



On The Vine

FRIENDSHIP

Newsletter

St Mary's CE Primary
& Nursery School

Spring Half Term 2
2026

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

Dear Parent

It was wonderful to see so many of our families worshipping together at Day School Sunday. The lively service, which included the gospel choir, contained so many past parents. The children sang beautifully, read confidently and led the congregation in prayer.

We hope that you enjoy this edition of 'On The Vine' where you'll find some of the highlights of school life over the next half term.

Stay & Share Mornings - after February half term

We will provide both in-person and on-line opportunities for parents to understand the progress of their child. During our Stay & Share sessions, parents have the opportunity to come and share the children's books and see their classrooms. No booking is required for the Stay & Share, both parents are able to attend but please can each parent only attend one session. Parents of children in Nursery and Reception do not have Stay & Share sessions as they can regularly attend Stay and Play. The dates and times for Stay & Share are below:

- **Monday 2nd March, Years 1 - 6 - 8:35 - 9:10am**
- **Tuesday 3rd March, Years 1 - 6 - 8:35 - 9:10am**
- **Wednesday 4th March, Years 1 - 6 - 8:35 - 9:10am**



Parents' Evening - after February half term

We shall be holding on-line parent's evenings on **Thursday 5th March and Monday 9th March.**

We will send further information about how to book appointments on school cloud in the next half term.

Governors' Easter Card photograph competition

Over the past few years the Board of Governors has held an Easter card photographic competition. The winning entry is then produced as an Easter card which is sent to all the families in the school. The photograph could be about "Growth" or alternatively a general Easter theme. The photograph should not include identifiable photographs of people. Please could all entries be emailed to office@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk marked "Easter Card photograph" by **Wednesday 4th March** in order to get the winning entry printed in time for Easter.



Eco Update

The ECO refill shop will continue on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 11th February, 15.15 - 15.45**
- **Wednesday 25th March, 15.15 - 15.45**
- **Wednesday 17th June, 15.15 - 15.45**

We will only be accepting cash payments only. We hope to see you there, don't forget your refillable container!



Saints Days

As is customary, children can come to school in their Guiding and Scouting uniform for Saints' days, if they wish. **St Patrick's Day is on Tuesday 17th March.** Where this is a PE day, please remember to also bring in trainers.



PTA Events

PTA Women's Health Workshop, 7pm onwards

Friday 27th February, 7pm arrival for a 7:30pm start time.

Tickets available via Sumup shop: <https://st-mary-s-ce-primary-school-sale-pta.sumupstore.com/> includes a 90 minute workshop and welcome drink.

PTA Spring Fair Shopping Event

On the back of last year's success, we have the return of the PTA Spring Fair on **Saturday 7th March, 2-4pm**

PTA Bags2School

Thursday 12th March, before 9am further details of items to donate to follow.



PTA 'You Choose' Day

The PTA have agreed with school that you can do exactly that on **Friday 27th March.** To help you decide, here are some suggestions as to what you can "choose"... you can select as many things as you'd like...

- Swap an item of uniform for something colourful, for example: ◦ bright coloured joggers ◦ sports top / T-shirt instead of PE shirt ◦ own hoodie / sweatshirt instead of school sweatshirt ◦ bright sports socks / odd socks or trainers
- Wear a T-shirt or shirt inside out
- Wear a Hat or Have Silly Hair (accessories / temporary hair dye / spiky with gel)
- Wear Nail Varnish or a Temporary Tattoo or Face Paint
- Bring a Cuddly Toy
- Wear fairy wings, a crown or superhero cape

Freddy Fit

We have arranged for Freddy Fit to come back into school on **Friday 13th March** for workshops with Key Stage 2 children and he will be coming back into school on **Friday 20th March** to work with the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Children (*this session is on the same day as Comic Relief*).



World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

At St Mary's, we will be marking the occasion with a **themed dress-up day**, with the theme **suggested by our Children's Reading Council**. After discussion and voting, they selected **Julia Donaldson** as this year's suggested author focus.



