

NEWSLETTER

4th July 2025

Clubs

Day	Club
Monday	Knitting (4.30pm finish) LAST ONE
Tuesday	Tennis (4.30pm finish)
Wednesday	French (4.30pm finish)
Breakfast club daily	From 7.30am
After school club daily	Until 5.30pm

FAB AWARDS

- ★ Evanna
- ★ Arthur
- ★ Charlotte
- ★ Olivia
- ♥ Libby
- ♥ Marlie
- ♥ Holly
- ♥ Will

Whole school attendance this week:
94%

Quick glance dates...

JULY	
9 th	Class 2 & 3 trip to YWP
9 th	Girls Football match v Kneesall
10 th	SUMMER DISCO (Info to follow)
15 th	KS2 performance 6pm
16 th	KS2 performance 2pm
17 th	Y6 trip to Southwell minster
29 th	Leavers service 2pm LAST DAY OF TERM

This week we wish
Happy Birthday to...
Charlotte, Annie, Harriet, Libby



This week at St Mary's...

It has been a busy few weeks at St Mary's. Our annual sports day was a roaring success with families enjoying the whole school picnic before the event and the Friends of St Mary's raising an incredible £1087.29!

Transition Day took place this week with children enjoying the opportunity to meet their new class teachers and our Year 6's had the chance to visit their new schools. Children have also been thinking about their hopes and dreams for the future ready for a whole school display for the new year!

During collective worship we have been exploring the idea of Thankfulness and how we can say and show our gratitude towards the environment and to others.

House Leaderboard



Oak

254



Birch

256



Pine

151



Willow

203

Our week in photos!

Reminder that photos accessed on Class Dojo are not to be shared on any social media.



SPORTS DAY

Sports Day 2025 was a wonderful family affair! It was great to see so many families join us for our picnic and stay to cheer all the children on! We hope you enjoyed the event as much as the children did. A big thank you to our volunteers, governors, staff and Friends of St Mary's for their time and energy throughout the day. It was humbling to see everyone work together and to hear all the lovely comments of how much visitors enjoyed their day!



Sporting Successes

FOOTBALL

Our super football team played two games recently. The first game saw the team gain another win against Bilsthorpe. The second game against Walesby C of E was an important match to decide the winners of the Cup for Division C. St Mary's gave it their all and were able to secure a 6-1 win meaning that St Mary's have won the Dukeries Primary school football league for the second year running! Well done to all!

The football team and I are very thankful to Mrs Lee who has been giving up her time to support and coach the football team this year, organising all their events and making sure that all players have had opportunities to be part of the games across the season. Thank you Mrs Lee!



CRICKET

Over the summer term we have been very lucky to have our super cricket coaches Pas, Mr Beard and Mrs Smith-Jessop run a new club. They have offered up their time to coach children and recently organised a friendly against Kind Edwin, playing at the Thoresby club site. The children worked very hard during the game and it was great to see them enjoying the sport in a match situation. A big thank you to the cricket coaches for all your time and hard work. Well done everyone!

*See the photo on the previous pages



Can you help?

As we think about winding up the school year and look forward to a brand-new academic year we are working together in school to tidy and sort across school. If you are willing and able to help with any of the following please get in touch:

- *Clean the school minibus*
- *Take rubbish to the tip*
- *Jet wash the school building near class 2*
- *Tidy and clean the forest school area*
- *Paint the front of school*

We are looking at ways to refresh some of our outdoor space and would like to create a quiet/reflective area which is fenced. If you know any companies that may be able to help us or offer a discounted rate for this, please let us know!

Thank you

Summer Disco 10th July

EYFS & KS1- 6-7PM

KS2- 7.15-8.15PM

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Tech Trouble for the Toys!

A brand-new Toy Story film is on the way! Toy Story 5 will be in cinemas on 19th June 2026, and all our favourite toys are coming back. Toy Story started 30 years ago in 1995, and it was the first-ever animated film made completely on a computer. Since then, we've followed Woody, Buzz, Jessie and the gang through more Toy Story films, filled with exciting adventures about friendship, facing challenges, and never giving up on the people you care about. In the new story, Bonnie – the little girl who owns the toys – has been given a tablet called LilyPad. LilyPad is clever, shiny, and fun to use. But it starts to make Bonnie think she doesn't need need her toys anymore.



Pictured: The Toy Story characters!
Source: William Warby on Flickr.

