

St. Mary's Mail



Friday 19th September 2025

Bi-weekly Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Last week, our Year 6 pupils returned from their Forest of Dean residential trip, where they demonstrated remarkable courage and resilience throughout their various activities. These experiences are invaluable for their personal growth, and we extend our gratitude to the dedicated staff whose organisation and support make such trips possible.

We held the Friends AGM this week. Thank you to all the parents who attended and contributed to reflecting on a positive year filled with fantastic community events. The funds raised have been wisely spent on enriching resources and activities that enhance our pupils' learning experience. A special thank you goes to outgoing Trustees. In particular Laura Leach, who has served as Treasurer for the past four years. We warmly welcome our new trustees: Co-Chairs Jenny Smith and Sarah-Jane McLachlan, Returning Secretary Hayley Turner, and new Treasurer Sue Baird, who has been shadowing Laura this term.

Trustees need our support, so let's rally together to make this year's events a great success!

Bethan Scriven

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

Bowie, Molly-Mae, Matilda, Codey, Ollie W, Henry B, Hope, Kaiden, Peter, Stella, Alex C, Alfie, Esmee K, George B, Summer BC, Gracie W, Layla, Jacob Ma, Eden, Zac, John, George G, Maison, Gabbi W, Darcey W, William C, Caoimhe, Cooper, Wes, Darcie H, Vinnie, Cian, Fletcher, Emerson, Hadley, Isla T, Amelia E, Riley, All yr 5 Chestnut pupils, Whole of Sycamore class.



September

Friday 26 th	Welly day
Monday 29 th	Individual photos

October

Wednesday 1 st	KS1 St Fagans trip
Wednesday 1 st	SEN parent/teacher meetings
Monday 6 th	Sept 2026 intake virtual meeting 7pm
Tuesday 7 th	Sept 2026 intake tour 4pm
13 th - 17 th	Book Fair week

November

Tuesday 11 th	Sept 2026 intake virtual meeting 7pm
Wednesday 12 th	Sept 2026 intake tour 4pm
Friday 28 th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations

December

1 st - 5 th	Yr 3/4 Swimming lessons – p.m.
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Attendance

We know good attendance is crucial for pupils to reach their full potential and build strong relationships. Interruptions like medical appointments during school hours or holidays in term time can disrupt learning and social development. We ask parents that wherever possible, they schedule appointments outside school hours and avoid term-time holidays. If your child has 10 or more sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks you may be issued with a penalty notice. If your child has a medical need that may lead to them needing to attend appointments in school hours, please speak with the office. For further information please visit our website.

Last year 147 pupils finished the year with over 97% attendance which is fantastic!

Useful Information

PE Days

Lemon/Lime – Wednesday	Beech – Wednesday/Friday
Pear/Apple/Cherry – Monday/Thursday	Maple – Tuesday/Friday
Sycamore/Ash – Tuesday/Thursday	Chestnut/Oak – Monday/Wednesday

Atlas After school club
07541764790



Term Dates

<u>Term 1</u>	<u>Term 2</u>	<u>Term 3</u>	<u>Term 4</u>	<u>Term 5</u>	<u>Term 6</u>
Start: Mon 1 st Sept End: Fri 24 th Oct Inset: Fri 24 th Oct	Start: Mon 3 rd Nov End: Fri 19 th Dec	Start: Mon 5 th Jan End: Fri 13 th Feb	Start: Mon 23 rd Feb End: Thurs 2 nd Apr Inset: Mon 23 rd Mar	Start: Mon 20 th Apr End: Fri 22 nd May	Start: Mon 1 st Jun End: Tues 21 st Jul Inset: Mon 20 th Jul Tues 21 st Jul

SUPPORT, INSPIRE, CHANGE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**The Schools of the Federation of St
Helen's, Alveston and St Mary's,
Yate.**



Did you know?

Governors are volunteers who work with our schools' senior leaders to set the culture, values and budgets. Through monitoring and supportive challenge, they make a real and noticeable difference to our children, their families and the broader community.

You do not need an in depth knowledge of the education sector, just the time and desire to contribute positively. Your skills and work place knowledge have the potential to change lives.

We are looking for new governors to become part of our friendly governing body.

Why Should I Join?

- You would be part of a passionate and friendly team supporting the schools
- You would be involved in strategic decisions that make a difference to the children

What Does a Governor Do?

- Our main role is to be a critical friend to support school improvement
- We work closely with the leaders of the school through monitoring and supportive challenge
- We attend meetings throughout the school year which take place in the evenings
- We visit the schools to meet with a variety of school staff and children

If you would like to have a conversation about volunteering as a school governor, please contact the school office:

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St Mary's, Yate 01454 867155 office@stmarysyate.org.uk

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!