



THE ST MARY'S MESSENGER

FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2026

THIS WEEK

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our Year 6 pupils on everything they have achieved. It has been a privilege to watch you grow in confidence, develop new skills, and create memories that will stay with you for years to come. As you prepare to take your next steps in education, remember to believe in yourselves, embrace every opportunity that comes your way, continuing to show the kindness, resilience, and determination that have made us so proud. We wish each and every one of you a fantastic journey at secondary school and every success and happiness for the future, remembering that St Mary's will always be your home and you are welcome to come back and see us whenever you would like to.

To all of our families, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement has played such an important part in the children's achievements, and we are truly grateful. We wish you all a restful, happy, and enjoyable summer filled with special moments and we look forward to welcoming many of you back in September. Have a wonderful summer break and best wishes from everyone at the school.

Thank you
Diane Wright

**GOOD
LUCK!**



WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2026

Term Dates 2026/27 Academic Year

Autumn 1 – School opens Thursday 3rd September 2026 – School closes Friday 10th October 2026
Autumn 2 – School opens Tuesday 3rd November 2026 – School closes Friday 18th December 2026
Spring 1 – School opens Tuesday 1st January 2027 – School closes Friday 12th February 2027
Spring 2 – School opens Monday 22nd February 2027 – School closes Thursday 25th March 2027
Summer 1 – School opens Monday 12th April 2027 – School closes Friday 28th May 2027
Summer 2 – School opens Monday 7th June 2027 – School closes Wednesday 21st July 2027

*"Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside,
Oh, I do like to be beside the sea,
I do like to stroll along the prom, prom, prom,
Where the brass bands play, tiddely-om-pom-pom!"*

Do you know this song?
Scan the QR and sing-along!



Join us for summer fun at Kettering-By-The-Sea!

**KETTERING
BY THE
SEA**

- Punch & Judy Shows
- Magic & Balloons
- Dinosaur Puppets
- Illicit Skate School
- Steel Drumming
- Brightwayz Cycle Confidence
- Circus Skills & Juggling
- Library Crafts & Reading Challenge
- Museum & Art Gallery Activities
- Ranger Rita's Summer Safari Theatre Show

Summer Activity Programme

Tuesday 21 July – Tuesday 11 August 2026

10am – 4pm

Kettering Market Place

**Visit our Big Sandpit and Water Fountains!
Family Fun, Activities & Entertainment
Free for You – Every Day!**



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21–31 JULY 2026

Tuesday 21 July

11am–1:30pm – Magic & Balloons
11am–1pm – Steel Drumming
12:30pm–3:30pm – NNC Leisure Activities (Boccia & Pop-Up Badminton)
1pm–3pm – Skateboarding with Illicit Skate School

Wednesday 22 July

10:30am–12:30pm – Dinosaur Puppets
1pm–3pm – Skateboarding with Illicit Skate School
1pm–3pm – Bubbles & Circus Skills

Thursday 23 July

10:30am–12:30pm – Balloons & Circus Skills
11am–1pm – Steel Drumming
1pm–3pm – Skateboarding with Illicit Skate School

Friday 24 July

10am–3pm – Kettering Library Activities: Free Crafts, Lucky Dip,
Children's Book Sale and sign up for The Summer Reading Challenge
10am–3pm – Museum & Art Gallery free Activities & Meet the Team!
10:30am–12:30pm – Bubbles & Circus Skills

Saturday 25 July

10am–3pm – Juggling Walkabout & Have-a-Go Circus Skills
11am–1pm – Steel Drumming
11am–3pm – Brightwayz Cycle Confidence & Ditch the Stabilisers

Sunday 26 July

10am–4pm – Punch & Judy Show (11:00am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:30pm)
10:30am–12:30pm – Balloons & Circus Skills

Monday 27 July

10:30am–12:30pm – Crafts & Circus Skills
11am–1pm – Steel Drumming

Tuesday 28 July

11am–1:30pm – Magic & Balloons
1pm–3pm – Crafts & Circus Skills
1pm–3pm – Skateboarding with Illicit Skate School

Wednesday 29 July

10:30am–12:30pm – Bubbles & Circus Skills
1pm–3pm – Dinosaur Puppets
1pm–3pm – Skateboarding with Illicit Skate School

Thursday 30 July

10am–4pm – Punch & Judy Show (11:00am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:30pm)
1pm–3pm – Skateboarding with Illicit Skate School

Friday 31 July

10am–3pm – Juggling Walkabout & Have-a-Go Circus Skills
10am–3pm – Kettering Library Activities: Free Crafts, Lucky Dip,
Children's Book Sale and sign up for The Summer Reading Challenge
10am–3pm – Museum & Art Gallery free Activities & Meet the Team!

1–11 AUGUST 2026

Saturday 1 August

10am–3pm – Juggling Walkabout & Have-a-Go Circus Skills
11am–3pm – Brightwayz Cycle Confidence & Ditch the Stabilisers

Sunday 2 August

10am–4pm – Punch & Judy Show (11am, 12:30pm, 2pm, 3:30pm)
10:30am–12:30pm – Bubbles & Circus Skills
1pm–3pm – Magic & Balloons

Monday 3 August

Laugh Out Loud Theatre: Ranger Rita's Summer Safari (10:15am, 11:15am, 12:15pm)
11am–1pm – Steel Drumming

Tuesday 4 August

10am–4pm – Punch & Judy Show (11am, 12:30pm, 2pm, 3:30pm)
11am–1pm – Crafts & Circus Skills
1pm–3pm – Skateboarding with Illicit Skate School

Wednesday 5 August

Laugh Out Loud Theatre: Ranger Rita's Summer Safari
(10:30am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm)
11am–1pm – Steel Drumming

1pm–3pm – Skateboarding with Illicit Skate School

Thursday 6 August

10am–4pm – Punch & Judy Show (11am, 12:30pm, 2pm, 3:30pm)
11am–1pm – Crafts & Circus Skills
1pm–3pm – Skateboarding with Illicit Skate School

Friday 7 August

10am–3pm – Kettering Library Activities: Free Crafts, Lucky Dip,
Children's Book Sale and sign up for The Summer Reading Challenge
10am–3pm – Museum & Art Gallery free Activities & Meet the Team!

10:30am–12:30pm – Dinosaur Puppets

11am–1pm – Steel Drumming

Saturday 8 August

Laugh Out Loud Theatre: Ranger Rita's Summer Safari
(10:30am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm)

1pm–3pm – Bubbles & Circus Skills

Sunday 9 August

10am–4pm – Punch & Judy Show (11am, 12:30pm, 2pm, 3:30pm)

Monday 10 August

Laugh Out Loud Theatre: Ranger Rita's Summer Safari (10:15am, 11:15am, 12:15pm)

11am–1pm – Steel Drumming

1pm–3pm – Skateboarding with Illicit Skate School

Tuesday 11 August

10am–4pm – Punch & Judy Show (11am, 12:30pm, 2pm, 3:30pm)
10am–3pm – Juggling Walkabout & Have-a-Go Circus Skills
1pm–3pm – Crafts & Circus Skills



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take part...



Parent/Carer

HEALTHY LIVES SURVEY

We want to better understand what helps families lead a healthy lifestyle, what challenges they may face, and what support or information they would find most useful.



This survey closes at
23.59pm on
31st July 2026



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