

St. Mary's Mail



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Dates for the Diary

24 & 31 Jan 2022	Y5/6 workshops at the Heritage Centre
31 Jan 2022	Flu vaccinations
1 Feb 2022	Y1/2 Trip to Noah's Ark
18 Feb 2022	Last day of term
28 Feb 2022	Start of term 4
W/C 7 Mar 2022	Parent's Evenings
14 Mar 2022	INSET day
28 Mar 3pm	Planned Curriculum Showcase
27 May 2022	INSET day

Goodbye Mr Spens

Next week will be Mr Spens' last week as executive head of the St Mary's and St Helen's partnership. His creative thinking and strategic vision has had an immense impact on the two schools in recent years.

Mr Spens started his teaching career here at St Mary's 17 years ago before becoming Deputy Head teacher at St John's, Keynsham and then later Head teacher at St Helen's, Alveston.

Mr Spens' new role as 'Head of Professional Learning' in the Church of England's national education team will mean that that he has the opportunity to influence leadership development across thousands of schools. I know this is something he is hugely passionate about.

Our vision 'Explore, Enjoy, Excel; be amazing' reaches out beyond our work with children. Through CPD, professional growth and support from the whole team we strive to be the best teachers and leaders that we can be. We are proud to have been part of Mr Spens' own leadership journey and we wish him every success in his new role

Absence in term time

Can we please remind you that holidays in term time will not be authorised. For any planned absence from school you need to complete a leave of absence form which can be obtained from the school office or can be found on the school website and hand this in at least 1 month before the requested leave date.

Any unauthorised absence from school for a period of more than 5 days in a 7 week period will result in a penalty notice being issued by the local authority.

The admission policy and a parents guide to penalty notices can be found on the school website.

Years 5 and 6 Explore Yate

As part of the Connected Curriculum topic, this week the children in Upper Key Stage 2 have been out exploring Yate. They used their map reading skills to navigate a route set out by the teachers which enabled them to see buildings that have been in situ since the Victorian era. Next week, the children will be attending workshops at the Heritage Centre to support their learning.



Football Match Report St Mary's vs St Michaels

Yesterday, the match between these two teams took place at St Michael's home ground. A well fought game was shown in the first half with many shots from the opposition deflected skilfully by Levi in goal. Despite a solid performance by Byron, Harry and Tyler in defence, one lucky goal took the opposition 1-0 up. Minutes later Louis approached goal with no defenders; unfortunately the keeper produced an outstanding save to keep them in the lead. St Mary's made an energetic start to the second half taking control of the game. Louis, Gino, Stanley & Charlie worked hard firing many shots at their keeper and Levi in goal continued to make some exceptional saves to keep St Mary's in the game. Fortunately, with seven minutes left Harry on the wing put the ball in the back of the net, making it 1-1. Then a last second chance came for St Mary's, however our striker did not accomplish goal; the whistle blew and the match finished 1:1.

By Louis & Gino

Job Vacancy

We currently have a job vacancy for a Lunch break Supervisor Monday—Friday 12.00-1.10pm term time only. If you or someone you know may be interested in this position please contact the school office

Excel Daily!

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

Dexter, Joey, Archie S, Daisie, Ivy, Maria, Charlie D, Hope, Jaxson. Lydia M, George E, Jack M, Louis L, Summer S, Summer T, Casey, Hadley, Oliver Hi, Indiana, Michael, Ava H, Sienna L, Archie J, Sapphire, Chloe R, Phoebe, Tyrrell, Olivia B, Bella M, Ethan S, Brodie, Cali, Kyla, Ethan B, Cody, Haydn, Liam, Daniel S, Noah G, Lydia S, Lily Fa, Gino, Jess J, Rhys, Freya, Levi B, Josh W, Oliver T, Esmee M

