

# St. Mary's Easter Mail



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

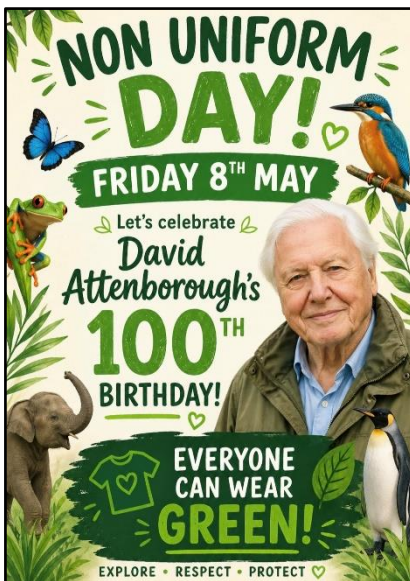
Bi-weekly Newsletter

Dates for your diary

As we begin this new term, we are focusing on our school value of hope - looking ahead with positivity, resilience, and a belief in what we can achieve together. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after Easter; they have returned settled, focused, and ready to learn. They have also loved making the most of our beautiful grounds in the recent sunshine, even if it doesn't seem set to last! Over the coming weeks, we look forward to our Year 4 residential and wish our Year 6 pupils every success as they approach their SATs with confidence and determination.

*Bethan Scriven*

May	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bank holiday (school closed)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	David Attenborough Mufti Day
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 SATS
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Bristol Zoo Project
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 4 Greatwood
June	
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 End 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>	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	INSET DAY



### Term Dates

#### Term 5

**Start:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**End:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

#### Term 6

**Start:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**End:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Inset days:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July



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

Fearne, Jesse J, Chester S, River-Rose, Ezra, James, Rupert, Remi, Grace B, Hope, Sam, Amber S, Leo, Ralphie B, Rose, Amelia L, Archie H, Zara, Kaitlyn, Penny S, Kasey, Perrie, Rhys, Ollie W, Francesca, Everleigh, Pippa, Florence P, Jonier, Dylan, Caoimhe, All of Sycamore, Reece, Daniel L, Jesse B, Freddie Wo, Georgia M and Bobby J and the whole of Chestnut Class.

### School Dinner Price Increase

We would like to inform parents and carers that our school caterer – Dolce, will be increasing the price of school dinners to **£3.01**, effective from this term. This change has been made by the catering provider in response to raising food and operational costs.

### Medication Reminder – Calpol

We are able to administer Calpol during the school day, providing we have received prior consent from parents/carers.

School supplies are intended for occasional or emergency use only. We are currently using a high volume, so if your child is likely to need Calpol regularly, please provide your own clearly labelled bottle for them.

This will help ensure that medication is available when it is needed.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

### Swap shop

Please be reminded that we have our own **Swap Shop** which is available to all - you do not need to have donated to it to use it. It contains previously worn uniform which can be taken and used for as long as needed - there is no obligation to return items after use. The store is stocked by donations, so when your child has a growth spurt or you're sorting out clothes please do bring us any items of uniform (in wearable condition) that you no longer need. Thank you

### Parenting Course

Next term we are lucky to be hosting a free 6 week parenting course.

Sessions will take place every Wednesday at 3:45 pm starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. If you are interested in joining, please let Mrs Lane know by emailing the office as places are very limited.

Click [Here](#) for more details.



This term our global theme is **Sustainable Environmental Development**. Click [here](#) to discover what your child has been learning



# Sporting News



A massive well done to both the girls netball team who took part in the county finals earlier this week, and the yr5 football team who took part in the annual Cotswold Edge Tournament last Friday.

We were very impressed with their skills, teamwork and support for each other, and how well they represented our school.

They all did us proud!



# Noticeboard

## FREE Triple P and Stepping Stones Parenting Programmes



Parenting is one of the hardest jobs in the world - our free parenting courses are designed to support parents to be the best they can be

Our regular 6 week programmes will not tell you how to parent, but give you a toolbox of ideas to improve your confidence in:

"The staff are amazing! Friendly, great communication and make you feel at ease."

- Boundaries
- Routines
- Behaviour management techniques
- Looking after yourself as a parent



Our programmes are:

- Free to access
- For parents of children aged 0-12
- Run by professionals with SEN Experience
- Friendly and Non judgemental
- A chance to meet like minded people who understand your situation
- Flexible - run across the year, at different venues across South Gloucestershire, with day, evening and online options to attend

"We've seen a huge improvement in our confidence as parents. Since implementing strategies learned on the course, our family life is much calmer and happier."

For more information, get in touch via [family.referrals@ccp.org.uk](mailto:family.referrals@ccp.org.uk), or to book a place please scan the QR code



**NO  
APPOINTMENT  
NEEDED  
JUST COME  
ALONG!**



**DROP IN  
ANYTIME  
between  
9am and  
12:30pm**



# Need support for your family?

Drop in and chat with our friendly team

From pregnancy through to teenage years, Compass can give advice and signpost families to the right help and support available in South Glos.

Drop-in sessions available weekly at local One Stop Shops:

**PATCHWAY  
TUESDAYS**

**KINGSWOOD  
WEDNESDAYS**

**YATE  
THURSDAYS**

**VISIT**

**<https://life.southglos.gov.uk>  
or scan the QR code for more information**



# Family Stay and Play for 0-5 years

in partnership with CCP

**A FREE friendly drop in play  
session for families with a child  
under 5  
(term time only)**

**Yate Childrens Centre, Cranleigh Court Road,  
Yate, BS37 5DW**

**Fortnightly on Fridays**

**9:30 until 10:30**

**No booking required, just  
pop in!**



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## Special Needs Parenting Group

Join our **Parents Plus 'Special Needs Programme'** and meet other parents/carers of young people aged 10-25 who have a disability, in a supportive group to help your young person reach their full potential.

### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD TO:

- Learn social skills and build friendships
- Deal with puberty and sexuality
- Gain confidence and self-esteem
- Be more independent

### AS A PARENT, LEARN HOW TO:

- Personally cope and manage stress
- Deal with the challenges of adolescence
- Support the needs of your other children
- Manage challenging behaviour

A seven week-long parenting group taking place  
**Every Thursday from 30 April to 15 June 2026 (excluding 28 May half term).**

**At Staple Hill Children's Centre, Page Rd, Bristol BS16 4NE,  
from 10am to 12.30pm.**

The programme will be facilitated by Senior Facilitators from Pathway to Independence.  
For more information, or if you would like to enrol onto the programme, please contact:

📧 [PTI.Parenting@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:PTI.Parenting@southglos.gov.uk)



Parents Plus is an Irish charity that develops practical, evidence-based parenting and mental health programmes. We train professionals working with children and families to deliver the programmes in communities and clinical settings. Our programmes support families to communicate effectively, build satisfying relationships and overcome emotional and behavioural problems.

