

St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter—27th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week to end the spring term.

Year 5 enjoyed a truly special afternoon welcoming grandparents and elderly members of our local community into school. The children loved playing board games, chatting and sharing refreshments, and it was heart-warming to see such meaningful conversations and smiles all round. Opportunities like these help our pupils develop confidence, kindness and respect, and strengthen our links with the wider community.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you into school and to hear your positive comments about your children's learning and progress. We greatly value working in partnership with families to ensure every child is supported to thrive and achieve.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils benefitted from inspiring careers afternoons, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Tanner, Mr Smith, Mr Turner and Mr King for generously sharing their time and experiences. It was fantastic for pupils to hear about the wide range of career opportunities across different industries and to ask thoughtful questions about future pathways.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 1/2 hockey team, who achieved second place in their very first competitive school competition. Their sportsmanship, teamwork and exemplary behaviour were a real credit to the school – well done to all involved!

We shared a wonderful service at St Mary's Church, during which we said goodbye to two valued members of staff. Mrs Jones is beginning her maternity leave, and Mr Al-Asmar will be moving on to a new school in Telford. We thank them both for their hard work, commitment and the positive impact they have had on our children and school community, and we wish them every success and happiness. Staffing for the summer term for both classes has been finalised and Class 1 will be taught by Mrs Thorpe, and Class 8 will be Mrs Cartwright and Mrs Morris-Roberts, who will be job-sharing. Mrs Morris-Roberts has worked as a teacher across schools within Empower Trust and will be a real asset to St Mary's.

Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 13th April 2026

Sarah North
Headteacher

Parents SATs Meeting

We will be holding a meeting for our year 6 parents to discuss the SATs arrangements on

Wednesday 15th April at 3.30pm

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

Maths club will continue for 2 weeks after the Easter holidays.

Year 6 Bikeability Training

If your child has signed up to bikeability training, we will be letting you know after Easter which group they are in and which days they need to bring their bike and helmet to school.

Please sign up on the portal if you haven't already.

Shropshire half marathon

The children are doing really well running their miles in school.

They will have 2 weeks in school to run the final miles before the attending the final mile at the West Mid Showground on

Saturday 25th April.

Your child should have received their colouring chart and wrist band. T-shirts will be coming home after the Easter holidays.



After School Clubs

After school clubs available next half term

Monday

All ages Archery (outside agency)

Tuesday

All ages Padel/Pickle Ball (outside agency)

KS2 Dance Club—new members welcome

Wednesday

KS1 Multi Sports Club

Girls/boys football team training

Thursday

KS2 Hockey/Golf Club

Year 4, 5 & 6 Chess Club

Clubs will be available to book on Arbor from 9am Monday 13th April

Maths club will continue on a Monday for the first two weeks

Oral Health Lesson

The school nurse will be coming into school on

Tuesday 28th April

to run an oral health lesson with the reception children.



Year 5 & 6 Parent Lunch and Personal Development Workshop

We will be holding a Personal Development Workshop for our year 5 & 6 parents followed by a free school lunch.

The workshop and lunch will take place on

Tuesday 28th April

11.30am—12.30pm

Letters will be coming home after Easter with full details and how to book your place.

Term Dates

Friday 27th March

Break up for the Easter holidays

Monday 13th April

All children return to school

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May

Break up for half term

Monday 1st June

All children return to school

Friday 17th July

Break up for summer

Reception Class Trip to Wonderland, Telford



Reception children have brought home a letter this week regarding a trip to Wonderland in Telford. Please return your reply slip with sandwich choice asap and consent and pay for the trip on Arbor.

Attendance during week starting – 23rd March 2026

Attendance Target – 96%

Attendance This Week – 95.38%

Attendance This Year – 96%

Children who missed morning registration 7.52% (17 child)

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.



Trust Parent FORUM

A chance to engage with the trust and our school leaders on how we will work together with our communities to address the new white paper recommendations.

A chance for parents to voice ideas, ask questions and co design with us how our schools will adapt to meet the changing landscape.