We also recognise that children have different interests and favourite books. While the Julia Donaldson theme is **suggested**, it is **not a requirement**. If a child feels very strongly about dressing up as a character from a different book, we would much rather see them **happy, enthusiastic and dressed up as something they love**, than not take part at all.

As is customary, the children will receive a £1 voucher in school to purchase a book.

Nursery and Reception Workshops

We will be running workshops detailing how to support your child's learning for the parents of children in our Nursery and Reception classes. Closer to the date, parents will be sent details of a google form to complete to confirm attendance:

Reception - Reading/Writing/Maths Workshop

- **Monday 16th March, 5.15-5.45pm**

Reception - Reading/Writing/Maths Workshop

- **Thursday 19th March, 9-9.30am**

Nursery - How to Help my Child Workshop

- **Thursday 19th March, 5.15 - 5.45pm**



Comic Relief / Red Nose Day

On **Friday 20th March**, we will also be supporting Red Nose Day. We are asking the children to wear their own sporty clothes - something red, if possible, on the day. Alternatively, your child can come in their Guiding or Scouting if they wish. We really appreciate your support and we would suggest a minimum donation of £1.00 in aid of this very worthwhile cause.



St Mary's Church - Easter Services



On **Wednesday 1st April** we shall be having a rehearsal for the Easter service and ask that all Junior children are dropped off at St Mary's Church at 8.45 am. Those attending Breakfast club and morning clubs will be walked to school by staff. On **Thursday 2nd April**- Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in the Easter service, held at St Mary's Church.

All children, with the exception of those in Nursery, should be taken directly to Church on that day for 8.45 am. The children should wear a white shirt, tie, school sweatshirt and blazer. The children will be walking back to school after the service, so please ensure they have a warm coat. Nursery children should be taken to school as normal. They are welcome to attend the service, but it would be the responsibility of parents to take the children to Nursery afterwards.

Notices

Goodbye to Charlene

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Charlene from Place2Be who has worked with a number of children at St Mary's over the last 2 years. We wish Charlene the very best as she moves onto pastures new and want to take a moment to thank her for all her hard work. She will be much missed by both staff and children. We would like to welcome Alesha who will be joining the team in her stead.



Dog Mess

A reminder for any dog owners to clear up any mess that their pets make on the way to school, especially around St Mary's Road. We have had complaints from local residents and parents regarding this matter.

Many thanks to responsible dog owners who do this as a matter of course.



Electronic Devices

A reminder that students should not be carrying/wearing devices around school that are capable of taking pictures, or videos, this includes smartwatches.



Finally, may we remind you that school closes on **Thursday 2nd April at 3:15pm** and reopens on **Monday 20th April at 8.45 am**.

Information

Padlets

Padlets are for professionals, parents, and young people. They help you find the information you may need in one accessible space.

Padlets are like a themed noticeboard online. Each padlet brings a wealth of resources together in one place around a particular theme.

Trafford Padlets for Families

- [Start for Life Padlet](#)
- [5-11 years \(New\)](#)
- [11-25 years \(New\)](#)
- [Children's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Padlet](#)
- [Family Help Padlet](#)
- [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Padlet](#)
- [Barriers to Education & Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance \(EBSNA\) Padlet \(New\)](#)

School Information

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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 SEND [The Link Newsletter](#)

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](#).

