



St. Mary's News

February 9th 2024



Welcome to the final newsletter of this half-term. School closes this evening and re-opens again on Monday 19th February. If you need childcare during half-term, Full of Beans are running holiday camps at St. Mary's for the whole week. See the end of the newsletter for further details.

Have a lovely half-term break. Stay safe and have fun. We will see you all again very soon.

Important Dates

Monday 19th February 2024	School re-opens
Thursday 22nd February 2024	PTFA—Spring Disco Further information on newsletter
Thursday 7th March 2024	World Book Day Further details to follow
Thursday 14th March 2024	Non Uniform Day in exchange for Easter Eggs to support our PTFA's Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bingo
Wednesday 20th March 2024	Parents' Evening 1 3.40pm - 6.30pm Appointment slips will be sent out after February half-term. Parents can book appointments for either date. For children in Reception only - there will be a Stay and Play session for parents/carers to attend from 2.15pm - 3.15pm on this day. During this session, there will also be an opportunity for you to look through your child's record/work file. Parents/carers of children in Y1—Y6 will have the opportunity to look through their children's books next week.
Tuesday 26th March 2024	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bingo See PTFA page for further details
Wednesday 27th March 2024	Parents' Evening 2 3.40pm—6.30pm Appointment slips will be sent out after February half-term. Parents can book appointments for either date. For children in Y1-Y6, school will be open this afternoon from 2.15pm - 3.15pm for parents/carers to spend time looking through their children's books and sharing their work with them. Reception class will not be open to parents/carers this week following the Stay and Play session last week.
Thursday 28th March 2024	Break up for Easter Breakfast and After School Club open as normal
Monday 15th April 2024	School re-opens
Thursday 27th June 2024	Year 6 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am
Tuesday 2nd July 2024	Year 5 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am
Wednesday 3rd July 2024	Year 4 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am
Thursday 4th July 2024	Year 3 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am



Children's Mental Health Week

This week the children have been celebrating Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week. Each day of the week has had a different focus: Mighty Monday, Thoughtful Tuesday, Wishful Wednesday, Thankful Thursday and Friendship Friday—all with different activities to explore the theme of the day.

The children have also spent time taking part in mindfulness activities and all have completed the daily mile—as a healthy body is just as important as a healthy mind. Some KS2 children have had scooter time and all children have taken part in a yoga session.

Reception children even had a very special visit from Finn's daddy, Jonny Lomax, who came to talk to them about the importance of being healthy—especially in his job as a rugby player. Miss Berks said that Johnny was fantastic with the children and they all loved listening to what he had to say.

As part of this week, the children have spent time reminding themselves about how to stay safe online. Some classes have also been considering the negative impact that too much screen time and social media can have on their emotional and physical wellbeing.

The children appear to have really enjoyed the week and we hope that they can remember some of the important messages explored within the daily themes.

Extra- Curricular Clubs for Next Half-Term

Sporting Clubs after half term are:

Wednesday KS2 3.30pm - 4.30pm **Basketball**

Friday KS2 8.00am - 9.00am **Hula Huts**

Rec/KS1 3.30pm - 4.30pm **Hula Huts**



Guitar Club will continue as normal after half-term.



Sewing Club continues on a Tuesday until 19th March.



Choir - PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE SPRING DISCO CHOIR WILL ONLY START AGAIN ON THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY

Congratulations Indiana

A big shout out and huge congratulations to Indiana from Y5 for successfully passing her Yellow Music Hub Award with excellence, from the School's Music Service.

Well done Indiana we are really proud of you.



Guitar Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as Mrs Connolly's 'Guitar Stars of the Week'.

Week beginning 22nd January:
Year 3: Isla

Y4/5/6: Jude





Break The Uniform Rules Day







The PTFA would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to you all for supporting their latest fundraising event. A fantastic £331 was raised.



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FEBRUARY FOOTBALL ACADEMY



Fun filled, action packed football camp for ages 5 – 11 with enough options to keep your child happy and entertained. Run by FA **qualified coaches**. Includes: A feel for a day of training like a professional player, **Football** Small Sided Games, **Football Dodge**, Skills from around the World, Keepy up competitions & Challenge Zones.

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COST
£25 Standard day 9-4pm
£32 Extended day 8.30am-5.30pm

LOCATION
Birchley St Marys Primary School, Birchley Road, Wigan

DATE
Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb

EARLYBIRD Discount 10% until Monday 5th Feb
Sibling discount throughout 10% off second child
Both discounts automatically applied at checkout

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Our coaches all hold professional qualifications and an enhanced DBS. Expert and qualified instruction in a safe, non-competitive environment. We go out of our way to ensure a personal and special day.

Half Term Football Academy 12th–16th February

- * 10% discount if booked before the 1st February
- * A further 10% discount for siblings
- * Children can attend a mix of either camp e.g. 2 days football and 3 at multi sports
- * Only book days needed
- * Childcare vouchers accepted

Half Term Multi Sports Camp 12th–16th February

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Please note that the camps will only run if numbers are viable.



Spring Fever Disco

The disco has proven to be a very popular event particularly amongst our KS2 children - with only 1 ticket remaining.

There are a few more KS1/Reception tickets left if your child would like to attend the event. Just pop into the office to pick one up.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHILD ONLY EVENT.

KS1 and Reception children should be dropped off at the front door from 4.15pm and collected from the side fire door of the Infant Hall at 5.30pm.

KS2 children should be dropped off at 6.00pm at the front door. Collection for children in Y5/6 will be from the front door. Y3/4 children should be collected from the side door of the Infant Hall.



Easter Bingo and Egg Hunt

Why not join us for an egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt and some Bingo fun on Tuesday 26th March.

In order to minimise disappointment, as we know that these events are very popular, we will be holding 2 separate sessions:

Session 1 3.45pm - 4.45pm

Session 2 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Both sessions will contain an Easter Egg Hunt around the school grounds for the children, followed by Easter Egg Bingo.

Tickets will cost £3 to include entry to the Easter Hunt and a book of Bingo tickets.

Tickets go on sale at 9.00am on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th March. If your child is in breakfast club, send in your ticket request and money in a named envelope on the dates above.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO THIS EVENT.

Everyone is welcome to attend PTFA meetings. The more volunteers we have - the more events we can hold - the more funds we can raise - the more our children benefit. If you are unable to attend meetings, but can help out at events - please let school know.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 24th April at 6pm in the Infant Hall**. The focus of this meeting is the reintroduction of a Summer Fayre. In order to run a Summer Fayre, lots of volunteers will be needed so if you are able to attend this meeting it would be really appreciated. The provisional date of the Summer Fayre is Friday 12th July. Further information will follow.