Meeting ID: 395 237 111 653 34

Passcode: Du6AC6ME

APRIL 14TH AT 4PM ON TEAMS



STARS OF THE WEEK

Cooper
Heaps

Keira
Astle

Mortimer
Hill

Ivy
Coxill

Esmæ
Fraser

Ava
Cook

Mia
Beeston

CONGRATULATIONS



WEEK 1

MONDAY

Chicken Nuggets, Quorn Vegan Dippers, Fish Cakes
Jacket Potato (Choice), Sandwiches (choice)
Potato Waffles, Mashed Potato
Sweetcorn, Baked Beans
Mini Chocolate Muffin, Mini Blueberry Muffin
Cheese & Crackers, Fruit salad, Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

TUESDAY

Meatballs, Quorn Vegan Meat Free Balls
Jacket Potato (Choice), Sandwiches (choice)
Wholewheat Penne, Garlic & Herb Slices
Peas, Carrots
Mini Sugar Ring Doughnuts
Cheese & Crackers, Fruit salad, Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

WEDNESDAY

Gammon, Cheese & Tomato Quiche
Jacket Potato (Choice), Sandwiches (choice)
Mashed Potato, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding
Broccoli, Peas, Baby Carrots, Cauliflower, Gravy
Lemon Drizzle Cake,
Cheese & Crackers, Fruit salad, Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

THURSDAY

Chili Beef Taco, Mac n Cheese
Jacket Potato (Choice), Sandwiches (choice)
Brown Rice, Garlic & Herb Slices
Sweetcorn, Carrots, Baked Beans
Vanilla Ice Cream
Cheese & Crackers, Fruit salad, Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

FRIDAY

Ham Pizza, Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Sausage & Hash Brown Wrap
Jacket Potato (Choice), Sandwiches (choice)
Chips, Wholewheat Fusilli
Baked Beans, Peas
Pancakes with either squirty cream, strawberries or syrup
Cheese & Crackers, Fruit salad, Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

Congratulations to Peake and Rashford houses who came joint first place to win the house point trophy this term.



Well done to both house groups



Diary Dates Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April	Summer Term begins
Wednesday 15th April	Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting
Mon 20th—Thurs 23rd April	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 23rd April	MATNetwork STFC—4 Year 5 Students
Saturday 25th April	Shropshire Primary Half Marathon
Tuesday 28th April	Year 5 & 6 Parent Lunch & Workshop
Tuesday 28th April	Oral Health Talk—Reception Class
Wednesday 29th April	Military Child Assembly
Thursday 30th April	Reception Class Trip to Wonderland
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6th May	Tennis Taster Day
Friday 8th May	Nursery Open Day
Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 15th May	Ukraine Day
Monday 18th May	Years 5 & 6 trip to the Flaxmill
Tuesday 19th May	Year 3, 4 & 5 trip to the Muslim Centre
Friday 22nd May	Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school
Monday 2nd June	Academy photos in for class & leavers photos
Friday 5th June	Sports Day
Monday 8th June	RHE Workshop for Parents
Tuesday 9th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 12th June	Nursery Open Day

Summer Term Dates Continued

Wednesday 17th June	Fathers Day Breakfast
Thursday 18th June	Year 5 Taster Day Thomas Adams
Friday 19th June	Non Uniform—Bring a Bottle & Bar
Wednesday 24th June	Grandfathers Breakfast
Thursday 25th June	Oracy Exhibition
Saturday 27th June	Summer Fair—12—4pm
Monday 6th & Tues 7th July	Year 6 move up day to Thomas Adams
Tuesday 7th July	Move up day in school
Wednesday 8th July	Year 6 to Parliament, London
Friday 10th July	Reports go home to parents
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 end of year production
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Prom
Friday 17th July	Presentations in Church and break up for

Week Commencing Monday 13th April in Stars

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3:15PM - 4:15PM SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND	3:15PM - 4:15PM SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND	3:15PM - 4:15PM SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND	3:15PM - 4:15PM SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND	3:15PM - 4:15PM SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND
4:15PM - 5:00PM ACTIVITY COLOURING	4:15PM - 5:00PM ACTIVITY <small>Workbook last saved: Just now</small>	4:15PM - 5:00PM ACTIVITY BOARD GAMES	4:15PM - 5:00PM ACTIVITY BINGO	4:15PM - 4:45PM ACTIVITY ARTS & CRAFTS
				
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



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