St Mary's
CE Primary & Nursery School
Newsletter

HEAD'S UPDATE

Date: 9th October 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

It was fantastic to see the whole school taking part in the St Mary's Mile. Every child completed the challenge, showing determination, enthusiasm and plenty of encouragement for one another. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

A special mention goes to our placed runners:

- KS1: 1st Hugo Powis, 2nd Noah Davies and 3rd Dylan Caine
- KS2: 1st Ella Dorsett, 2nd Tristan Bigirwa and 3rd Oliver Davies

Our Year 3 and 4 children also enjoyed a fantastic workshop this week, bringing their learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age to life. It was a great opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding through a memorable, hands-on experience.

Today, the whole school walked to church accompanied by the wonderful sound of St Mary's church bells. A huge thank you to Mrs Unsworth for being one of our bell ringers and for organising the team to make this such a special part of our walk to church. Our Harvest Service gave us time to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. We thought particularly about our farming community and all those who grow, produce and prepare the food that we eat. We also remembered those, both close to home and further away, who may not experience such a rich harvest and who do not always have the food that we can so easily take for granted.

Thank you to our whole school community for your incredibly generous donations to help restock the community food bank. Your kindness will make a real difference to people within our community.

Have a lovely and restful weekend.

Sarah North
Headteacher

Mental Health Awareness Day

To support Mental Health Awareness Day on **Tuesday 13 October,** we are asking everyone to wear something yellow with their school uniform.

It could be a yellow T-shirt, socks, hair accessory or anything else yellow!

Let's brighten up our school & show our support for mental health awareness.

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

We will be holding a book fair after school on

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th October

The bookfair will be open both days from 3pm to 4.30pm.

Please join us. Please sign in at the school office before going to the hall. Please leave mobile phones at home.

Congratulations to the winners of the colouring competition who have all received a £5 book voucher to spend at the book fair.

Parents Evening

Wednesday 14th October
Nursery through to year 6

Thursday 15th October
Reception through to year 6

The times on these days are different for some classes.

Please book your appointment on Arbor by Monday 12th October.

Please sign in at the school office before going to the hall.

Any problems please speak to the school office.

Trip to Chirk Castle

Years 1 & 2 will be visiting Chirk Castle on **Monday 12th October**, as part of their topic work on castles.

They will be leaving school at 9am and returning for the end of the day.

Your child needs to bring a packed lunch if you haven't ordered one on SchoolGrid.

Thanks

Year 6 Enterprise

Some of our year 6 children will be attending Thomas Adams school in Wem for an Enterprise event on

Friday 16th October

We wish them good luck!

Term Dates

We break up next **Friday 16th October** for the 2 week half term holiday.

All children return to school on **Monday 2nd November**

Next school years term dates have been emailed home today and are now on our school website.

Choir Information

Choir club runs every Tuesday lunchtime in Mrs Cartwright's class. This club is now full.

Please return your letter consenting your child to attend the performances we have booked for choir next half term.

If you have signed your child up to attend Young Voices Concert, please register on the Young Voice portal and add your child. I will be ordering the Young Voice t-shirts next week. Please return your letter confirming the size of t-shirt your child requires by Monday.

Any questions please speak to the school office.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who has donated goods for our community food bank.

Our school counsellors have been busy sorting all the goods out ready for the conmmunity food bank to open on

Monday 12th October.

The food bank will be open every week day between 9am and 4pm, until the food runs out.

If you know of anyone in the community who may be finding things hard with the cost of living, please pass this information on to them.

Attendance Survey

Next week we will be emailing out an attendance survey to all families.

Please could you take a few minutes to complete the survey.

This helps us to identify any barriers to attendance and support future initiatives in school.

Nursery Music Lessons

Shropshire music service will be coming into school to delivery early years music lessons to our nursery children.

These will start on **Wednesday 4th November**

House Points

Peak	Rashford	Thunberg	Webster
203	150	166	190

STARS OF THE WEEK

Florence Coxill

Rome George - Hitchin

Lily-Rae Swinnerton

Tate Cartwright

Peyton Doyle

Archie Beard

Jamie-Lee Edge

WELL DONE CONGRATULATIONS

Stars Activities

Week Commencing Monday 12th October in Stars				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3:15PM - 4:00PM SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND	**3:15PM - 4:00PM** SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND	**3:15PM - 4:00PM** SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND	**3:15PM - 4:00PM** SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND	**3:15PM - 4:00PM** SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND
4:00PM - 4:45PM ACTIVITY **COLOURING**	**4:00PM - 4:45PM** ACTIVITY **PAINTING**	**4:00PM - 4:45PM** ACTIVITY **BOARD GAMES**	**4:00PM - 4:45PM** ACTIVITY **BINGO**	**4:00PM - 4:45PM** ACTIVITY **ARTS & CRAFTS**
4:45PM - 5:30PM LIGHT SNACK MEAL/READING	**4:45PM - 5:30PM** LIGHT SNACK MEAL/READING	**4:45PM - 5:30PM** LIGHT SNACK MEAL/READING	**4:45PM - 5:30PM** LIGHT SNACK MEAL/READING	**4:45PM - 5:30PM** LIGHT SNACK MEAL/READING

Attendance during week starting 5th October 2026

Attendance Target – 96%
Attendance This Week – 97.39%
Attendance This Year – 96.7%

Children who missed morning registration 5.48% (12 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.

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Diary Dates

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2026

Monday 12th October	Chirk Castle Trip—Year 1 & 2
Monday 12th October	Book Fair 3pm to 4.30pm
Tuesday 13th October	Mental Health Day—wear something yellow
Tuesday 13th October	Book Fair 3pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 14th October	Parent Consultations (Nursery—Year 6)
Thursday 15th October	Parent Consultation (Reception—Yr 6)
Thursday 15th October	Open Evening Nursery 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Friday 16th October	10 year 6 children to Enterprise at TA
Friday 16th October	Break up for half term
Mon 19th—Fri 30th October	2 weeks half term holiday
Monday 2nd November	Back to school
Wednesday 4th November	Choir singing at STFC
Wednesday 4th November	Nursery music lessons begin
Mon 9th Nov to Fri 13th Nov	Year 6 residential to Arthog
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance service in St Mary's Church
Friday 13th November	Children in Need & Diabetic Day
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day
Monday 23rd November	Reception Open Day
Tuesday 24th November	Open lesson for parents - Maths
Friday 27th November	Christmas Fair - 3.30pm to 5.30pm

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