

St. Mary's Mail



Date: September 29th 2023

Bi- Weekly News from St.Mary's

Dates for the Diary

Where has September gone? As we move into October, I would like to remind all families with children in year 6 that you need to apply for your secondary school place via the South Glos Citizen Portal by the end of this month. Also if you or anyone you know has a child due to start reception in September 2024, applications are now open and would like to invite you to attend our online meeting and tour to learn more about our school—spread the word! *Mrs Bethan Scriven*

4th Oct 2.30pm	Parents E-Safety presentation
13th Oct	Nasal Flu Immunisations
16th - 20th Oct	Book Fair
16th Oct 7.30pm	Reception 2024 Virtual information meeting
17th Oct 4:00pm	Reception 2024 School Tours
23rd-27th Oct	Half term
7th & 8th Nov	Parents Evening
7th Nov	Reception class trip
16th Nov	Y3/4 class trip
21st Nov 7.30pm	Reception 2024 Virtual information meeting
27th Nov	INSET
29th Nov 9.30am	Reception 2024 School Tours
29th Nov 3pm	Curriculum Showcase
6th & 7th Dec	KS1 Nativity
18th Dec-1st Jan	Christmas Holiday

Parent E-Safety Workshop

Wednesday 4th October 2:30pm

In a world where we are increasingly reliant on technology, it is important that we are supporting the children to be safe online. Whilst online safety features highly in our curriculum, by working together we can make sure that the children are applying their learning to stay safe online at home.

We recognise events during the school day can be difficult for working parents to attend but ask that you do your best to join us on Wednesday.



We want all the children in our community to flourish and through The Thrive Approach we support our children's emotional and social development. Our aim is to help your children feel happy and secure, able to enjoy friendships, relate well to others and be ready and able to learn.

To find out more about the Thrive approach here at St Mary's please visit our school website and follow the Thrive link.

Alternatively you can visit the Thrive website:

<https://www.thriveapproach.com/the-thrive-approach/>

Watch this space for more updates on Thrive in the coming months!

Reception Intake 2024 School Tours

We will be holding our online information meetings and school tours for prospective parents on the following dates;

16th Oct & 21st Nov 7.30pm- Online information meetings

17th Oct 4:00pm school tours

29th Oct 9:30am school tours

If you have or know anyone with a child starting school in September 2024 please ask them to contact the school office to book onto a tour.

Census Day

It is the schools census day on Thursday 5th October. As a school we receive money based on the number of Reception & KS1 children having a school lunch this day. Each meal equates to nearly £500 worth of funding so it is imperative we have all our children booking a lunch on this day. If you have a Reception or KS1 child can we please ask you log onto the schools meals ordering system; <https://parents.schoolfoodunited.com/login> and order a lunch for your child on **5TH OCTOBER.**

Attendance

Education is the greatest gift you can give your children and will make the biggest difference to their future. Schools can **NOT** authorise any leave for holidays during term time, please only book holidays for the 13 weeks school holiday. Penalty notices may be issued for anyone having more than 10 sessions (5 days) of absence in a 7 school week period. The fine is currently £60 (per parent, per child) if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. Further guidance can be found on the school website along with a copy of the request for absence form that **MUST** be completed before the absence, email's on the day of your child's absence are not acceptable.

Photos

16th October ,individual and siblings, pre school sibling groups to arrive at 8.30am

Excel Daily

Well done to the following children who have recently received certificates :

Frank, Miles ,Hamish ,Koda , Darcey W, Emily W, Maria G, Madison T, Preston, Dexter P, Elizabeth H, Edith Sa, Olivia D, Cian, Ewan, Sophie, Harrison A, Olivia Eve, James W, Cassie G, Brodie, Archie J, Georgia K, Ellis, Remi, Dylan C, Joey, Charlie D, Myla, Penny ,Jonah B, Ruby W, Jessie, Ellaria, Jacob M, Isla T, Martha D, Arthur F, Amber Mi, Olivia B, Logan B, Lexi M & Emmy.

