



# St. Mary's News

## 15th November 2019



### St. Mary's Remembers

Our children made poppies to remember all of the people who have lost their lives as a result of conflict and they took part in collective acts of worship on Friday and on Monday.

On 11th November we laid wreaths in our prayer garden in an Act of Remembrance and we held a minutes silence in each of our classrooms.



### Holiday Dates 2020-2021

Holiday dates for the next academic year have been finalised and published on the school's website. Please find details adjacent for your information.



Last year, St. Peter's October half term holiday was the week before St. Mary's. This has been changed this year and St. Peter's October half term is now a week later and in line with St. Mary's. All other holiday dates match St. Peter's, with the exception of St. Mary's having an additional week off at May half-term and a day here and there at the start or end of the Spring and Summer terms.

### Holiday Dates for the Academic Year 2020 -2021

Autumn Term 2020: School opens on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020  
Closes for half-term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

School opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020  
Closes for Christmas on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Spring Term 2021: School opens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Closes for half-term on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

School opens on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021  
Closes for Easter on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Summer Term 2021: School opens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Closes for half-term on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

School opens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Closes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

We will send out new holiday cards shortly



### Christmas Fair—Something a Little Different this Year

School will not be holding an annual Christmas Fair this year. Instead we will be holding **four Christmas Fundraising Events throughout December** —

Selection Box Bingo (including our popular bottle stall and chocolate tombola); Christmas Craft Night; Christmas Movie Night and a whole school Colours of Christmas Hamper Raffle. A letter has been sent home tonight explaining each of the events in greater detail.

In order to support these events we will be having our usual non uniform days—see below for details. Please try to support us with these events as all money raised is spent on our children.

**Thursday 21st Nov—Non uniform day for donations of selection boxes/Christmas chocolates**

**Thursday 28th Nov—Non uniform day for donations of bottles**

**Thursday 5th December—Non uniform day for —donations (in your child's class colour) for our Colours of Christmas Hamper Raffle.**



## National Anti-Bullying Week

Our children have spent the week exploring the themes of friendship and bullying to tie in with National Anti-Bullying Week. It was lovely to see so many of our children and staff in their odd socks on Tuesday in order to celebrate their differences.



## General Election—Thursday 12th December

Although our school is used as a Polling Station, please note that we will be **open as normal** on the day of the General Election.

- ABC will be in the **Infant Hall** for both breakfast and after school club on the Thursday and for breakfast club on the Friday.
- Choir will be held in a classroom and the children will be released from the front door.
- Friday morning Sports Club will run from the Junior Hall.
- Fun Fitness on the Thursday will not take place. Thursday's group of children may join Tuesday's group for that week if they wish to do so.

The gates at the front of school will need to remain open throughout the day to allow access to the public, so please take extra care when walking around the school site. If your child walks to and from school on their own (Y6), please speak to your child about using the crossing and remind them to look both ways when crossing the car park.



## Clubs/Activities for Autumn half term 2



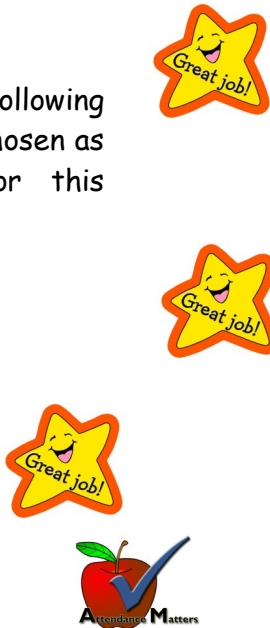
	Before school	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Zumba Spaces Available	
Tuesday	Fun Fitness		
Wednesday	Archery KS2 Spaces available	Handball KS1 and KS2 Spaces available Recorders	Archery Rec & KS1 full
Thursday	Fun Fitness	Guitars Recorders	Choir
Friday	Gymnastics BAGA Awards full	Athletics Rec & KS1 full	Lacrosse KS2 Spaces available

Please note that ABC will be closed on the evening of Wednesday 18th December in order for staff to attend a staff event. Breakfast Club will be open as normal.

