

St Mary's Weekly

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Friday 25th November

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful week in school with so much amazing learning taking place. Staff have been working hard to ensure our curriculum is the very best it can be. We have had some huge book deliveries this week to support different areas of the curriculum and 30 new chrome books delivered too. After Christmas, we will be launching a new ICT curriculum- a huge thank you so Mr Kilner for his leadership of this subject area. We will share more information about this after Christmas.

Christmas joy is also spreading through school. As we move into preparation for Christmas concerts, children's PE slots may be used for rehearsal time. Children can still come to school in PE clothes on their PE days unless stated in the diary dates below. We would like the children to wear uniform when attending the Christingle service at St Paul's on the 8/12/22, for the Carols Around the Tree celebration on the 15/12/22 and for the Reception and Year 6 Nativity at St Mary's church on the 16/12/22.

[Year 4 Robinwood Residential](#)

We will also host a meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 4 attending Robinwood. This will be on the 9/12/22 at 3:30. If you are unable to attend the event, we can pass on information to you directly.

[Mrs Mellor is retiring](#)

We are also preparing to say goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Mellor who is due to start her retirement in the new year. Mrs Mellor started at St Mary's in 2000 as a SMSA. Not long after starting, she was asked by the headteacher to take on the role as teaching assistant in Year 4 for 2 weeks and she been supporting in class ever since! Mrs Mellor has worked in Year 3, Year 2 (with Mr Spencer) and then in Year 1 for many years before finally moving with the current Year 2 class and Miss Bell to Year 2 this year. After 22 years of service at St Mary's, Mrs Mellor is ready to enjoy her retirement. We would like to thank Mrs Mellor for the years of service she has given to our school and thank her for the vital role she has played to so many children over the years. We will be saying a special thank you to Mrs Mellor at our carols around the tree celebration in December.

[ParentPay](#)

For any parents that do not have ParentPay. It is vital to have it, as this is our main source of communication, text messages, notifications, etc. As we enter the winter months and weather, there may be times when the school is closed/closing, we have to ensure all parents can receive this communication.

[Year 1 Classroom](#)

Due to repairs on the roof happening in the Year One classroom, we will not be using it Monday to Friday next week. Please can all children in Year One enter through the double doors to the main school hall. They will be dismissed from here Monday to Friday next week. They will be taught in the spare classroom during the day. We are hoping to be back in class next week-an update will be shared as the week progresses. We are sorry for the disruption during this time.

[Illnesses](#)

There is an illness that is affecting a number of children in school. Causing high temperature, coughing, sore throat, etc. Please ensure children are practicing regular handwashing and covering mouths when coughing. If your child is absent from school, please ring everyday of the absence and specify symptoms, other than feeling unwell, so we can monitor illnesses.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

L. Spencer
Executive Headteacher

R.Steele
Deputy Head

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

Advent Mass in school, Tuesday 29th (children only)

December

Christmas Dinner day, Thursday and Rudolph Run 1st (children can wear Christmas jumpers over their uniform if they wish)

Rocksteady concert 10am Tuesday 6th (for children's parents/carers/grandparents taking part in rocksteady music sessions) Please enter through the hall doors.

Christingle service at St Paul's whole school Thursday 8th (children only- all children to wear school uniform)

Robinwood meeting for Year 4 parents 9th 3:30pm

Afternoon concerts for KS1 and KS2 13th (Details to follow)

Christmas Party Day, Wednesday 14th

Evening concerts for KS1 and KS2, Wednesday 14th (Details to follow)

Year 6 library visit Thursday 15th (morning)

Carols around the tree 2:15pm, Thursday 15th (parents/carers welcome- all children to wear school uniform with Christmas jumpers if they wish)

Reception and Year 6 Nativity at St Mary's church 10:00am (families of children in these classes are welcome to attend) Friday 16th The whole school will go to church to watch the nativity- all children to wear school uniform with Christmas jumpers if they wish.

Last day of school Friday 16th December 2022.

January

Bank Holiday 2nd January

Inset Day 3rd January

Year 4 Robinwood Residential 4th-6th