

## St Mary's C of E Primary School

### Growing Our Community Together.

*'Welcome, Nurture, Grow, Flourish.'*

Dear St Mary's Community,

We hope you are all having a lovely half term.

Thank you to your children for a great start to the year. It was a long half term and they did brilliantly at remaining focused until the end. Thank you also to our incredible staff team, who show such dedication every day in their roles at our school – they make such a difference to your child's education.

At the end of term, we said goodbye to our Year 1 Teacher, Mr Ash. We wish him well on his onward journey and thank him for the support he has shown St Mary's during the first half term of this year.

We have noticed on occasions that some children in Years 1-5 are being dropped at the gate, rather than the parent walking down into our school grounds. Please remember that before 8:45am, all children remain the responsibility of the parent and must be accompanied into school. School staff who are present in our playground before and after school are there to welcome families in and to ensure the school site is entered and cleared safely. We expect that parents are aware of their child's whereabouts at all times before they enter school or when they leave our school building at the end of the school day.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend! See you all on Monday at 8:45am for a new half term.  
Mrs Lawlor and the Team at St Mary's.

### Helping Children to Manage their Emotions

#### Anger management in children: how parents can help

Why is my child angry? Advice for coping with anger issues in children and young people from our team of experts.



Everyone gets angry or frustrated. It's a build-up of feeling when something's gone wrong. While it's a normal emotion to feel it can be unpleasant to be around. Anger issues are a top mental health concern for children contacting Childline. With many of children turning to Childline for anger issues support each year it's understandable to worry about what's happening and why. The NSPCC has therefore created some [ideas and resources](#) for parents to help you find ideas you can try to help you cope.

### Introducing Miss Cronin to St Mary's

We would like to let all families know that Miss Cronin will be joining our teaching team from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Some of our Key Stage One children and parents will already recognise Miss Cronin, as she has taught our Year 1 Squirrel class on several occasions last term as a supply teacher.

The children responded very positively to Miss Cronin and her organised & positive approach to learning. We are delighted that she will now be joining the Year 1 class full time to ensure continuity and a smooth transition.



# Congratulations & huge thanks to Mr Redmond!



## St Mary's wins the 'Kingston Active School' of the Year Award 2025!

We are delighted to share with you that St Mary's C of E Primary School has been selected as the **winning school** for the **Active Kingston School Award 2025!**



Our school was nominated by several individuals for this prestigious award.

The Active School of the Year Award recognises a Kingston school that demonstrates:

- ✓ Outstanding effort in promoting physical activity for every child.
- ✓ Active introduction of initiatives to encourage and support healthy and happy pupils both during and outside of school hours.

**We are so lucky to have you on our St Mary's team! Thank you for all you do Mr Redmond!**

## Staying Safe with Fireworks



As the fireworks season approaches, the night sky will be lit up with fireworks displays. With all the sparkle and excitement, it's easy to forget that fireworks can be dangerous if not used carefully and responsibly.

[The Child Accident Prevention Trust](#) have shared some top tips to keep us safe while celebrating.

If your clothes catch on fire,

# STOP | DROP | ROLL



### Using fireworks at home?

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If you decide to use fireworks at home, here's how everyone can stay safe.

#### Only buy from licensed sellers

Check before you buy. Make sure you buy fireworks from a licensed retailer, both in-store and online. Do not buy fireworks from unknown retailers on social media sites. It's illegal for anyone under 18 to buy or carry fireworks.



#### Store fireworks safely

Store fireworks in their original packaging. Lock them away from children and animals. Keep fireworks dry and away from sources of heat or ignition.



#### Check your timings

Did you know that you can't let fireworks off between 11pm and 7am? The only exceptions are Fireworks Night, when the cut-off is midnight, and Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year, when it's 1am. Timings may be different in Scotland. Search **'fireworks'** on [gov.scot](#) for more advice.



#### Be considerate

People and animals may be affected by fireworks. Let your neighbours know in advance if you're planning on using any fireworks. Be mindful of where you site fireworks to minimise disruption.



#### Look after pets

Cats and dogs should stay inside. Give small animals who live outside lots of extra bedding and nesting material to burrow in.



#### Read all the instructions

The box of fireworks will tell you important things like how far away people need to stand back once the firework is lit. If you don't understand the instructions and warnings, don't use the firework.



#### Dispose of fireworks safely

Ensure that fireworks are out, soak them in water overnight, then put them in a rubbish bag and in the bin.



### Which fireworks can I use at home?

Category information can be found on the label.

**Category F1, F2 and F3** fireworks are on sale to the general public. Consumer fireworks will fall into either category F2 or F3 depending on how much of a **safety distance** is required. Check you have enough space to safely use a firework before you buy. Always follow the Firework Code [www.saferfireworks.com](#)

Go to [www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law](#) for more advice





## Ready, Respectful, Safe - that's how we do it here!

All children in our school interact with many different adults during their day. Adults in our school think it is very important that all the adults have the same expectations and that we are consistent in our approach. For this reason, we have developed 3 rules that all adults will remind children of: **Ready, Respectful, Safe.**

1. **'Ready'** - Ready is the right time, right place and the right attitude. Readiness for all things including being ready for learning, ready to listen, ready to go to lunch etc.
2. **'Respectful'** - Respectful is caring for ourselves, other people and our environment. When people are respectful, they are showing respect to their peers, to adults, to their environment, to themselves.
3. **'Safe'** - Safe is taking actions that look after myself and others. Being safe at school leads to everyone feeling safe in the learning environment, safe with the people around them and safe in the activities in which they are taking part in.

When everyone works together in a community;

- We feel happy, safe and valued.
- We can all reach our shared goals.
- We can all be the best version of ourselves that we can be.
- We can all fulfil our potential.

As part of our PSHE lessons this term the children have been talking about our whole school rules of being ready, respectful & safe and have created some posters to help us all to remember.





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Book Fair Week



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# Autumn Term Dates

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children back to school
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Immunisations Morning
10-14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day will be marked in school today
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> November	In school Assessment Week for Years 1-6
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Y2 visit to The King's Centre for 'The Christmas Journey'
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Bishop of Dorking visiting St Mary's
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Nativity</b> 10-11am Reception Y1 & Y2
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Nativity</b> 2-3pm Reception Y1 & Y2
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Carol Concert</b> 6-7pm Years 3,4,5 & 6
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Carol Concert</b> 2-3pm Years 3,4,5 & 6
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch in school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 visit to Yorda Forest
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term. School closes at 1:15pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Christmas Holiday
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day – Children do not attend school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children back to school- 8:45am

**Prospective Reception 2026 Parent Tours –  
Every Wednesday throughout the Autumn Term at 9:30am**



At 4pm on the second Sunday of each month, in the school hall, St Mary's Church welcome you to a relaxed and welcoming event for all ages.

Whether you've been to church before or not. It's designed to be easy to join in with, family-friendly, and a chance to explore big questions about life, hope, and purpose through Bible stories, drama, music, and activities that centre around the message of Jesus.

There will be something for everyone – children, parents, grandparents, and friends – and it's a great way to meet others in the school and local community and we'll finish with free refreshments and time to chat.