



On The Vine

PEACE

Newsletter

St Mary's CE Primary
& Nursery School

Summer Half Term 2
2025

'Growing Together in God's Love to Achieve Excellence'

Dear Parent

As we embark on the final half term we are looking forward to our sports days and praying the sun shines. Our Year 6s will be preparing for their transition to secondary school, with a leavers' Service at St Mary's Church, a play to entertain parents and a hoedown, an opportunity for staff, children and parents to say bon voyage.

Weather

If we get any sunny days, we do endeavour to ensure that the children have some shade during lunchtimes and playtimes but would urge you to apply sunscreen prior to the children coming to school. It is not appropriate for the children to bring bottles of lotion into school but there are some brands which, if applied in the morning, will last all day. It is advisable for children to wear sun hats during sunny days. We would also suggest that for those **on packed lunches, an ice pack is included to keep sandwiches cool.**



Free Book

Thank you for participating in the recent St Mary's Readathon Bingo Challenge. Each child who participated in the Challenge will be receiving a free book. We hope the children enjoy reading it!



Arts Festival

I should like to remind you that the Performing Arts festival will take place on **Wednesday 2nd July from 6.15 - 8.30 pm.**

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and families of the children who are performing, to our annual performing arts festival.

Children in **Years 3** will be performing as a class and they have all been working hard in preparation for this, learning flute pieces.



Individual instrumental performers of a grade 1 standard or higher, proficient dancers or spoken word/poetry performers are invited to showcase their talents. We would appreciate your help in encouraging your child to perform. If your child is interested please email the school office marking your correspondence for the attention of Mrs Ball.

PTA Events

The PTA have got another busy half term full of great events to get involved with:

PTA Fund Raisin DEADLINE - Monday 9th June -

Please return your 'Fund Raisin' boxes by this date to the school office.

PTA Summer Fair - Saturday 28th June, 12-3.30pm

The PTA's fabulous funday will return this year.

- **Raffle tickets available for sale now** - These will be sent home with children and extra tickets will be available from the school office
- **20th June** - PTA collecting **pre-loved, clean cuddly toys for teddy tombola** AND own clothes day with **chocolate donations**
- **27th June** - Own clothes day with **bottle donations**

PTA Bags2School - Wednesday 2nd July - before 9am

Please bring unwanted men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories to the school office to donate before 9am on this day. No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please

PTA Summer Treats / Freezy

**Friday - Friday 18th July,
3.15-3.45pm**

The ever popular freezy Friday sale will run again after school.



Sports Day

We can now confirm our sports day dates (and reserve dates in case of poor weather!) for later in the summer term. As usual, for Reception, KS1 and KS2, sports day will take place at Ashton on Mersey School and Nursery will take place at St Mary's.

Tuesday 10th June - KS2 Sports Day - 9 - 10.30am

Thursday 12th June - KS2 Sports Day Reserve Date (in case of poor weather on Tuesday 10th June) - 9 - 10.30am

Thursday 3rd July - KS1 and Reception Sports Day - 9 - 10.30am

Tuesday 8th July - KS1 and Reception Sports Day Reserve Date (in case of poor weather on Thursday 3rd July) - 9 - 10.30am

Tuesday 1st July - Nursery Sports Day -

9-10am, St Mary's School Playground

Monday 7th July - Nursery Sports Day

Reserve date (in case of poor weather)

- 9-10am



Eco Update

Please continue to recycle used batteries in the entrance by the school office and recycle soft plastics in the bins which are located in the playground.



A reminder that the refill shop will be running on the following dates:

-Wednesday 18th June, 3.15-3.45pm CANCELLED

-Saturday 28th June – Summer Fair

Please remember to bring cash to make your payments and refillable containers!

