

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 5th September 2025 Edition 1

‘But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you.’

Luke 14:13

Dear Parents and Carers,

We began the school year by joining together to think about being with God as we start our new academic year. The children thought about God’s kingdom and the qualities we should bring. We considered qualities such as kindness, generosity and loving. We considered how these attributes would benefit us all as we work together as well as being hard working and determined to achieve our very best.

It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and excitement around school as everyone settles into their new classes and relaxes into our new routines after the summer break. We have exciting times ahead and I am looking forward to sharing lots of wonderful news and updates as we progress through the year.

The Olive Room

Over the summer holidays, we have been working behind the scenes to create a wonderful community room for all of Saint Mary’s family to enjoy. This space offers relaxed seating, boardroom style furniture as well as desk space. This room will be multi functional and will be able to host various meetings and activities.

We have named the room ‘ The Olive Room’ reflecting the calm and peaceful place we hope it to be.

A huge thank you to Mr Lapadatescu and Mrs Jackson for working so hard on this project.



Uniform Policy

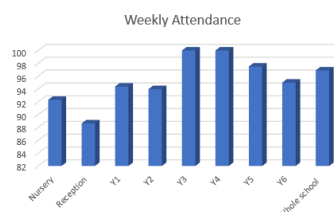
The children look very smart as they have come back into school after the long holidays. Thank you for adhering to our uniform policy, if you do have any questions relating to our uniform, our policy can be found on the school website or do not hesitate to make contact with the office.

Please do be reminded that children are not permitted to wear jewellery, including earrings.

We also ask that children bring only water to school rather than juice—thank you for your support.

Attendance

Nursery	92.31%	Year 4	100%
Reception	88.64%	Year 5	97.5%
Year 1	94.38%	Year 6	95%
Year 2	93.98%	Whole School	96.9%
Year 3	100%		



Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Cameron	For settling so well into Nursery and following our school routines
	Aoife	For always being a kind and respectful friend!
Reception	Lila	For her excellent behaviour and attitude
	Scarlett	For joining in with all our prayers
Year 1	Isabelle	For settling in to Year 1 really well and trying her hardest
	Archie	For having lovely manners
Year 2	Tilly	For helping in class
	All of Year 2	For welcoming Miss Cork to Y2
Year 3	Brooke	For an amazing first week in Y3 and a fantastic attitude towards her learning
	Tilly-Lou	For always being ready, respectful and safe
Year 4	Tyler	For having an amazing start to Y4 and trying really hard in his first week back
	Esme	For working well with other and listening to other people's ideas
Year 5	Teddy	For enthusiastically contributing to our class discussions
	Nila	For always saying please and thank you
Year 6	Max	For an incredible start to Y6. He has shown everyone how to be like a Y6!
	Alby	For cleaning up even without being asked

Dojo winners

Reception class



Key dates

Mon 8th—Thurs 11th—All Hallows Y6 Open Event

Wed 10th—Whole School Meet the Teacher (except Reception) 3.30pm

Thurs 11th—Y5 Forest School

Mon 15th—Y5 Swimming

Mon 15th—Reception Parents follow up meeting 3.30pm

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.

The penalties are shown below. 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

Thank you for your support over the past week. Through working together we can help our children to thrive and achieve their very best whilst at Saint Mary's. Please do get in contact if you have any questions or queries and we will do our very best to help you.

I hope that you have had a lovely week, as much as we enjoy the summer break, getting back into the swing of things and having a routine can feel good too. The children have had a busy week settling in and are ready for the weekend.

Enjoy your time as a family, see you next week.

Miss Butterfield

Loving God, we thank you for our school community, where children, parents and teachers learn and grow together. Guide us in your wisdom to build strong partnerships and listen to each other and support each other. Amen