**Lunchtime Stars**

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as our lunchtime stars for this week:

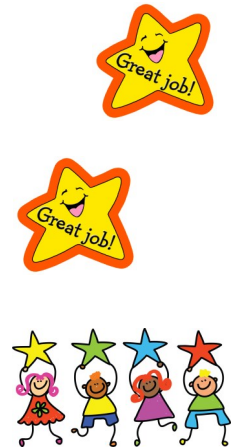
- Rec - William
- Year 1 - Maddison
- Year 2 - Jessica
- Year 3 - Sophia
- Year 4 - Bronagh
- Year 5 - Dylan
- Year 6 - Leah



**Good Work**

A huge well done to the following children who have all been recognised for their good work this week:

- Year 1 - Jessica
- Year 2 - Malachy
- Year 3 - Annabel
- Year 4 - Roman
- Year 5 - Hayden
- Year 6 - Logan



**Class Attendance**

- Reception - 99.57%
- Year 1 - 98.89%
- Year 2 - 99.63%
- Year 3 - 96.96%
- Year 4 - 96.30%
- Year 5 - 95.19%
- Year 6 - 92.59%

A big well done to Year 2 who have the best attendance this week.

**House Points**

	<b>Infants</b>	<b>Juniors</b>
<b>Matthew</b>	Michael (Y2)	Harrison (Y3)
<b>Mark</b>	Jonathan (Y2)	Tyler (Y3)
<b>Luke</b>	Stanley (Y1)	Ewan (Y6)
<b>John</b>	Kate (Y2)	Maya (Y4)

The overall winners were: Jonathan and Ewan  
Well done everyone!

**Our Reception Stars**

Our Reception children have their own class reward system. A child will be chosen as their House Star of the Week and an overall Class Star will be chosen. The class star will be given a trophy to take home for the week. (To be returned next week.)

This week's winners are:

- Matthew House Star: Leo
- Mark House Star: Alasdair
- Luke House Star: Lucy
- John House Star: Eddison
- Overall Star of the Week: Lucy



**Bucket Filling**

Mrs Hankin has chosen Tom H from Y6 as her Bucket Filler this week.

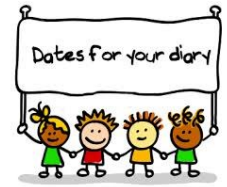
She says that Tom always tries so, so hard with his maths and never gives up.

Tom also knows his times tables really well and can recall facts in a flash.

Well done Tom. Keep working hard.

We are really proud of you.

Below are a list of dates and events in school that have been confirmed for the new term. Further dates and events will be added as they arise. We will try our best to ensure that we inform you of new events/changes to events as soon as we are able.



Tues 10th Dec 2019	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.30pm
Wed 11th Dec 2019	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.30pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Play 2.00pm and 7.00pm
Thurs 12th Dec 2019	Y4 First Confession in Church 2.15pm. <b><u>PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DATE HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED.</u></b> Families are welcome to attend.
Fri 13th Dec 2019	Reception Christmas Play. Time to be confirmed
Tues 17th Dec 2019	Christmas Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty. Christmas Dinner. Christmas Day of Fun! PTFA Christmas Movie Night (Tickets needed)
Wed 18th Dec 2019	Community Christmas. We would like to invite our parishioners and elderly members of our community into school to listen to our fabulous choir sing carols and for coffee/tea and mince pies. If you know of any elderly member in our community who would like to join us, please extend an invite to them. (10.00am in school)
Fri 20th Dec 2019	Christmas celebration in Church 2.00pm. Families welcome
Mon 6th Jan 2020	Back to school
Tues 28th Jan 2020	Y6 Stay and Pray—families welcome. 9.00am
Wed 5th Feb 2020	Spring Term Open Afternoon and Parents' Evening 1
Wed 12th Feb 2020	Spring Term Open Afternoon and Parents' Evening 2
Fri 14th Feb 2020	Close for half term

**Thought for the Weekend**

The capacity to learn is a gift  
The ability to learn is a skill  
The willingness to learn is  
YOUR choice  
Choose wisely!