Reports

Reports will be sent home on **Friday 4th July**.
Parents evening to discuss reports **Monday 7th July**
– no appointments necessary, drop into classrooms between **3.45-5pm**



Going up Afternoon

Our annual 'Going up Afternoon', where children will have the opportunity to spend the afternoon with their teacher for the new academic year. This will take place on **Wednesday 9th July, 1.30-2.30pm**.

Nursery children who do not usually have a Wednesday afternoon session should report to the School Office at 1.15pm.

Music Lessons

Xeno music are continuing to offer piano, guitar and singing music lessons in school. If you wish to arrange lessons within school time for September, please contact Mrs Longstaff at info@xeno-music.com for more details.



Trafford Music Service are also offering music lessons in school to students who will be in Year 2-6 in September. Please see the attached document regarding which instruments are available.

If you wish to book music lessons, please book them via Xeno or Trafford Music Service as soon as possible to enable timetables to be arranged.

Year 6 End of Year Events

It is that time again and Year 6 have a range of fun events to celebrate their time at St Mary's and prepare for the next step:



- **DEADLINE- Leavers Yearbook** – Email 3 photos of your child and their classmates to the school office
- **Year 6 Transition Workshop- Tuesday 8th July, 9.30 – 10.30am** – In school workshop with Julie Loynd, St Mary's Church Children's Pastor
- **Year 6 Production – Wednesday 16th July, 7-8.30pm** – Further details to follow
- **Hoedown – Monday 21st July, 6.30-8.15pm** – Please email to office to confirm your attendance and let them know how many tickets you would like, siblings may attend
- **Leavers' Service – Wednesday 23rd July, 8.45-10.30am** – See separate section below

End of Year Leavers Service

You are most welcome to attend the Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church on **Wednesday 23rd July** at 8.45 am. All children, with the exception of Nursery, should be taken directly to Church on that day. Please do not allow children to enter the Church until the teaching staff arrive. The Year 6 children will be presented with their Leavers' Bibles from the PTA at this service. Nursery children are of course welcome to join us, but it will be the responsibility of their parents.



Notices

Dogs in School

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school site. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Summer Uniform

A reminder that summer uniform comprises of the following:

- White shirt / blouse with school tie *or* Plain White polo shirt - no zips or scallops
- Grey skirt/pinafore (grey, black, white socks/grey, black tights) *or* Short/long grey tailored trousers (black / grey socks) *or* Blue and white check dress
- School V neck sweatshirt or cardigan (with logo) - available from PSU
- Royal blue blazer with badge compulsory in the Summer Term - available from PSU or Petite Modes
- Shoulder length hair should be tied back
– Black, blue hair bobbles / hairbands,
gingham scrunchy
- Black shoes



PE Kit

- Plain white polo shirt
- School royal blue shorts – available from PSU, **not cycling shorts**
- Black jogging bottoms (these can be worn over the royal blue shorts if cold), **not leggings**
- Trainers – black or white



To those parents whose connection with St Mary's may be finishing as their children move on to new schools, may we wish you and your child the very best for the future. We would love to hear of their progress and activities.

Finally, may I remind you that school closes on **Thursday 24th July at 2pm** and reopens on **Wednesday 3rd September at 8.35am**.

School Meals from September 2025

Please let the school office know if your child is changing from or to a school meal.

From September 2025, the cost of a school dinner is increasing to £2.92 per day.

If you wish to make any changes to your child's dinner arrangements from September, please can you let the School Office know by Friday 13th June. **A reminder for current Year 2 parents** - please be aware that from September, universal free school meals will no longer be available for your child and payment will need to be made for a school meal.



Information



Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

If you are on any income based support you may be entitled to Free School Meals.

Children who are on Free School Meals in school are also able to access extra-curricular activities for FREE.

If you are unsure if this applies to you, please contact the school office for advice or go to Trafford Council's application page to check eligibility:

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/trafford-catering/free-school-meals.aspx>

Mental Health <https://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk/pta/childrens-mental-health>

You can find resources and advice on the school website regarding children's mental health. Please be assured that we are always available to discuss any concerns or queries you may have regarding your child. Please email the school office if you would like to have a conversation about your child's mental health.



