

St Mary's Community Primary School Newsletter 26 September 2025

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Our Year 6s returned from their residential to Hautbois last week. They all looked exhausted but had a great time. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Yeates and Mrs Marsham for giving up their personal time enabling us to offer our pupils a residential. Without staff giving up their time, residential would not be able to take place.

We have again this year received a Sports Grant from

the DFE which means that we have been able to join the WNDSSP again this year. We are hopeful of being able to attend 12-14 events throughout the year however will need to ask for parent volunteers to attend with our staff for some events.

Yesterday, we had 12 children from Years 2-4 take part in the first event of this academic year. They attended a "60 Active Minutes Festival" and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and made us ever so proud with their exemplary behaviour.

BRECKLAND FAMILY HUB SUPPORT: A reminder that Dawn will be at St Mary's on **Tuesday, 14th October from 12.30 - 3pm** (half hour slots will be available). If you would like to meet with her, please complete the form sent in the email on Tuesday, 16th September by **9am on Friday 3rd October**.

CENSUS MENU: As per the email sent earlier today, the attached menu → will replace the regular menu for next Thursday:

HOMEWORK CLUB: Due to the low number in uptake, this club will be cancelled for the rest of this half term. We will look to start it up again after half term.

PARENT'S EVENING: If you haven't already requested a meeting, please ensure you complete the form sent via email on Tuesday, 23rd.

Also, can all Year 6 parents ensure they read the email sent earlier this afternoon re Parent's Evening.

ART SUPPLIES PROMOTION: We will be collecting the Art Supply Tokens that will be available as of Monday 29th September in the following newspapers:

EDP • Dereham & Fakenham Times • Norwich Evening News • Beccles & Bungay Journal • Great Yarmouth Mercury • Lowestoft Journal • North Norfolk News

So, please start collecting for us and also let your extended family know that we're collecting the tokens.
Token can be dropped off at the office or handed to your child's class teacher.



OUT OF THIS WORLD

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Rocket Booster Sausages
Or
Meteorite Vegetable Nuggets
Served with
Spiral Galaxy Fries &
Saturn Spaghetti Rings

Followed by
Cosmic Cake, Melon Moons or Star Jelly

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STAR DIAMOND & ANGEL: In celebratory assembly today, the following

children were awarded certificates for the week:

Attendance
for the week:
96.36%

Target = 96%

**STAR, DIAMOND, ANGEL & READER OF THE WEEK
26 SEPTEMBER 2025**

	STAR: Great progress 	DIAMOND: Great effort 	ANGEL: Excellent behaviour 	READER: 
Reception	Edith	Orin	Ottillie	
Year 1			Sophia	Jesse
Year 2	Frankie	Jaxon K	Edith	Buddy
Year 3	Harley	Anna	Tilly	Louis
Year 4	Kortney	Poppy	Charlotte	Luke
Year 5	Ava	Rosie	Richard	Thomas
Year 6	Henry	Teddy	Victoria	Mia

The following class awards were handed out today in order to promote our school rules:

Be Ready • Be Respectful • Be Safe

The Attendance for the Week Award

YEAR 1

The Tidiest Classroom of the Week Award

YEAR 5

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

BAGS2SCHOOL

A reminder that **MONDAY** is the clothing collection by Bags2School. All bags should be left at the Bike Racks by 9am ready for collection.

If you would like to join the FOSM, please get in touch:
Email friendsofstmarysschool@gmail.com or private message us on Facebook.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Tanya Treavett
Head

Proud to belong

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025-26

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 29th FOSM Bags2School Clothing collection (see leaflet below)
Harvest Festival Assembly (pupils only)

OCTOBER

- Wed 1st Open Evening for Reception 2026 starters -> 5.30 - 6.30pm
Thurs 2nd Autumn Census - special menu emailed 26.09.25
Neatherd Open Evening for Y6 Pupils -> 5-8pm
Mon 6th Individual Photos
Open Afternoon for Reception 2026 starters -> 2-3pm
Tues 7th Year 5 Bikeability (Level 1)
Wed 8th Northgate Open Evening for Y6 Pupils
Thurs 9th Open Afternoon for Reception 2026 starters -> 2-3pm
Open Evening for Reception 2026 starters -> 5.30 - 6.30pm
Wed 15th Parent's Evening Reception & Y2 - Y5 -> 3.40 - 6.30pm
Litcham Open Evening for Y6 Pupils -> 6-8pm
Thurs 16th Parents Evening Reception - Year 6 -> 3.40 - 6.30pm
Mon 20th FOSM Bring it in Day - non-uniform in exchange for a bag of sweets
Wed 22nd New Reception (2026) Stay and Play -> 1.30-2.30pm
Year 6 Parent's Evening -> 3.40 - 6.30pm
Fri 24th New Reception (2026) Stay and Play -> 1.30-2.30pm
AUTUMN HALF TERM: Monday 27th - Friday 31st

