

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 7th November 2025

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Jesus went up on the mountain ... And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Matthew 5:1-3

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term with your loved ones. Although our week has been a little shorter with the children, there has certainly been a lot going on! 2 classes have visited the local library as well as Year 5 continuing their 'Playleaders' training and our Reading hub being opened!



Monster phonics

At Saint Mary's, we are committed to providing a high-quality phonics programme to help every child learn to read. We are very passionate about the programme we use—Monster Phonics, a systematic synthetic phonics programme that's engaging, accessible, and effective for all learners in our early years and Key Stage 1 classes. The link below shares some really useful information for parents and carers.

[Phonics For Parents | Free Videos & Resources](#)

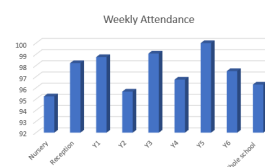
Learning at Saint Mary's

We would like to continue to share with you what our children are learning at school, please do remember that information about learning is available on the website. Year 3 are focusing on a new book called 'The Sea Book' this is a non-fiction text jam packed with information about how oceans are changing as well, as well as this the children will learn all about marine life. We are really excited to see the amazing writing that will be produced from focusing on this book.



Attendance

Nursery	95.24%	Year 4	96.74%
Reception	98.21%	Year 5	100%
Year 1	98.75%	Year 6	97.5%
Year 2	95.67%	Whole School	96.3%
Year 3	99.07%		



Can you help?



After the wonderful opening of our Reading hub we would be very grateful of donations of hardback books. EYFS are still accepting donations to enhance their outdoor area, if you think you can help please speak to Miss Small.



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¡Hola y bienvenidos!

As well as the usual fun and games this half-term, here are some other highlights!

- **Culture Focus** El Día de los Muertos, Christmas in Spain
- **Craft** creating our own 'advent calendar' booklet
- **Story** we are going to start a new short story called 'El Perro Bailarin' (The Dancing Dog)
- **Music** we will be learning the song 'Vivir Mi Vida' by Marc Anthony with help from Emily in Y4 on the ukulele!

CONTACT ZOE ON 07961044950 IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFO



Saint Mary's Christmas Fair is Friday 5th December 4.30pm—6.30pm

We are asking for donations of bottles of any kind, please bring these in to school next Friday 14th.

**Next PTA meeting is 21st November 2025
at 2:30pm—Please come along if you can!**



Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Aoife	For always helping and being an excellent role model
	Lando	For being a kind and supportive friend
Reception	Logen	For excellent effort in Phonics
	Elena	For being a kind and caring friend
Year 1	Gracie	For working really hard in her Phonics
	Polly	For always being a kind friend
Year 2	Nyima	For amazing effort in Maths
	Maisie	For always being willing to help
Year 3	Jowan	For working incredibly hard this week
	Bobby	For always showing respect to others
Year 4	Jaiden	For exceptional effort in every lesson
	Zuzanna	For being a caring and helpful member of our class
Year 5	Oskar	For very thoughtful contributions in many lessons this week
	Finley	For showing good leadership skills as a playleader
Year 6	Daryl	For a fantastic love of learning and for being so polite and caring to others
	Jaxon	For amazing determination and perseverance

Holidays in term time

Please remember that taking your child out of school without the school's authorisation may result in the school requesting the Local Authority to issue a fixed penalty notice to each parent / carer for each child. Please be aware that only a few days of absence can impact significantly on a child's attendance percentage and consequently the child's education and learning.

Penalties for unauthorised absence

Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£80 per parent	£80 per child = £160 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£160 per parent	£160 per child = £320 per parent
After 28 days	You will be summonsed to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	You will be summonsed to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your children's regular attendance

Dojo winners

Year 2



Key dates

Monday 10th—Y5 swimming
 Monday 10th—Homework Club
 Wednesday 12th—Y1 Library visit
 Thursday 13th—Y4 Forest School
 Friday 14th—Y5 Fire safety talk

Family 'Talk Point'

Reading is at the heart of everything we do at school. We are committed to nurturing a strong reading culture through our Reading Hub, regular library visits and initiatives such as *Stay and Read*. By giving reading a high priority across all classes, we aim to inspire a lifelong love of books and empower every child to become a confident, independent reader.

Taking time to talk with your child about their favourite books is a wonderful way to share in their excitement for reading. Ask them what they love about the story, who their favourite character is, or how they might change the ending.

These small conversations not only build language and comprehension skills, but also strengthen your bond and show your child that their thoughts and ideas matter.

A few minutes of book chat can spark big imagination — and a lifelong love of reading!



Homework Club

If you are finding homework hard to facilitate at home due to a lack of devices, we will be trialling a homework session after school on **Monday 10th and 17th November** straight after school until 4pm. This session is for children and a parent / carer to use a school device together.

Dear God,

Thank you for bringing us safely to a new half term.
 Help us to learn with open hearts,
 to show kindness in all we do
 and to use our gifts
 to make our school
 a happy and caring
 place.