School Information

Address St Mary's CE Primary School, St Mary's Road, Sale, Cheshire, M33 6SA.

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Website <https://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk/>

Arbor Login <https://login.arbor.sc/>

ParentPay Login <https://www.parentpay.com/>

School Meal Menu <https://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/healthy-eating>

Uniform - <http://www.stmarys.uniform4you.co.uk/> Password Stmarys1

School Nursing Team Trafford Local Care Organisation 0161 912 2340

SEND View the latest issue of the Trafford SEND Link Newsletter

<https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/advice.page?id=XXKuvOqhI8WU>

The above link is for parents and carers of children and young people who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, as well as those who work with them. If you would like to receive future editions of this newsletter, please sign up using the short [online form](#).



Deadlines coming up:

Meals for School trips - a packed lunch will be provided for children who normally have a school meal - please advise the school office if you would prefer to bring your own lunch otherwise you may be charged for the meal.

Friday 6th June -KS1 Halle 'Under the sea' concert trip - please give consent and make payment on Arbor

Tuesday 10th June -Year 3, RHS Bridgewater trip - please give consent and make payment on Arbor

Friday 13th June - Deadline for digital photos to be emailed to the school office for the Year 6 yearbook
- Deadline to contact the school office with dinner changes for September 2025

Tuesday 17th June -Year 6 families to lunch - please book and pay via Arbor

Thursday 19th June -Reception Smithills Farm trip - please give consent and make payment on Arbor

Friday 20th June -Year 4 School Linking trip - please give consent on Arbor

Thursday 3rd July -Year 6 Mosque trip - please give consent and make payment on Arbor

Thursday 11th July -KS1 Lytham Beach Trip - please give consent and make payment on Arbor

Monday 14th July -Year 6 Hoedown - please email the office and confirm attendance and the number of people attending

Calendar Dates (subject to change)