Governor Information

Information on who the Governors are and the roles that they undertake can be found on the school website here: <https://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk/governors/meet-the-governors>

Upcoming Calendar Dates (subject to change)

School Closes - Half term	Friday	13 February 2026	15.15pm	
Inset day	Monday	23 February 2026		
School Opens - Spring HT2 - PERSEVERANCE	Tuesday	24 February 2026	08.45am	
Oral health presentation for EYFS and KS1	Wednesday	25 February 2026	13.00 - 14.45	Nursery, Rec, Year 1 and 2
Year 3 Trip to Manchester Museum, Egyptian Workshop	Wednesday	25 February 2026	9.15 - 15.00	Year 3
Jennifer Doyle - Author Visit	Friday	27 February 2026	TBC	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Women's Health Workshop	Friday	27 February 2026	19.00 - 21.00	Parents
St David's Day	Sunday	01 March 2026	All day	All years
Stay & Share	Monday	02 March 2026	08.35 - 09.10	Year 1 to Year 6
Maths Factor week Pt 2	w/c Monday	02 March 2026	All week	Year 2 to Year 6
National secondary school offer day	Monday	02 March 2026		
Stay & Share	Tuesday	03 March 2026	08.35 - 09.10	Year 1 to Year 6

Stay & Share	Wednesday	04 March 2026	08.35 - 09.10	Year 1 to Year 6
Training - SLN Science	Wednesday	04 March 2026	13.15 - 16.00	A Strong
DEADLINE - Governors Easter Card Entries	Wednesday	04 March 2026	end of day	All years
Parent's Evening (School Cloud)	Thursday	05 March 2026	15.45 - 18.15	All years
World Book Day	Thursday	05 March 2026	All day	All years
PTA Spring Fair	Saturday	07 March 2026	14.00-16.00	All years
Parent's Evening (School Cloud)	Monday	09 March 2026	15.45 - 18.15	All years
Prospective Parent Tour	Wednesday	11 March 2026	09.30 -10.15	
PTA Bags to School	Thursday	12 March 2026	08.40 - 09.00	All years
Freddie Fit	Friday	13 March 2026	All day	Juniors
Reception Reading/Writing/Maths Workshop	Monday	16 March 2026	17.15 – 17.45	Reception
St Patrick's Day	Tuesday	17 March 2026	All day	All years
Reception Reading/Writing/Maths Workshop	Thursday	19 March 2026	09.00 - 9.30	Computing Suite
Nursery How to Help My Child workshop	Thursday	19 March 2026	17.15 – 17.45	Nursery
Red Nose Day 2026	Friday	20 March 2026	All day	All years
Freddie Fit	Friday	20 March 2026	All day	Infants
Hearing and Visions Screening - Reception	Monday	23 March 2026	09.00 - 10.45	Reception
Eco Refill Shop	Wednesday	25 March 2026	15.15 - 15.45	All families
Year 3 Bread Making	Thursday	26 March 2026	09.00 -12.00	Year 3
Chemistry with Cabbages	Thursday	26 March 2026	09.30-14.45	Year 6
Pre loved Blazer Sale	Thursday	26 March 2026	Before and after school	All years
PTA You Choose Day collection	Friday	27 March 2026	08.40 - 09.00	All years
Class Worship - 1/2 D	Friday	27 March 2026	08.55 - 09.20	1/2 D
Easter Alive Week 2026 - Yr 3&4	Tuesday	24 March 2026	PM	Year 3 &4
Easter Alive Week 2026 - Yr 5&6	Wednesday	25 March 2026	AM	Year 5&6
Rehearsal Easter Service	Wednesday	01 April 2026	08.45 - 10.30	Year 3 to Year 6
Easter Service	Thursday	02 April 2026	08.45 - 10.30	All years & Staff
School Closes - End of term	Thursday	02 April 2026	3.15pm	
School Opens - Summer HT1 - FORGIVENESS	Monday	20 April 2026		

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.

Monday 2nd March, 12 noon –Deadline for Sign up for parents evening on school cloud

<https://stmaryssale.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Wednesday 4th March –Governors Easter Card Competition – please email entries to office@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk marked “Easter Card photograph”

Monday 16th March, 8am– Bookings for Summer Extra Curricular clubs open on Arbor at 8am

Wednesday 18th March –Deadline for consent and payment for the Year 3 Trip to Manchester Museum, Egyptian Workshop – please make payment and give consent on Arbor

Monday 30th March, 12 noon– Bookings for Summer Extra Curricular clubs close on Arbor at 12 noon