NOVEMBER

- Tues 11th Flu Immunisation - Reception - Year 6
Fri 14th Children in Need - Non-uniform
Mon 17th FOSM Bring it in Day - non-uniform in exchange for a Gift
Fri 21st Open Afternoon - Tree Decoration. Parents welcome from 1.45pm
Wed 26th New Reception (2026) Stay and Play -> 1.30-2.30pm
Fri 28th New Reception (2026) Stay and Play -> 1.30-2.30pm

DECEMBER

- Mon 1st FOSM Buy-A-Gift (during school hours - more details will follow)
Tues 2nd FOSM Buy-A-Gift
Thurs 6th FOSM Disco
Mon 8th FOSM Bring it in Day - non-uniform in exchange for a Bottle
Tues 9th KS1 (Years Reception - 2) Nativity -> 2-3pm Parents invited
Wed 10th KS1 Nativity -> 2-3pm Parents invited
Sat 13th FOSM Xmas Tree Trail
Thurs 18th Christmas Dinner - Special Menu
Fri 19th Last swimming session for Year 4
Celebratory Assembly at 2pm - by invite only
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Monday 22nd December - Monday 5th January

JANUARY

- Tues 6th School Opens
Thurs 15th Spring Census - special menu to follow

FEBRUARY

- Fri 6th Open Morning - parents welcome from 9-10.15am
Mon 9th FOSM Bring it in Day - non-uniform in exchange for a bag of sweets
SPRING HALF TERM: Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

MARCH

- Thurs 5th World Book Day
Wed 11th Parents Evening -> 3.40 - 6.30pm
Thurs 12th Parents Evening -> 3.40 - 6.30pm
Fri 13th Dereham Cancer Care Purple Day - Non-uniform
Mon 23rd FOSM Bring it in Day - non-uniform in exchange for a Tombola Prize
Fri 27th Celebratory Assembly at 2pm - by invite only
EASTER HOLIDAYS: Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

APRIL

- Mon 13th School Opens
Sun 26th FOSM Yard Sale
Mon 27th FOSM Bags2School Clothing collection

MAY

- Mon 4th BANK HOLIDAY
wc 11th KS2 SATS
Mon 18th FOSM Bring it in Day - Rainbow non-uniform
Mon 18th & Tues 19th Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2) Group 1
Wed 20th & Thurs 21st Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2) Group 2
Thurs 21st Summer Census - special menu to follow
SUMMER HALF TERM: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
Sat 30th Gressenhall Summer Fete

JUNE

- Mon 1st Class Photos
Wed 3rd - Fri 5th Y4 Residential
Fri 12th Open Afternoon & Y6 Entrepreneur Event - parents invited
Fri 26th Sports Day & Picnic - parents invited
FOSM Sports Day Raffle

JULY

- Thurs 2nd Y6 Production to parents - 2pm and 6pm (TBC)
Thurs 16th Celebratory Assembly at 2pm - by invite only
SUMMER HOLIDAYS: Friday 17th - tbc

Please ensure you check these dates regularly as they are provisional and could change.

2025 - 2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Autumn Half Term

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Christmas Holidays

Monday 22nd December - Monday 5th January

Spring Half Term

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

Easter Holidays

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

Summer Half Term

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May

Summer Holidays

Friday 17th July - Wednesday 2nd September



CLOTHING COLLECTION

Yes please:

- Ladies clothes
- Mens clothes
- Kids clothes
- Paired shoes
- Hats/Bags/Scarves
- Ties/Socks/Lingerie
- Belts/Jewellery
- Soft Toys
- Household Linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Sheets/Duvet covers

Mon 29th Sept

**Drop off to the bike park
St Mary's Beetley before
9am (if weather is dry)
If wet weather please
check Facebook for
further information**

**For more information, email
friendsofstmarysschool@gmail.com**

FOSM 100 CLUB



What is 100 club?

There are 100 numbers.

Joining costs just £10 per year.
We have 3 cash winners each month & have 10 draws across the school year (October-July)

We select 3 random winners each month.
Open to anyone over 16 parents, friends and family all welcome to join in.

We will email you if you win.
We will share the winners names on our Facebook page and in the school newsletter.

PRIZES:

1ST - £30

2ND - £15

3RD - £5

PRO-RATED IF ALL 100 NUMBERS ARE NOT SOLD

HOW TO ENTER EMAIL

FRIENDSOFSTMARYSSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM &
WE'LL SEND YOU THE DETAILS TO PAY ONLINE.

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