

# St. Mary's Easter Mail



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Bi-weekly Newsletter

Dates for your diary

As always, it has been another busy and joyful week at St Mary's. This week has seen two very important events taking place across the school. Firstly, our Year 6 children completed their SATs assessments. I could not be prouder of the way they approached the week. They showed maturity, resilience and determination throughout, whilst still managing to support one another and keep smiling along the way. SATs measure only a small part of who our children are, but the courage and perseverance they have demonstrated this week says a great deal about them as individuals. We are incredibly proud of every single one of them. Thank you also to the staff team and families who have supported the children so thoughtfully throughout the year, especially this week.

At the same time, our Year 4 children have been away on their residential visit and, whilst they are not yet back with us as this newsletter is sent, we have already heard wonderful reports about their time away. From campfires and night walks to adventurous activities and shared meals, the children have been demonstrating independence, teamwork and bravery in abundance. Residential experiences create memories that last a lifetime and help children grow in confidence and resilience. We are very grateful to the staff who have given their time to make the experience possible and look forward to hearing all about it when the children return. Moments like these remind us how important it is that school life offers children opportunities to both challenge themselves and discover what they are capable of. Whether sitting assessments with determination or stepping outside comfort zones on residential, our children continue to show us what it means to be Brave Changemakers. *Bethan Scriven*

May	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Census day Summer Lunch
June	
Mon1-Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Multiplication Table Check
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Yr1 Phonics Screening Check
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Class/Yr 6 Photos
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> am	KS2 Sports Day
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> 1pm-2pm	KS1 Sports Day
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> 2pm-3pm	EYFS Sports Day
24 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5/6 We the Curious
July	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fair/Tuckfield
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> 2:30pm	EYFS Celebration Assembly
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers Disco
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Mojo Active
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>INSET DAY</b>

**Well done to the following students who have received a certificate in the last few weeks**  
 Arlo Met, Birdie, Grace J, Jacob Ma, Effie, Perrie, Olivia H, Henry B, Bailey, Archie B, Esme E, Ayling, Hugo, Mollie, Alfie, Edith, Elizabeth, Noah H, Jack D, Oliver B, Noah D, Silvie, Chester A, Isabella S, Joey E, Freddie W, Oscar C, Kai, Marnie, Mila M, Isla-Rose, Maison, Henry S, Artemia, Koda,  
 All of Year 5 and 6

**David Attenborough**  
 Last week, we also took time to celebrate the 100th birthday of David Attenborough - a figure who continues to inspire generations to care for the natural world. The children came to school wearing green as we joined together to give thanks for all that Sir David has done to help people better understand and protect our planet.  
 Sir David Attenborough is a chosen figurehead of one of our school houses and his work links closely to this terms global curriculum theme 'Sustainable Environmental Development'. Through his films, words and actions, he reminds us that even small changes can make a big difference. At St Mary's, we hope our children will continue to be inspired by his message as they grow into Brave Changemakers who care deeply for the world around them.

**Census Day Lunch**  
 A reminder to parents of children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 that **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** is our Summer Festival Census Day menu.  
 We would love as many children as possible to have a school meal on this day, as every meal taken helps secure valuable funding for our school to support resources and opportunities for all pupils.  
 Thank you for your support.

**Attendance**  
 Good attendance is essential for children's learning and wellbeing. Please note that, moving forward, absence for weddings will only be authorised for a parent's wedding. Please see our Attendance Policy for further information.

**Travel Information for Pupils and Parents**  
 The Kennedy Way footbridge ("Banana Bridge") will be removed over the weekend of **5th June**. Kennedy Way will be closed from 8pm Friday 5th June until 6am Monday 8th June.  
 Pupils who usually use the bridge should use alternative crossing points and allow extra travel time.

**Support for Neurodivergent Children**  
 The BNSSG Healthier Together website offers advice and support for families of neurodivergent children, including information on ADHD, autism and other additional needs, along with links to local services.  
 Click [Here](#) for more information

**Phonics Screening**  
 Please remember that the Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week beginning 8th June. It is very important that children are in school every day that week so they can complete the check in a calm and familiar environment.  
 Thank you for your support in helping your child feel confident and prepared.

# Noticeboard

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**CHIPPING SODBURY, BRISTOL**

# **FAMILY FIESTA**

**10AM - 3PM**

**KPOP DEMON HUNTERZ**

**ANDY DAY**

**INTERACTIVE DINOSAURS**

**DJ BRIDGEE O'S ENTERTAINMENTS**

**5 HOURS OF FUN!**

**FREE FAIRGROUND RIDES**  
**FREE INFLATABLE ARENA**  
**FREE MINI RAVE AND FOAM PARTY**

**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**  
**CHIPPING SODBURY, BRISTOL**  
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**IN SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE**



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Could you **make a difference** to a young person's life?

You don't need policing experience to volunteer. Our police cadets are supported by a fantastic team of volunteer adult leaders, who have different backgrounds and a diverse range of skills and experiences.

Based in Patchway or the surrounding area, they give a few hours of their time each week, to support our cadets as they learn about policing, participate in fun activities and attend community events.

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[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk)

