St Mary's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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Curriculum & Enrichment

Year 3 DT

In DT this week, Y3 children learnt how to use the claw grip and bridge hold to chop vegetables safely. We also tried out peeling and chopping.

History

Year 5 trip to Knebworth House

Our Y5 children had a fabulous day at Knebworth house as part of their learning about the Tudors.

The children learnt about Tudor dress, musical instruments and what life was like during this period of history.

SPORTS DAY TUESDAY 1ST JULY

Arrive from 1pm for 1:15pm start.

Dear Parents,

Sports Day is fast approaching and, this year, we have even more activities for our children to take part in. We have over 50 competitive races and after last year's success, the Sports Carousel will continue comprising of 7 different events. While the scores are being added up at the end, we will also have adult sprints and tug of war events!

All of our children are issued a house colour at the beginning of Year 3, and they compete for this team right up until their final week in Year 6. The reigning Sports Day champions are Red House, and they will be hoping to fend off competition from the Green, Blue & Yellow/White Houses.

Year 3 and 4 will be racing on the track for the first hour whilst Year 5 and 6 are doing the carousel activities at the side of the field. They will then swap activities around 2pm. Please feel free to either sit beside on the track on the allocated seats to watch your children race, or move up to the Carousel side of the field where children will be taking part in 5 minute activities as a team. You can move along the coned spectator area freely to not miss any action.

Guidance ahead of the day

Arrive from 1pm for 1:15pm start.

Children are to come into school wearing a coloured t-shirt to match their house colour (no football shirts please). If your child cannot find the appropriate coloured t-shirt, they can wear their PE kit. YELLOW team are urged to wear WHITE instead so they're not swarmed by flies.

Spectators are invited to come and watch this fun filled afternoon of sport from the seating areas on the school field right next to our athletics track (there is a field layout attached.)

The 1st race will begin at 1:15pm, and we aim to announce the winning team around 3:15pm.

In order for Sports Day to run smoothly, we ask that parents help us by following a few simple rules;

* Parents are asked not to interact with their children by handing them drinks, jumpers etc during afternoon.

* Parents take full responsibility for pre-schoolers throughout the events. We ask that you keep toddlers with you at all times and do not allow them to run around the field amongst the children.

* Any photographs/videos must only be taken of YOUR OWN CHILD and, in line with our Code Of Conduct, we ask that you do not post these online, particularly via social media.

* At the end, Year 6 will help to return all spectators chairs back into the school. Any help with taking equipment back into school would be much appreciated.

PHOTOS

Photographs/videos containing any children other than your own MUST NOT be used online, particularly via social media. In some cases there may be serious safeguarding and child protection reasons why a child's picture cannot be on the internet. Thank you

Refreshments

There will be drinks on sale and our Pupil Parliament children will be collecting spare change for their fundraising project to buy new computers to assist with their learning.

We hope to see you all there!

SEND MEETINGS

FOR ATTENTION OF- pupils in these classes who are on the SEND register.

If you would like to speak to myself or class teacher regarding anything individual targets before moving onto the next year group, please indicate in the chat below. Please note that these meetings are not compulsory this term and no alternative dates can be given due to time/calendar restraints leading up to the end of term.

If a meeting is requested can you also say time blocks e.g. 9-10am, 10-11am, 1-2pm, 2-3pm etc to support booking and I will contact you directly.

Kind Regards

Mrs Reeve

SEND MEETINGS- YEAR 3 ELM AND OAK CLASSES

Thursday 3rd July 2025

ELM 9am to 12pm

OAK 1pm- 3:15pm

SEND MEETINGS- YEAR 5 BEECH AND POPLAR CLASSES

WEDNESDAY 2nd July 2025

BEECH 9am to 12pm

POPLAR 1pm- 3:15pm

St Mary's Junior and Infant PTA

WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY -NON-UNIFORM DAY

Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform in exchange for a bottle. This could be anything from toiletries, drink (alchohol must be handed straight to staff)

WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY -JOINT SCHOOLS SUMMER PICNIC 3.30-6PM

FOSS would love to welcome all our families to a summer picnic event. Bring your picnic blankets and relax or spend time at one of our fun stalls! We accept cash or card at this event.

All money raised will go towards both St Mary's Schools.

PARENT OPEN SESSION -Wednesday 9th July 3.30-4.30pm

After school on this day, parents are warmly invited to come into school with their child to look at their child's work and explore the rest of the school.

Herts Catering will be offering food samples, to allow parents to see what is on offer as part of school meals choices.

St Mary's Junior Greenway Sponsored Walk Tuesday 8th July 2025 9am-12.00pm

We do hope that children are working hard to collect their sponsors from family and friends.
A reminder that parents are also welcome to join in this event. If you would like to join us, please complete this Google form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUVb76w-b8fY0MR6sL-I4r15Xa7DcxMnbKF3Ds3_hE4vTChg/viewform?usp=header

Y6 - Save the Dates!

This year, Year 5 will not be joining in as choir within the Year 6 end of year production. This decision has been made by staff as the songs this year do not need choir accompaniment.

Thursday 17th July Year 6 Production for parents 1.30-2.45pm and 6.00 -7.15pm
Friday 18th July Year 6 Leavers Disco 4.30-6pm

Monday 21st July Year 6 Leavers assembly (parents invited) 2.30-3.15pm

Attachments with this newsletter

- Sports Day pamphlet

Summer Term 2025

Summer Term Ends: 23rd July 2025 ***(Break up at 1.00pm)***
Summer Holidays: 24th July to 2nd September 2025

Autumn Term 2025

INSET DAY: 3rd September 2025
Autumn Term: 3rd September 2025 to 19th December 2025
Autumn Half Term: 27th October to 31st October 2025
Occasional Day: 28th November 2025
Autumn Term Ends: 19th December 2025 ***(Break up at 1.00pm)***

Spring Term 2026

INSET DAY: 5th January 2026
Spring Term: 5th January 2026 to 27th March 2026
Spring Half Term: 16th February to 20th February 2026
Easter Term Ends: 27th March 2026 ***(Break up at 1.00pm)***
Easter Holidays: 30th March to 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

INSET DAY: 13th April 2026
Summer Term: 13th April to 23rd July 2026
MAY BANK HOLIDAY: 4th May 2026
Spring Half Term: 25th May to 29th May 2026
INSET DAY: Monday 1st June 2026
Summer Term Ends: 22nd July 2026 ***(Break up at 1.00pm)***
INSET DAY: Thursday 23rd July 2026
Summer Holidays: 23rd July to 3rd September 2026