Pixar's Chief Creative Officer, Pete Docter, said, 'It's toy meets tech.' Jessie is trying to keep everyone together in Bonnie's room. Buzz is helping too and Woody returns to help save the day! Can the toys show Bonnie that old friends are still important – even when something new and exciting comes along?

Buzz Lightyear is named after a real astronaut called Buzz Aldrin, who went to the Moon!

Trunkful of Treats!

In Thailand, a wild elephant gave everyone a big surprise when he walked into a shop and helped himself to some tasty snacks! The elephant, named Plai Biang Lek, is 27 years old and lives near Khao Yai National Park. He's known in the area, but this was the first time he had stepped inside a shop. 'He walked up to the candy counter and used his trunk to pick out what he wanted,' said shop owner Khamploi Kakaew. Plai Biang Lek chose sweets, dried bananas, and peanut snacks – while another elephant waited outside for him! Later, a wildlife group gave the shop



Pictured: An Asian Elephant in the wild.
Source: Canva.

800 baht (about £17) to cover the elephant's 'shopping bill'. Elephants sometimes visit towns when their forest homes shrink. Local groups are helping to keep them safe and protect their homes. **Elephants are Thailand's national animal, but only 3,000-4,000 are in the wild – down from over 100,000 long ago.**

What can we learn from people who communicate in different ways?



I am learning sign language so that I can talk to my cousin, who uses it too. It is really fun to learn! **Edith**

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Steelpan Success

Joshua Regrello, from Trinidad and Tobago, has set a new world record by playing the steelpan for 31 hours! The passionate musician and content creator now holds the record for the longest marathon playing steelpan/steel drums. He has performed all around the world – even on the Great Wall of China. He commented that this experience made him realise that anything is possible and that he was going to go after his dreams. The steelpanist thanked his



Pictured: Playing a steelpan.
Source: Canva.



Pictured: Joshua playing the steelpan.
Source: Joshua Regrello on Facebook.

support network, who encouraged him during his record-breaking session, which was livestreamed on YouTube. Other musicians joined him on stage. His mum and girlfriend fed him and gave him drinks through a straw, so he could continue playing. His 80-year-old grandma was there for the whole 31 hours too! Joshua says, 'Big up Trinidad and Tobago and the entire Caribbean. This record is not just mine. It is for all of us. It is a reminder that even your wildest dreams are worth chasing. You are stronger than you think. To anyone reading this around the world, if your dream feels crazy, it is probably exactly what you should be doing.'

Have you ever heard or played a steelpan? Would you like to?

Underwater Rugby

Nick Harvey, the founder of the UK's first underwater rugby team, has been talking about how his team is trying to grow the sport. Pure Underwater Rugby, based in Guildford in Surrey, is one of only two clubs in the country. The club is trying to make the sport more popular in the UK. The team's website explains, 'Discover the sport of Underwater Rugby – the best game you've never heard of! Join us for an exhilarating experience. In teams of 6,



Pictured: PURE Underwater Rugby team in action.
Source: PURE Underwater Rugby on X.



Pictured: PURE Underwater Rugby team in action.
Source: PURE Underwater Rugby on Facebook.

equipped with fins, mask, and snorkel. Your aim is to score points by sinking the ball into the opponent's basket which is placed 4m below the pool surface. It's a game that demands teamwork, agility, strength, and the ability to hold your breath – all while having an absolute blast! They are encouraging adults to try out their sport and say it is suitable for everyone. There are mixed teams, who play by attempting to wrestle a ball, slightly smaller than a football, past the opponent's defenders and goalkeeper and into the bin-like basket to score! **Would you give underwater rugby a try? What other sports do you think could be played underwater?**

What can we learn from people who communicate in different ways?



It's sometimes hard for me to find the correct words, so I want to learn how to communicate in different ways. **Karolina**

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TAKEHOME

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– 6th July



Are driverless taxis a good idea?

In the news this week

Taxi company, Uber, wants to test cars in London that can drive by themselves, without a person at the wheel. The UK government has changed the rules to let this happen sooner. Many believe the service could bring new jobs, but others are worried about human drivers losing work. The cars have performed well in tests, though checks are still needed to make sure they are safe. Some people have already tried riding in these cars to see how well they work.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experience of public transport and whether you've used a taxi. Talk to someone at home about their experiences.
- How do you feel about using a driverless taxi? Would you use one? Why?
- Can you make a list of the pros and cons of driverless taxis?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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