

St. Mary's Mail



Friday 6th March 2026

Bi-weekly Newsletter

Dates for your diary

As we begin a new term, we reach the halfway point of the school year - a wonderful moment to reflect on how far we have come, particularly as we have parents evening next week. This term our value is **Thankfulness**, and in collective worship this week, we talked about living in a thankful way: noticing acts of kindness around us and showing gratitude to others. We were delighted to be invited to the licensing service for our new Team Rector, Peter Huxtable on Wednesday evening. We look forward to working with Peter as we continue to grow and strengthen the relationship between our school and the church community.

It has also been a brilliant Book Week in school. It has been wonderful to see children completely absorbed in their books during our Stop, Drop and Read moments, and the excitement on their faces when mystery readers have arrived has been a real highlight. Seeing so many families at our Bedtime Story event on Wednesday evening felt truly magical. Yesterday's wide range of creative costumes, worn by children and staff alike, brought a great sense of fun and celebration to our love of reading.

Bethan Scriven

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

Lexi, Reya, Neevie, Saskia, Amber M, Charlie C, Ore, Poppy K, Henry B, John, Rupert, Karly, Ruby W, Bella, Oscar M, Madison, William N, Martha D, Star, Nellie P, Lily F, Benny, Fletcher, Kaitlyn, Max T, Arlo Mi, Arthur W, Ralphie G, Alice, Eden, Zac S Grace C, All of Year 2, Sebastian, George W, Hamish, William C, Florence, Max, Harry M, Edith, Daniel R, Summer S, Ria and Daryna

Parents evening reminder

A reminder that our Parents' Evenings will take place next week. This is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and talk about their progress, achievements and next steps. We look forward to seeing you there and working together to support your child's learning.

March	
Tues 10 th & Thurs 12 th	Parents Evenings
Wednesday 18 th	EYFS Obstacle Course
Monday 23 rd	INSET day
Wednesday 25 th	Reception Screening
Friday 27 th	Open Classrooms – Mini showcase
Monday 30 th	Rocksteady concert AM
Tuesday 31 st	Rocksteady concert PM
April	
Wednesday 1 st	Easter Disco
Thursday 2 nd	Easter Service
Fri 3 rd -Sun 19 th	Egg Hunt Shopping Centre
Friday 24 th	Year 6 Life Skills trip
May	
Mon 11 th - Thurs 14 th	Yr 6 SATS
Tuesday 12 th	EYFS Bristol Zoo Project
Weds 13 th - Fri 15 th	Yr 4 Greatwood
June	
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	
Saturday 4 th	Summer Fair/Tuckfield
Friday 10 th	Leavers Disco

Easter Events

Egg Hunt

 During Easter half term St Mary's Friends will be working alongside Yate Shopping Centre in putting on an Easter Egg Hunt. Head on down to Yate Library to buy your maps and be in for the chance to win.

Easter Colouring Competition

Look out for colouring competition forms that have been sent home this week for the chance to win an Easter Egg.

Sporting News



Despite the very, very muddy and wet conditions, St Mary's year 5/6 football team beat Beacon Rise 2-0. They showed great resilience, well done! Well done to both our year 5/6 boys and year 5/6 girls teams for both getting through to the next round of the South Glos schools cup

MMR Vaccine

The School Immunisation team can offer the MMR vaccine to any school aged child who has not yet had 2 doses. The MMR vaccine helps to protect your child against Measles, Mumps and Rubella and 2 doses are required for full protection

[A guide to MMR vaccination](#)

If you are unsure whether your child has had 2 doses please contact your GP or the School Immunisation team at sirona.mmr@nhs.net

Term Dates

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

Book Week 2026

Reading is
magic



Noticeboard

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HOSTED BY DJ BRIDGEEO

EASTER DISCO

WED 1ST APRIL 2026

EYFS AND KS1: 5-6PM
KS2: 6.15-7.15PM

£4 per child, to include a drink and bag of sweets
Advance purchase only

Parents are not required to stay with their children for this event.
If you'd like to stay and help, please contact the office.



Friends of St Mary's Primary School, Yate

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Can you follow the trail to find all
the Easter Eggs and spell out the
secret phrase?



**Friday 3rd April -
Sunday 19th April**

**Yate Shopping Centre
BS37 4AP**

Collect the Map | Find the Secret Phrase | Win Great Prizes!

Maps cost £2. Pay via QR code and collect your map at Yate Library.
For more information, contact stmyate@gmail.com.

Mental Health Support Team

Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) were established to support schools, helping them develop ways to look after the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people (CYP) as well as the wider school community including school staff and parents/carers.

The MHST are now delivering online sessions which are free to sign up to. Please scan the QR code below to register for our next webinar.

NEW

Online Parent/Carer Sessions An Introduction to Anxiety

NEW

To sign up, please
complete a registration
form here:



[MHST Online Session](#)



What is it? This session covers:

- What anxiety is, when it is useful, when it becomes unhelpful, and what keeps anxiety going.
- Our body's response to anxiety focusing on our thoughts, feelings, physical sensations and behaviours.
- Providing strategies for managing and overcoming anxiety

Who is it for? Helpful for parents and carers whose children may be struggling with mild anxiety.

When are they? Sessions will be run at 12pm-1pm every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

New topics and dates will be released regularly.

The MHST is a partnership between Off the Record (OTR) and CAMHS. We are working with selected education settings across Bristol, North Somerset and South Glos. To find out where we work, check out our webpage:

www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do/mhst/

