

# St. Mary's Mail



Date: 8th October 2021 Issue 3 Bi- Weekly News from St.Mary's

It's been a fantastic couple of weeks at St Mary's. This week Mrs Lane and I have been spending time in class with the EYFS and KS1 children. We have been really impressed with how well the children engage with the different learning opportunities in their classrooms. The reception children have settled in really well and were confident in showing us around their environment. In KS1, children demonstrated their understanding of numbers using the part-whole model— have a look on dojo to see some pictures .

Yesterday, you showed incredible support for our Alice in Wonderland Day. The children looked incredible in their costumes and we had a record number of children ordering a school dinner—thank you!

*Bethan Scriven*

### Attendance and Lateness

School attendance is currently **97%** which is our school target—well done everyone!

Year 5 are currently leading the way in terms of attendance whilst year 2 are the most punctual year group.

Punctuality is vitally important as not only do late comers miss out on learning but the children are often unnerved by arriving late.

As shared in the 'return to school' letter send out at the end of the summer, all children should be in their classrooms by 8:50am. Arriving via the classroom after 8:50am could potentially disturb learning and could result in your child being missed off the register. Children arriving after 8:50am will need to enter via the office to be registered. If children are not registered via the office they may be reported as absent for the morning session. Not only will this affect their attendance record but it will also mean that the child may be missed from the fire register. It is vital that all families follow this protocol.

### Friends AGM

We would like to invite members of the school community to the Friend's Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 20th October at 6:30pm.**

The meeting will take place in the school hall and there will be refreshments available.

We will hear some information from the outgoing committee before voting a new committee in. If you are interested in forming part of the core group please speak with Mrs Scriven or Mrs Lane on the playground or phone the school office.

During this meeting, we will also be reflecting on some previously successful events and generating ideas for events to bring us back together and raise money in the year ahead.

We are very much looking forward to opening our door to you all once again !

### Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest on Thursday 14th October and would welcome donations for the Food Bank.

They are specially collecting:

**Tinned potatoes, instant coffee, instant noodles, pulses, condiments, crackers, breadsticks, custard, sponge puddings and boxes of chocolates.**

There will be a donation box by the office from Monday 11th or children can take items to their classrooms on Thursday 14th. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Excel Daily!

We continue to have our weekly celebration assembly each Friday. Well done to the following children who have recently received certificates :

Alex C, Amy G, Jessica S, Connor, Martha B, Sophie F, Roman, Jakub Z, All of Y2 , Vinny, Harriet, Harrison W, Logan B, Olivia B, Zachariah , Florie , Amy S, Lacey , Miah V, Erin G ,Emily H, Coby , Stanley , Josh W , Dexter, Archie S, Ivy, Dylan, Lydia M, Jacob Mc , Rose K, Theo , Ethan S, Edward G , Matthew , Oscar , Harrison F, Ayesha , Mason J , Esmee M , Arthur F, Archie J , Oliver B, Poppy S , Erin B , Olivia Ev , Charlie M



### Prospective Reception Families— 2022

This week will be the first of our open events for new families looking to start in September 2022 on:

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 8pm -Virtual Meeting**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 5pm -Tour**

If you would like to attend this week's event please contact the school office. Future events will take place on:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 8pm- Virtual Meeting

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 5pm-Tour

And

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 8pm- Virtual Meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 5pm—Tour

Unfortunately we will be unable to conduct tours separate to these dates.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Thursday 2nd September—Friday 22 October	Monday 1st November— Friday 17th December <b>INSET:</b> Monday 22nd Nov	Tuesday 4th January - Friday 18th February	Monday 28th February - Friday 8th April <b>INSET:</b> Monday 14th March	Monday 25th April— Friday 27th May <b>INSET:</b> Friday 27th May <b>Bank Holiday:</b> Monday 2nd May	Monday 6th June Thursday 21nd July  * Note: this has been adjusted due to the additional BH falling in half term

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAY DURING THESE TIMES