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| School Closes - Half term | Friday | 23 May 2025 | 15.15pm | |
| School Opens - Summer HT2 - PEACE | Monday | 09 June 2025 | | |
| PTA Fund Raisin begins (over half term) | Friday | 23 May 2025 | | |
| Return PTA Fund Raisin Packs | Monday | 09 June 2025 | | All years |
| Year 4 Litter Picking Walk | Tuesday | 10 June 2025 | 13:30 - 15:00 | Year 4 |
| KS2 Sports Day | Tuesday | 10 June 2025 | AM | Years 3 to Year 6 |
| KS2 Sports Day RESERVE | Thursday | 12 June 2025 | AM | Years 3 to Year 6 |
| Halle 'Under the sea' concert - KS1 | Thursday | 12 June 2025 | 12.00 - 15.00 | Year 1 and 2 |
| DEADLINE PTA Fund Raisin | Monday | 16 June 2025 | | All years |
| RHS Bridgewater - Year 3 | Monday | 16 June 2025 | All day | Year 3 |
| Year 6 Family to Lunch | Tuesday | 17 June 2025 | 11.40 - 12.30 | Year 6 |
| New Parent Induction Evening | Tuesday | 17 June 2025 | 18.00 - 19.00 | New Reception |
| Hesketh Road Synagogue - Year 5 | Wednesday | 18 June 2025 | 10.00 - 11.30 | Year 5 |
| Magistrate Visit - Year 6 | Thursday | 19 June 2025 | 13.30 - 15.00 | Year 6 |
| Class Worship - Reception | Friday | 20 June 2025 | 08.55 - 09.20 | Reception |
| Nursery visits Autumn intake | Friday | 20 June 2025 | 13.30 - 14.40 | New student |
| Own Clothes Day - Fair Donation Chocolate | Friday | 20 June 2025 | All day | All years |
| Year 6 Personal Safety Workshop | Monday | 23 June 2025 | 10:30 - 11:30 | Year 6 |
| Prospective Parent Tour | Tuesday | 24 June 2025 | 09.30 - 10.15 | Nursery, Reception |
| Year 4 to Ladybridge Primary (School Linking) | Tuesday | 24 June 2025 | All day | Year 4 |
| AOM Curriculum day | Wednesday | 25 June 2025 | All day | Year 6 |
| Smithills Farm | Wednesday | 25 June 2025 | 09:00-15:00 | Reception |
| Travelling by Tuba | Thursday | 26 June 2025 | 09.00 - 11.30 | Reception - Year 6 |
| Nursery visits Autumn intake | Friday | 27 June 2025 | 13.30 - 14.40 | New student |
| Class Worship - 1/20 | Friday | 27 June 2025 | 08.55 - 09.20 | 1/20 |
| Own Clothes Day - Fair Donation Bottles | Friday | 27 June 2025 | All day | All years |
| PTA Summer Fair | Saturday | 28 June 2025 | 12.00 - 15.30 | All years |
| Nursery Sports Day | Tuesday | 01 July 2025 | 09.00 - 10.00 | Nursery |
| Arts Festival Dress rehearsal | Tuesday | 01 July 2025 | PM | Year 3 to Year 6 |
| PTA Bags to School | Wednesday | 02 July 2025 | 08.40 - 09.00 | Whole school |
| Arts Festival | Wednesday | 02 July 2025 | 18.30 - 20.30 | Year 3 to Year 6 |
| Trafford Pastoral Induction Day Year 6 | Thursday | 03 July 2025 | All day | Year 6 |
| KS1 & Rec Sports Day & Yr 5 | Thursday | 03 July 2025 | AM | Rec, Y1, Y2, Y5 |
| Class Worship - Year 4 | Friday | 04 July 2025 | 08.55 - 09.20 | Year 4 |
| Reports Sent Home | Friday | 04 July 2025 | 15.15 | All years |
| Parent Evening to discuss reports | Monday | 07 July 2025 | 15.45 - 17.00 | All years |
| Nursery Sports Day RESERVE | Monday | 07 July 2025 | 09.00 - 10.00 | Nursery |
| KS1 & Rec Sports Day & Yr 5 - RESERVE | Tuesday | 08 July 2025 | AM | Rec, Y1, Y2, Y5 |
| Year 6 Transition Workshop - Julie Loynd | Tuesday | 08 July 2025 | 09.30 - 10.30 | Year 6 |
| Going Up Afternoon | Wednesday | 09 July 2025 | 13.30 - 14.30 | All years |
| Victoria Park Mosque - Year 6 *re-scheduled* | Thursday | 10 July 2025 | 09.15-11.30 | Year 6 |
| St Mary's Summer Talent Show | Friday | 11 July 2025 | PM | TBC |
| Year 6 Dress Rehearsal | Tuesday | 15 July 2025 | TBC | Whole school - audience and performers |

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| Year 6 Production | Wednesday | 16 July 2025 | 18.30 - 20.00 | Year 6 |
| Lytham St Anne KS1 Beach Trip | Friday | 18 July 2025 | 09.15 - 15.15 | Year 1 and Year 2 |
| Summer treats/Freezy Friday (PTA) | Friday | 18 July 2025 | 15.15 - 16.00 | all years |
| Year 6 Hoedown | Monday | 21 July 2025 | 18.30 - 20.15 | Year 6 |
| Teddy bears picnic | Tuesday | 22 July 2025 | 13.30 - 15.15 | Nursery |
| Leavers' Service | Wednesday | 23 July 2025 | 08.45 - 10.30 | All years |
| Year 6 Skit | Thursday | 24 July 2025 | 10.00 - 11.30 | All years |
| School Closes - End of term | Thursday | 24 July 2025 | 2pm | |
| DEADLINE ' My child's art' orders | Thursday | 31 July 2025 | | All children |