

St. Mary's Mail



Friday 13th February 2026

Bi-weekly Newsletter

Dates for your diary

As we come to the end of Term 3, I am proud of all that our children have achieved. Alongside their learning through our theme of *Social Justice*—from exploring life in Uganda in Key Stage 1, to studying the Stone Age in Years 3 and 4, and Victorian social reform in Years 5 and 6—there have been many other highlights.

This term has seen several competitive matches, with our pupils representing the school with determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow with each fixture. I have also been delighted by the progress of our Year 5 Junior Saxophone players, whose commitment and developing musicianship are a real credit to them. As the term draws to a close, I wish all families a restful and enjoyable break. Please remember that Atlas Camp will be open during the holidays for families who need childcare, or for children who may need a place to stay active and run off some energy.

Bethan Scriven

| March | |
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| Wednesday 4 th | Bedtime Story |
| Thursday 5 th | World book day Dress Up |
| Tues 10 th & Thurs 12 th | Parents Evenings |
| Monday 23 rd | INSET day |
| Wednesday 25 th | Reception Screening |
| Friday 27 th | Class showcase |
| Monday 30 th | Rocksteady concert AM |
| Tuesday 31 st | Rocksteady concert PM |

| April | |
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| Wednesday 1 st | Easter Disco |
| Easter Half Term | Egg Hunt Shopping Centre |

| May | |
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| Weds 13 th - Fri 15 th | Yr 4 Greatwood |
| Mon 11 th - Thurs 14 th | Yr 6 SATS |

| June | |
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| Friday 5 th | Class/Yr6 Photos |
| Friday 19 th am | KS2 Sports Day |
| Friday 19 th 1pm-2pm | KS1 Sports Day |
| Friday 19 th 2pm-3pm | EYFS Sports Day |

| July | |
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| Saturday 4 th | Summer Fair/Tuckfield |
| Friday 10 th | Leavers Disco |

A Polite Notice

We kindly remind parents and carers that if you have any concerns about a child's behaviour, these should be raised directly with your child's class teacher or a member of the school leadership team.

This allows us to address matters appropriately and sensitively, while respecting the privacy of all children and families. We ask that concerns are not discussed with other parents, and we thank you for your continued support in helping us work together positively as a school community.



Sporting News

We are delighted to share that our girls' football team won their quarter-final match against Barr's Court with an impressive 4–2 victory! They will find out who they will face in the semi-final after half term. Well done, girls – we are very proud of you!

The boys' team are playing their quarter-final after school today.

Good luck, boys – we're cheering you on!

Well done to the following students who have received a certificate in the last few weeks.

Isabella S, Frankie, Silvie, Violet, Eddie R, Georgia K, Perrie, Reuben, Ruby K, Whole of Pear Class, Isla P, Harrison P, Emilia, Charlie D, Noah R, Samaya, Maggie, Jack M, Toby, Riley, Hadley, Noah T, Maya, Jensen, Elora, Finley, Florrie, Elodie, George Wo, Logan C, Ollie W, Sophie M, Avery, Emily L, Amy, Ivy, Alex J, Summer T, Rose K, George B, Roma, Vinnie and George E

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for children's progress, wellbeing and success at school. Missing school can have a significant impact on learning, routines and friendships. We therefore remind parents and carers that holidays should not be taken during term time, as these will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances. Thank you for supporting good attendance and helping us ensure all children have the best possible start.

School Dinner Survey

Our food provider Dolce is inviting children to complete a short survey (below) about school dinners. Their feedback will help shape future menus and make improvements where needed.

<https://forms.gle/>

Term Dates

Term 3

Start: Mon 5th Jan

End: Fri 13th Feb

Term 4

Start: Mon 23rd Feb

End: Thurs 2nd Apr

Inset: Mon 23rd Mar

Term 5

Start: Mon 20th Apr

End: Fri 22nd May

Term 6

Start: Mon 1st Jun

End: Tues 21st Jul

Inset: Mon 20th Jul

Tues 21st Jul

Snacks

Please can we remind parents that any snacks brought into school should be healthy and unprocessed. As a simple guide, if it grows on a plant, it can be brought in – apart from nuts, as we are a nut-free school. Fresh fruit and vegetables are a perfect choices, Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy habits.

