

St. Mary's Easter Mail



Friday 3rd July 2026

Bi-weekly Newsletter

Dates for your diary

As we look towards the end of another successful school year, this week has given our children an exciting glimpse of what lies ahead in September.

It has been a pleasure to welcome our new Reception children for one of their transition visits and to hear the excitement from our Year 6 pupils returning from their secondary school taster days. Children across the school also spent time with the teacher and classmates they will be with next year, helping to make September feel that little bit more familiar.

Whilst many children embrace change with excitement, others find it more challenging. Our transition activities are designed to help every child feel known, valued and confident as they prepare for the next step.

Before we reach the summer holidays, however, we have two busy weeks ahead with plenty still to enjoy. From celebrating achievements and spending time together as classes to marking the end of Year 6's journey at St Mary's, we are looking forward to making the most of every opportunity. Thank you for your continued support as we finish the year together with the same enthusiasm, kindness and sense of community that have made it such a successful one. *Bethan Scriven*

July

Saturday 4 th	Summer Fair/Tuckfield
Tuesday 7 th	Yr5/6 Performance PM
Weds 8 th 2:30pm	EYFS Celebration Assembly
Thursday 9 th	Yr 5/6 Performance AM
Friday 10 th	Leavers Disco
Monday 13 th	Rocksteady performance
Tuesday 14 th	Rocksteady performance
Tuesday 14 th	Yr6 Mojo Active
Friday 17 th	Leavers Service AM
Friday 17 th	Last day of term
Monday 20 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 st	INSET DAY

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

Isabella, Kyle, Jude, Winnie-Mae, Mateo, Ralphie G, Effie, Esme, Whole of Pear Class, Rupert, Noah R, Maxi, Sebastian, Emilia, Joey M, Ivy, Madison, Rose, Emerson, Jakub, Indie, Ria and Darby



Tuckfield/Summer fair Sign up links

 **Tuckfield Saturday 4th July 9:00am** [Tuckfield Sign Up](#)

 **Summer Fair - Saturday 4th July 12:00pm** [Summer Fair Sign Up](#)



Uniform and PE Kit for September

As families begin preparing for the new school year, we would like to clarify a few expectations regarding uniform and PE kit.

On PE days, children may wear any trainers that are suitable for sport and physical activity. However, if children choose to wear trainers as part of their everyday school uniform on non-PE days, they must be completely black, including the soles. Sports Direct usually has a good selection of suitable school trainers available.

From September, we will also begin a gradual transition to house-coloured PE T-shirts. Monkhouse will soon be stocking school PE T-shirts featuring the embroidered school logo on the front and our vision, 'Explore, Enjoy, Excel; Be Amazing', printed on the back. These are not yet available to purchase, but we expect them to be on sale before the start of term and will let families know as soon as they are available.

Alternatively, children may wear a completely plain T-shirt in their house colour. During this transition period, children are also welcome to continue wearing their existing plain white PE T-shirts.

We would also like to clarify our expectations regarding PE shorts, as we recognise that we have not always communicated these clearly. Shorts should be no shorter than mid-thigh and should remain visible beneath the PE T-shirt. Nike Pro-style shorts, are not appropriate to be worn as PE shorts in school. Thank you for your support in helping ensure that all children are dressed comfortably, practically and appropriately for school.

2026/2027 Term Dates

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Start 1 st September End 23 rd October INSET 1 st September	Start 2 nd November End 18 th December INSET 22 nd October INSET 23 rd October	Start 4 th January End 12 th February	Start 22 nd February End 25 th March	Start 12 th April End 28 th May	Start 7 th June End 21 st July INSET 25 th June INSET 28 th June

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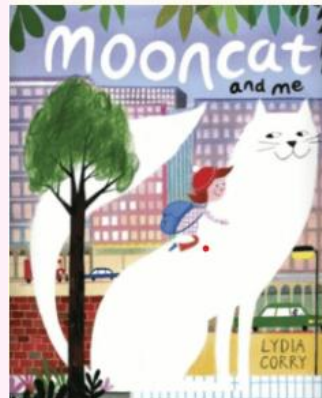
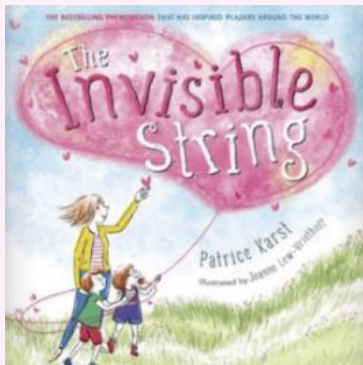
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Introducing ELSA at St Mary's Primary School

Mrs Wishart is our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) at St Mary's Primary School. As a former Thrive school, nurturing the emotional wellbeing of our pupils has always been at the heart of what we do. Building on this strong foundation, Mrs Wishart provides a safe and supportive space where children can talk about their feelings, build confidence, and develop strategies to manage challenges. Through tailored sessions, pupils are supported with areas such as self-esteem, friendships, anxiety, bereavement, social skills, and emotional regulation. Working closely with staff, parents, and carers, Mrs Wishart helps ensure that every child feels valued, understood, and equipped with the emotional tools they need to flourish both in school and beyond.

Supporting Transition

Changes, whether starting a new class, moving school, or adjusting to new routines, can bring excitement and worry. Help children by talking positively about what lies ahead, maintaining familiar routines, and encouraging them to share any concerns. Reading books about change and practising new routines can also build confidence. Reassure children that it is normal to have mixed feelings and remind them that support is always available. Small steps and plenty of encouragement can help children navigate transitions successfully. Here are my recommendations:



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