

# St. Mary's Mail



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Bi-weekly Newsletter

Dates for your diary

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who joined us this afternoon at our OPAL Family Play event. It was lovely to see so many children and adults enjoying some outdoor play time together – we managed to avoid the rain and were grateful a little bit of sunshine.

**Happy Retirement!** Today we had a special assembly to bid a fond farewell to Reverend Ian who is retiring this month. Ian has been at St Mary's Church for 13 years. He much loved figure in the local community and will be missed. We wish him all the happiness in his next chapter!



## Harvest Festival – Food Bank

This year we will be celebrating Harvest Festival on **Friday 11th October**. We will be collecting donations for The North Bristol & South Gloucestershire Foodbank. We would be very grateful for any contributions, however the food bank have expressed a particular need for the following items;

- Long-life fruit juice
- Tinned ham
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned tuna
- Cereal
- Long life sponge puddings
- Size 5 and 6 nappies
- Toothbrushes



Items can be dropped to the office on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> – Thank you!

## Attendance

From 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 the Department for Education announced changes to issuing penalty notices which came into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September. If your child has 10 or more sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks you may be issued with a penalty notice. Further details of the new regulations can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/South-Glos-Penalty-Notice>

For any pre-known absence you should complete a "Request for Absence" form, which can be found on the school website or you can get from the school office. The school will not be able to authorise holidays in term time.

## Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held in person at the school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-6:00pm. Appointments can be booked online <https://stmarysyate.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>, from 6:00pm today. Please refer to the letter sent earlier today for more details.

## Book Fair

October 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

We are delighted to welcome back our book fair this term. The travelling book shop will be set up every day after school in the Hub so please come along for a browse.



## Be Amazing!

Well done to the following children who achieved Celebration certificates last week.

Ellaria, Piper B, Grace C, Ralphie B and Edward C.



We would also like to give a special mention to the whole of Year 6 for their recent residential trip to Deanfield. Year 6 were amazing ambassadors for the school; polite, respectful and showcasing the best of St Mary's. They had a great time and challenged themselves in all the activities they took part in. They've created fantastic memories they'll be able to take with them.

**\*\*Due to Reverend Ian's leaving assembly today, we will now be having this weeks Celebration assembly on Monday.\*\***

October	
Thurs 3rd	Character Lunch
Fri 11th	Harvest Festival
Mon 14th	Book Fair (all week)
Tues 15th	Parents evening 3:30-6pm
Thurs 17th	Parents evening 3:30-6pm
Fri 18th	Individual School Photos
November	
Thurs 14th	Yr 6 Medical Screening
Fri 15th	Nasal Flu Immunisations
December	
Mon 2nd	INSET day
Tues 10th	KS1 Nativity pm
Weds 11th	KS1 Nativity am
Weds 11th	EYFS Nativity pm

## Census Day Lunch

On **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** we have a special lunch menu. Please could all Reception, year 1 & year 2 pupils order a school lunch on this day so we can maximise funding given to the school by the Government.

## 2024-25 Term Dates.

Dates for future years can be found by [clicking here](#)

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Start	Mon 2nd Sept	Mon 4th Nov	Mon 6th Jan	Mon 24th Feb	Tues 22 April	Mon 2nd June
End	Fri 25th Oct	Fri 20th Dec	Fri 14th Feb	Fri 4th April	Fri 23rd May	Tues 22nd July
Insets	Mon 2nd Sept	Mon 2nd Dec		Fri 21st March		Mon 21st July Tues 22nd July