We would like to say a huge **Thank you** to everyone who helped make our cake sale a success – whether you donated cakes or came along to support us by buying them. Together, we raised an amazing **£230.05** which will go towards Year 5 J-Sax tuition.

Noticeboard

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FRIENDS OF ST MARYS **UPCOMING EVENTS** For **2026**

APRIL **EASTER HUNT**

The Friends have joined forces with Yate Shopping Centre for an Easter Hunt, find the letters, make the word(s) and enter for a chance to win some amazing prizes

1ST APRIL



DISCO

Join us for dancing and games hosted by DJ Bridgeo

4TH JULY **TUCKFIELD & SUMMER FAIR**

Join us for a morning of school football then an afternoon of games and inflatables with a bar

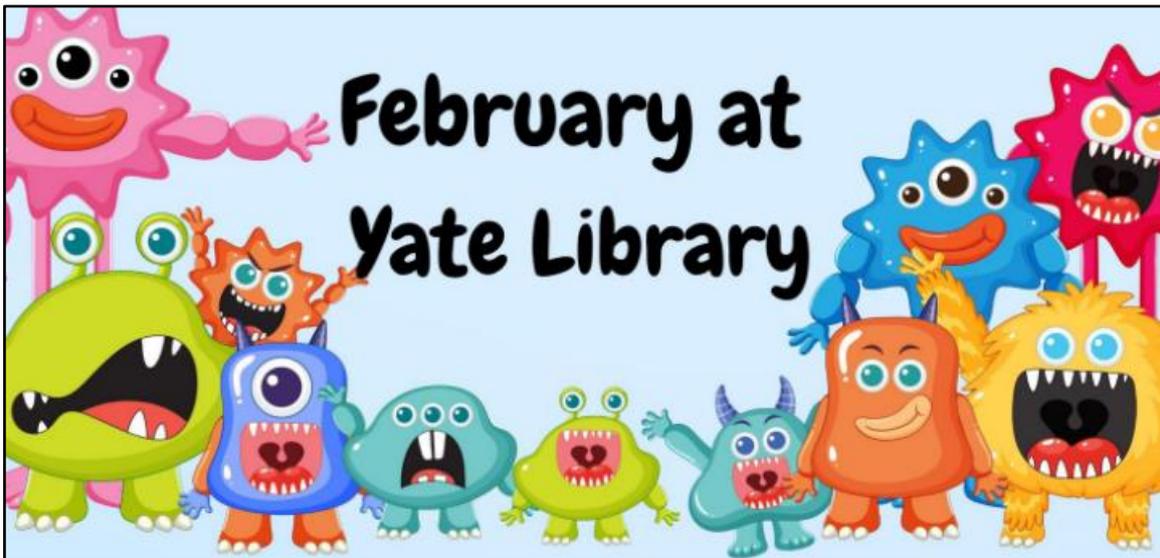


10TH JULY **LEAVERS DISCO**



Join us for an evening disco to celebrate and say farewell to the year 6 leavers

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW CLOSER TO THE EVENTS



February at Yate Library

Free craft bags available from 2 Feb *

Monster Mischief

16 Feb 10.30 – 12 noon drop in crafts

Pets as Therapy – Meet a pat dog

Places are limited for this activity.

Book your free place at sglibraries.eventbrite.com

17 Feb, for ages 4+ 10.30 – 11.30

Lego Challenge: Monster Mystery

19 Feb 10.30 – 11.30, for ages 4+

Messy Monsters Crafts

20 Feb 10.30 – 12.00 noon Drop in crafts

*while stocks last



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PLAY

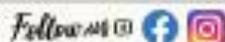


JOIN US THIS HALF TERM FOR SOME FREE FAMILY FUN!
WE'LL HAVE ARTS & CRAFTS TO KEEP THE CHILDREN ENTERTAINED.

MAKE A COLOURFUL HORSE TO CELEBRATE THE CHINESE NEW YEAR, OR CREATE YOUR OWN MASTERPIECE TO DISPLAY IN THE GALLERY.

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP AND GET CREATIVE!

DATES & TIME: TUE 17TH - THUR 19TH | 10 AM - 4 PM
SAT 21ST | 10 AM - 1 PM



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