St. Mary's Newsletter

Friday 20th November • Fortnightly newsletter

It's been a fortnight since our last newsletter, and there's a lot to celebrate at St Mary's.
We started Anti-Bullying Week on Monday with Odd Socks Day. It was lovely to see so many different socks as we celebrated what makes each of us unique. This year's theme, *Break the Silence*, gave us a chance to talk about what children can do if they experience bullying or see it happening to someone else. Thank you to our Wellbeing Ambassadors for helping to lead that conversation in worship. It takes courage to speak up, and we want every child to know there is an adult at school who will listen and help.
Thank you to everyone who joined us for parents' evenings over the last fortnight, and to our teachers for making time to meet with families. It was lovely to see children joining some of those conversations and having the chance to talk about what they're proud of and what they're working on next.
I'd also like to thank the two pupils who represented St Mary's at the Yate Remembrance parade. We were proud to have them there on behalf of our school.
Thank you, too, to everyone who has supported Children in Need by joining in with our fundraising. We raised £303.40



Bethan Scriven

Dates for your diary

November	
Tuesday 24th	Cake sale 3.15pm
Friday 27th	Mufti Day
Monday 30th- 4th	Yr 5/6 Swimming Lessons
December	
Tuesday 1st	Yr 6 National Child Measurements
Wednesday 2nd	Christmas Carols 9am
Friday 4th	Christmas Fair 3:15pm
Tuesday 8th	EYFS Christmas Showcase 2pm
Tuesday 8th	Singing carols on the green 6pm
Wednesday 9th	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.15am
Thursday 10th	KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm
Friday 11th	2027 Intake tour 1:30pm
Monday 14th	Rocksteady concert 9:30am-11am
Tuesday 15th	Rocksteady concert 1:30PM-3pm
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Lunch/ Christmas Jumper day

CAKE SALE
Tues 24th November

We are holding a cake sale after school next Tuesday to raise funds for Young Voices. We welcome any donations of nut free cakes on Tuesday morning in the school office.

Mufti day

Friday 27 November is a mufti day as we get ready for the Christmas Fair. We are asking for donations of sweets/chocolates from our EYFS & KS1 children and unopened in date bottles from KS2. Our Friends of St Mary's volunteers will be in school to collect donations and decorate the Christmas trees. A big thank you to all of them for the hard work that goes into making the fair happen.

Christmas Fair
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 3:15pm

Come along for the start of our festive season at St Mary's. We have Christmas games, glitter tattoos, refreshments, Christmas crafts and lots more Christmas fun.

Celebrating our children

Well done to the children who have received certificates.
Sophie N, Leon, Jake, Kaven, Reuben, Arthur W, Arthur S, Finley H, Darcey, Ezra B, Ellaria, Jack G, Lavinia, Tate B, Summer T, Olivia D, Tayton, George E, Eliza P, Mason B, Jayden S, Molly B, Pippa, Thomas C, Noah T, Gia, Rosa J, Cody F, Mylie, Harrison C, William N, Mollie S, Elena, Joey M, Daniel L, Koda, Kaiden, Ria & Florence P.



Our value this term · Hope

This term in worship, we're exploring Hope through the words *I can become more*. We've used the story of Noah to help us think about hope when things feel uncertain. At home, you might ask, 'What can you do now that you used to find difficult?' At school, hope can look like having another go at something that felt too hard yesterday, asking for help when we're stuck or encouraging a friend who's finding something tricky. I love seeing the moment when a child realise they can do something they once thought they couldn't

Term Dates 2026/2027

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Start 2nd November **End** 18th December	**Start** 4th January **End** 12th February	**Start** 22nd February **End** 25th March	**Start** 12th April **End** 28th May	**Start** 7th June **End** 21st July **INSET** 25th June **INSET** 28th June



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Lessons are available in school, out of school and at weekends.



LESSON OPTIONS

30 minutes individual x 10 lessons	£253
20 minutes individual x 10 lessons	£169
30 minutes paired x 10 lessons	£124
Group x 10 lessons	£85

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, please ask at your school office about possible support.



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TREE FEST
2026
St. Mary's Church, Yate
Saturday 5 December 2026
Open FREE to the public
10:30am – 4:30pm
Music and Merriment ★ Tree Displays
Festive Food and Drink ★ Raffle
All proceeds go to the
St Mary's Yate Future Fund
For an accessible toilet and urgent roof repairs
Charity No 1133990


St. Mary's Church Yate
TREE FEST
2026
YOUR CHRISTMAS STARTS RIGHT HERE
Opening Night Concert
presented by
STAPLE HILL BAND
OF THE SALVATION ARMY
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM - CONCERT STARTS 7.30PM
Tickets £6 each or 2 for £10
Under 16s Free
Sold in advance from
St. Mary's Church & Office
or purchased on the door
All proceeds go to the
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