

St Mary's Weekly

'Every Child Flourishing'



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Friday 13th January

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to start by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school and they have all made a great start to their learning. We have a busy half term planned with lots for the children to look forward to. Year Four were wonderful on their Robinwood residential; I would also like to thank staff for supporting the children on the trip. This week we were joined by Mrs Gulliver, who is our Trust's Deputy CEO, to conduct our annual behaviour and safety review. Thank you to the parents who spoke with Mrs Gulliver we received wonderful feedback after the visit. Our School Council also visited Orchard Views Residential Care Home this week to draw portraits of the residents and chat to the residents there. Staff complimented the behaviour of the pupils- we are hoping to make this a regular trip for different pupils in KS2.

Bank Holiday

There will be an additional Bank Holiday this year on Monday 8th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. All schools will be closed on this day which means that Year 6 SATs will take place on Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May. We will carry out some celebrations in school leading up to the coronation and look forward to inviting you to join in some of these.

Attendance

Every Friday, we will celebrate our children's achievements, both in school and at home, including their attendance in school. Good attendance is vital for your child's education and means they can make the most of all aspects of school life. Starting from Monday we will launch our 20 day Attendance Challenge. Children who attend for the next 20 days will get be put into a prize draw to win a range or books. We are having a real drive on improving attendance as a school and thank you for your support with this.

This week's attendance:

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
FS2 (Reception)	93.1
Year 1	97.3
Year 2	93.3
Year 3	97.5
Year 4	99.3
Year 5	96.1
Year 6	91.4

Lunch Payments – ParentPay

Since the School must fund all school meal debts from its budget it is essential that all payments are up to date so that the quality of the service provided to all pupils is maintained. If you think you may qualify for Free School Meals, please contact the school office for further information. Please clear any debt on the account.

Reporting Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school poorly, when notifying the School please give specifics as to why your child is off, e.g. sickness, temperature, so we can monitor any potential outbreaks, rather than 'unwell' we appreciate your help with this.

Census Day

The school census day is coming up on Thursday 19th January. Every child is entitled to a free school dinner on this day, which will be the Big Breakfast. Prizes available on that day.

Diary Dates

February

School Council Bun week 6th February

March

World Book Day (children can dress up as their favourite book character/activities across school) 2nd March

Year 3 Egypt trip to the town hall 7th March (more details to follow)

Year 6 Robinwood Residential 27th-29th

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Headteacher