  
Tolley

Luna-Rae  
Molloy

Keerat  
Basra

Gabby  
Chalamova





Charlie  
Evans

Alice  
Hearn

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Diary Dates Spring Term 2025

<b>Monday 10th March</b>	British Science Week
<b>Tuesday 11th March</b>	Nursery stay and play
<b>Thursday 13th March</b>	Some year 5 to maths challenge Wrekin College
<b>Friday 14th March</b>	Science lesson in school for parents 9am
<b>Monday 17th March</b>	School of Sanctuary Week
	Boogie Bounce in school Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
<b>Tuesday 18th March</b>	Boogie Bounce in school Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
	Gotta Dance @ Theatre Severn
<b>Wednesday 19th March</b>	Skills 4 Bills in school for year 6
<b>Thursday 20th March</b>	Oracy Exhibition – 1.45pm
<b>Friday 21st March</b>	Down Syndrome Day
<b>Tuesday 25th March</b>	Nursery stay and play
<b>Wednesday 26th March</b>	Mother's Day afternoon tea
<b>Tuesday 1st April</b>	Year 3 & 4 Easter Concert
<b>Wednesday 2nd April</b>	Rockkidz workshop in school
<b>Thursday 3rd April</b>	Parent Consultation
	Autism Awareness Day
<b>Monday 7th April</b>	Easter bingo for the elderly
<b>Tuesday 8th April</b>	Parent Consultation
	Nursery stay and play
<b>Wednesday 9th April</b>	Grandmothers afternoon tea
<b>Thursday 10th April</b>	IRock club concert
<b>Friday 11th April</b>	Easter Church service
<b>Saturday 12th April</b>	Shropshire Primary Half Marathon
<b>Mon 14th – 25th April</b>	Easter holidays

House Points at St Mary's CE Primary School and Nursery			
Peake	Rashford	Thunberg	Webster
			
676	645	642	620



## Week Commencing Monday 10th March in Stars

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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5:00PM - 5:30PM LIGHT SNACK MEAL	5:00PM - 5:30PM LIGHT SNACK MEAL	5:00PM - 5:30PM LIGHT SNACK MEAL	5:00PM - 5:30PM LIGHT SNACK MEAL	4:45PM - 5:10PM LIGHT SNACK MEAL
5:30PM - 6:00PM READING	5:30PM - 6:00PM READING	5:30PM - 6:00PM READING	5:30PM - 6:00PM READING	5:10PM - 5:30PM READING

### Attendance during week starting – 3rd March 2025

Attendance Target – 96%

Attendance This Week – 96.41%

Attendance This Year – 95.9%

**Children who missed morning registration 8.47% (20 children)**

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions.

A morning registration at the start of school – 8.45am and an afternoon registration after lunch— 1pm for the afternoon session.

Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session Including registration.

It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

### Parent Fundraising Group

We are a small team of Parents who are keen to raise extra funds for our school. Throughout the year, we organise extra fun events (big and small) for our school children and wider community.

If you would be interested in joining us or willing to help at an event, please email us or find us on Facebook.

#### Contact details-

**Email-** [fundraising@stmarys.empowermat.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@stmarys.empowermat.co.uk)

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