

# St. Mary's Mail



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## Dates For Your Diary

6th December	Lime Nativity
7th December	Lemon Nativity
14th December	8:30am Santa Visit
14th December	Christmas Dinner
14th December	Cherry Nativity
15th December	Apple Nativity
16th December	Pear Nativity
16th December	Christingle Service

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had several events at school where we have asked you to either support charities or contribute to our upcoming Christmas Fair. The St Mary's community have once again shown great generosity and our children have been able to demonstrate their changemaker skills through this fundraising.

We have raised £367.11 for Children in Need, thank you everyone.

We hope to see you at the Fair tomorrow!

*Mrs B Scriven*



## Well Done

Well done to our year 5/6 athletes who took part in the Sports Hall Athletics competition this week and also to our football team who competed in their first tournament earlier in the month.



## Homework

As you are aware, since returning to school in September, the children have not had a weekly homework task to complete. During this time families have had the opportunity to develop routines around regular spelling and times tables practice and reading x5 per week. This has also given us time to engage in research around homework and reflect on how we want homework to look at St Mary's.

Some findings from the EEF research:

- Homework is most effective when it is linked to learning in class.
- Quality of task is more important than quantity of tasks
- Homework can boost progress by 3-5 months.
- Homework in the primary setting will help prepare children for secondary school.

Today, children between Y1 and Y6 will be coming home with a homework book. Inside you will find a short English or Topic activity and a maths activity. The sheet will say times tables the class are currently focusing on and the spellings they will need to learn during the week.

Below you find some key information:

- Homework across the school will be set on **Fridays** and will be due in on **Wednesdays**.
- Homework sheets will look the same across this school. This will mean that siblings feel as though they have similar homework although the tasks themselves will look different depending on the age of the child.
- The homework task shouldn't take longer than 30 minutes. But what a child can produce in 30 minutes will of course look different depending on their age.
- The hub will be open on Tuesdays after school for families wishing to complete homework in a quiet setting. Computers and other resources will be available. Children must be supervised by a parent.
- Inside the homework book you will see some expectations for children, teachers and parents. We ask that you familiarise yourself with this.
- In addition to the weekly homework task, children will still be expected to read x5 per week, and practise their spellings and tables throughout the week.

If you have any question regarding your child's homework, please speak to your child's teacher.

## Excel Daily!

We continue to have our celebration assemblies every Friday. Well done to the following children who have recently received certificates:

Faye, Peter, Adam, Joey, Hugo, Paige W, Cherahleigh, Bailey, All of Apple Class, Jacob Mc, Lydia M, Danny T, Darby, Louis-James, Jayden, Oliver Mu, Nevaeh, George B, Austin, Autumn, Elizabeth G, Levi J, Robert, Amelia E, Sammy S, Sam R, James T, Joseph T, Brooke, Cassie G, Cali, Emmy, Riley W, Evie L, Mariana, Oliver Mc, Harry B, Louisa, Evie B, Ebony, Jessica J, Millie, Theadora, Hannah Wel, Marianne, Lila & Jack L



## 2021/22 Term Dates

Term 2: 1st Nov—17th Dec 2021  
Term 3: 4th Jan—18th Feb 2022  
Term 4: 28th Feb—8th April 2022  
Term 5: 25th Apr—27th May 2022  
Term 6: 6th June—21st July 2022  
INSET Days: 22nd Nov 2021, 14th March 2022 & 27th May 2022