

St. Mary's Mail



Friday 30th January 2025

Bi-weekly Newsletter

Dates for your diary

We have had another successful couple of weeks here at St Mary's, with children continuing to show enthusiasm, curiosity, and care for one another. This term and next, our school community is exploring the global theme of social justice. Across the curriculum, children are learning how people have worked together to build fairer societies, both in the past and today. Year 6 have been studying social reform in the Victorian era, while Years 3 and 4 are exploring how life changed in the late Stone Age. Our Key Stage 1 children have learned about Mary Carpenter and her commitment to making education accessible to all. This learning will be developed further in our Monday assemblies, where we will reflect on social justice in our world, our school, and our local community. Most recently, we considered the power of words - please see the section below for how you can support this important message at home.

Bethan Scriven



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

Penny S, Finlay, Archie H, Arlo Met, Cassidy, Rive-Rose, Codey, Mila Mo, Remi H, Leila, Max Re, Isla P, Ayling, Faye, Eddie B, Tate M, Edith, Louis-James, Jessica, Faith P, Jack D, Summer B, Elias, Syke, Birdie, Noah D, Molly-Mae, Georgia, Reegun, Ollie W, Finley K, John, Logan F-D, Amber S, Anna, Maria, Tate B, Harry M, Alfie, Michael C, Casey, Amelia E and Poppy M

Assembly Focus: The Power of Words

In assembly last week, we explored how words can help people feel safe, welcome, and valued, or cause hurt if used carelessly. Children discussed how they sometimes hear words online, from older children, or from adults, and why it's important not to repeat words they don't understand.

We reflected on Proverbs 16:24, which teaches that kind words have the power to heal and encourage others, reminding us to choose language that builds people up.

Parents can support this by talking with children about the words they hear, encouraging questions, and modelling respectful language at home.

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to our year 5/6 swimming team who took part in the South Glos Schools swimming gala on Saturday 17th January. All the children swam amazingly well and were great ambassadors for the school. A special well done should go to Darby who came 2nd overall in the 50m freestyle.

Thank you to Miss Stell and all the parents for giving up their Saturday evening to support the children and school.



February

Tuesday 10th J Sax Cake Sale

March

Thursday 5th World book day Dress Up

Tues 10th & Thurs 12th Parents Evenings

Monday 23rd INSET day

Wednesday 25th Reception Screening

Monday 30th Rocksteady concert AM

Tuesday 31st Rocksteady concert PM

May

Weds 13th - Fri 15th Yr 4 Greatwood

Mon 11th - Thurs 14th Yr 6 SATS

June

Friday 5th Class/Yr6 Photos

School Office Opening Times

Monday - Friday 8:15am - 4:15pm

If you wish to contact the school outside of these hours please either:

email; office@stmarysyate.org.uk or

leave an answerphone message 01454 867155

If you are dropping off at Breakfast Club before 8:15am please pass any messages onto the Breakfast Club staff who will ensure it reaches the relevant person.

Valentine's Day

Here at St Mary's, we will not be celebrating Valentine's Day in school. Instead, we focus on showing kindness, friendship, and care for one another each day, rooted in our Christian values. If families would like to exchange cards or gifts, we kindly ask that this is done outside of school. Thank you for your support.

Relay for Life - Yate

Yate Relay for Life is a 24hour team event being held this year from 12pm on the 11th July to 12pm on the 12th July. It's a wonderful community event to raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK

Please visit our website [here](https://www.relayforlife.org.uk) or contact Ash for more information [here](https://www.relayforlife.org.uk)

Holiday Club

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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

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TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

10-11 & 11:15 - 12:15

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