



THE ST MARY'S MESSENGER

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026

THIS WEEK

Dear Parents

What a full and enriching first week it has been.

In worship, we have learnt about Dolly Parton, focusing on her uplifting song Light of a Clear Blue Morning, it reminded us that each new beginning is filled with hope, friendship, and endless possibilities. This song was created as a charity song and it is reported that Dolly Parton gave away millions of dollars to develop and care for others.

In PSHE and Praise Party, the children have learnt about anaphylaxis – how to recognise the signs and symptoms and get help.

This week, we were delighted to welcome the newest members of our school family. The joy on their faces as they skipped through our gates brought sunshine to every corner of our school. Alongside new hellos, we have also had to say a sad farewell to Helen Towell, who leaves us to take care of her grandson. Helen has worked with children at St Mary's for over 25 years, her love and care for every individual child will be very missed.

Have a wonderful weekend

Diane Wright



KIDS CORNER

What have you enjoyed this week?

EDDIE – “I Really enjoyed the first day back, it was fantastic t see my friends after the holiday.”

LYDIA – “I am really happy to have Miss Welch as a teacher. I have really enjoyed looking after the younger children at lunchtime, my group are named the smilers.”

MUFARO – “I have really enjoyed helping the little children at lunch, they are so cute. It has been really nice to see my friends.”

JACKSON – “I have really enjoyed the computing lesson this week. I am really excited to be in year 6 and I am looking forward to the trips we will be going on.”

KEY DATES

14th September – After school clubs start

15th September – 9am Year 1 Maths lesson demo and forum for parents

16th September – 9am Year 5 & 6 Maths forum for parents

16th September – 2.30pm EYFS parent meeting

17th September – Flu Vaccinations

22nd September – 9am Year 2 Maths lesson demo and forum for parents

30th September – 9am Year 3 & 4 Maths forum for parents

1st October – 2.30pm Phonics demo and meeting for parents

7th October – KS1 trip to Wicksteed Park

8th October – 2pm OPAL presentation to parents

14th October – 9.15am EYFS read-a-long with your child

20th October – 2.45pm Lions class worship

23rd October – 2.45pm Leopards class worship

23rd October – Break for half term

3rd November – Return to school



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HOMework

Homework starts this week for all children across the school. Please see details below:

- Homework is set on a Thursday each week and must be completed by the following Thursday.
- Year 5 Homework is set on a Wednesday each week and must be completed by the following Wednesday.
- Year 6 Bedrock is set on a Tuesday each week and must be completed by the following Tuesday. Year 6 MyMaths is set on a Thursday each week and must be completed by the following Thursday.
- This academic year we have reduced our homework expectation, however, have additional optional homework should your child wish to further their learning at home.

Homework Expectation Autumn Term (per week)

EYFS – Daily Reading & Phonics

Year 1 – Daily Reading & Phonics (My Maths is set as optional additional homework)

Year 2 – Daily Reading & Times Table Rockstars (My Maths is set as optional additional homework)

Year 3 – Daily Reading, & Times Table Rockstars, x1 Bedrock Lesson (My Maths is set as optional additional homework)

Year 4 – Daily Reading & Times Table Rockstars, x1 Bedrock Lesson (My Maths is set as optional additional homework)

Year 5 – Daily Reading, x2 Bedrock Lessons, x1 My Maths Lesson (Additional daily Times Table homework may be set if your child scores below 90/95)

Year 6 – Daily Reading, x2 Bedrock Lessons, x1 My Maths Lesson (Additional spelling homework may be set if your child scores less than 10/15 in the weekly spelling test, additional Times Table homework may be set if your child scores less than 90/95 in the weekly times table test)

KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Next week we have a number of key events in school, that, if you can, would be very helpful to attend.

Maths Forums Next Week

Come into school and learn what your child will be learning and how to support your child with their Maths at home. You will get a taster of a lesson, along side, the opportunity to talk through with a teacher the best way to support your child.

Year 1 – Maths Forum – Tuesday 15th September at 9am

Year 5 & 6 Maths Forum – Wednesday 16th September at 9am

EYFS Parent Meeting – Wednesday 16th September at 2.30pm

Come into school and have the opportunity to speak to Mr Middleton about how your child is settling in. Mr Middleton will also go through what your child will be learning this year and how to support them at home.

