

# St. Mary's Mail



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Bi-weekly Newsletter

Dates for your diary

This week has been a wonderful demonstration of enriched learning beyond the classroom, supporting our pupils to Explore, Enjoy and Excel every day.

Our Key Stage 1 pupils had an engaging trip to St Fagans, where they connected their classroom learning with real-world history and culture.

Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed a local walk focused on stream study, providing them with hands-on geography fieldwork opportunities as well as learning more about our locality.

We also celebrated our recent Opal (Outdoor Play and Learning) reaccreditation audit, where we proudly maintained our Platinum status. This achievement exemplifies our commitment to providing diverse and exploratory play opportunities that enrich pupils' learning experiences. Thank you to parents for ensuring that children have wellies in school, enabling us to make the most of our extensive grounds in all weathers.

*Bethan Scriven*

**BEAMAZING!**

## October

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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>                            | Sept 2026 intake virtual meeting 7pm |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>                           | Sept 2026 intake tour 4pm            |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>                         | Harvest festival collection          |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> | Book Fair week                       |

## November

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| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Parents Evening                      |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Sept 2026 intake virtual meeting 7pm |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> | Sept 2026 intake tour 4pm            |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Parents Evening                      |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Year 3/4 New Rooms Trip              |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>    | Nasal Flu Vaccinations               |

## December

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| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> | Yr 3/4 Swimming lessons – p.m. |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>                          | Christmas Fair                 |

### E-Scooters on School Premises

We would like to inform all parents and carers that e-scooters are not permitted on the school site.

E-scooters are currently illegal to use on public roads and pavements in the UK (unless as part of a government rental trial). For the safety of all our pupils, staff and families, we cannot allow them on school grounds. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us to keep our school community safe.

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

Maisie, Amberley, Evie, Noah D, Joey E, Charlie C, Effie, Daisy, Reegun, Logan C, Tino, Harrison C, Faye, Joey M, Alex J, Jesse A, Jaxson, Christopher, Faith P, Toby, Poppy M, Sophie F, Elias, Chester A, Fearne, Jude, Zachary, Isla W, Whole of Apple, Whole of Pear, Poppy K, Leila, Bailey, Michael C, Ayling, Esme E, Charlie D, Madison T, Freddie C, Lucy, Indy, Declan W, Darby and Fletcher.

### Dojo Messages

Please be reminded that teachers do not use class dojo for messages. If you wish to get in touch with your child's class teacher, please email the school office. Thank you

### Parent Governor Vacancy

Our governing body has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you wish to apply, please return the nomination form below to the school office by **4pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**.

[Parent Governor Nomination Form](#)

### Book Fair

Come along and join us for our biannual visit from the Travelling book fair. Every day after school

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**



### Fitbit and Smart Watches

We've noticed that some children's Fitbits and smart watches have been causing distractions during lessons. Please could we ask parents to ensure that any notification, games or features that might take attention away from learning are turned off during the school day. Thank you for helping us keep the focus on learning

### Harvest Festival Collection - 16<sup>th</sup> October

For this years Harvest, we are collecting for the local foodbank. Could donations please be handed to the school office on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> October

Their current wish list is;

- Breadsticks • Sponge Pudding • Tinned Ham • Sweet Treats • Pot Noodles
- Deodorant • Cat & Dog Food • Coffee • Free From Pasta

### 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>   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Start:</b> Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept | <b>Start:</b> Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov | <b>Start:</b> Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan | <b>Start:</b> Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb | <b>Start:</b> Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr | <b>Start:</b> Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun                               |
| <b>End:</b> Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | <b>End:</b> Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | <b>End:</b> Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | <b>End:</b> Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr  | <b>End:</b> Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May   | <b>End:</b> Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul                               |
| <b>Inset:</b> Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct |                                       |                                       | <b>Inset:</b> Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar |  | <b>Inset:</b> Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul<br>Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul |

## Notice Board

class  
Fundraising™

# LOOK IN MY BAG!

Check your little ones School bag for their unique Christmas order card!

Christmas orders should be placed with Class Fundraising by noon on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Every order placed raises funds for the Friends of St Mary's

OUR SHOP IS NOW OPEN!  
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applying for free school meals makes sense for your child, your finances and your school!

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Your child will get a hot, healthy, freshly prepared meal at lunchtime. Their school will have full menu details including dietary requirements.

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 get universal infant free school meals so you do not need to apply for them.

However, you need to apply to receive benefits-related free school meals and the extra help they offer, including funded holiday club places in the main school holidays and help towards school uniform and school trips.

Plus, you'll be helping your child's school - they will receive extra funding to improve educational outcomes.

The quickest way to apply is to fill in a free school meal application online.

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