

# St Marys CE Primary School Newsletter

# **Diary Dates**

11.09.25

**Phonics and reading Meeting for all Class** 

1 parents @ 3.15pm in Class 1. Creche

provided by school.

Fri 12th Sept Bikeability Y6s

Fri 12th Sept Flu vaccines are given

Tues 16th Sept C1- Phonics & Reading meeting

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept Individual photos

Mon 29th Sept- Weds 1st Oct Y6s to Arthog Outdoor Education Centre

Saturday 11th October School Grounds tidy Meet at 9.30am.

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Oct (to be confirmed) Parents Evening appointments

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct Harvest Festival at the church, tea, coffee and cakes

afterwards in the school hall, in aid of McMillan

Fri 24th Oct Last day before half term

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Training Day for staff

Tues 4th Nov Children return to school

Fri 19th Dec Last Day of Term.

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Training Day for staff

Tues 6th Jan Children return to

We welcome Mrs May to join our school, Mrs May will be working in Class 3 as Class teacher every Friday. We also welcome: Will to Class 3, Mia, Brooke, Jesse and Lewis into our Reception class.

#### Reminders:

Return your dinner slips, even if your child is having sandwiches.

Deadline: Every Thursday

Complete the form for the School Panto (Class 1, 2 &3)

Return your data and consent sheets.



# School Grounds tidy.

## Saturday 11th October

We would like to ask if any parents/grandparents would like to come and help join us give our school an Autumn clean up (tidy up hedges, paint benches etc) Meet at 9.30am.

# **Class News**

#### **PRESCHOOL**

It has been lovely to welcome the children back, hearing all the wonderful things that they have done during the summer break.

We have started our "All about me" topic and the children have created some wonderful paintings of themselves. Please can we ask for a baby photo of your child (it will be used for our display and returned to you when we have finished.

Also, please can we remind parents that all children will need a coat and appropriate shoes as we spend a great deal of our time in the outside area.

We would like to welcome our new child Connie and her parents, Connie has settled in to our routine and enjoys exploring the learning areas.

If you have any rolls of unused /unwanted wallpaper, we would be very grateful if we could have it.







#### CLASS 1

Our four new Reception children have made a brilliant start to school life. They feel an important part of the class already and have been learning the new routines so well. They are playing and learning outside as much as possible during the good autumn weather.

Our Year 1s and 2s have started looking at a new book in Literacy. It's called Look Up, written by Nathan Bryon. We've spent some time on Monday and Tuesday lying on our backs and looking up to see what we can see. We did this inside the school building and outside in our beautiful school grounds and then wrote about what we could see.









Many thanks to Sofia who went out on Wednesday morning and picked lots of apples off her tree to bring into school for everyone to share. We all enjoyed them.



## **Class News**

#### Class 2 News

This term our topic is 'Rainforests'. In our geography work we have been planning a trip to the Amazon Rainforest. We have begun by thinking about an item we could take with us to show what life is like where we live.



We have our boarding passes ready for a trip to Ecuador!

Within English, we are exploring the text 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. This has already led to lots of imaginative and detailed writing as we begin to explore the main character 'Hannah'. If you have any other stories written by Anthony Browne at home, please send them in for us to share as a class. We are delighted to have Max and Summer join us in Class 2 – they have both settled in brilliantly. We've had a wonderful start to the new term!

#### Class 3

Class 3 have had a brilliant return to the autumn term and are full of enthusiasm for their new topic called *Go Greece Lightning*! We have begun by building on our existing knowledge of Europe using maps and learning more about the individual countries. At home, it would be beneficial for your child to continue referring to a map of Europe over the course of the term to consolidate this key knowledge. Year 6 have really enjoying taking part in Bikeability this week and have learnt how to stay safe on their bikes out and about.

We welcome Will to our Class.







# Information for Parents School News



# **Attendance**

**Attendance-** Make sure you support your child by getting them to school every day on time!











## Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm





Helio from the Family Information Service (FIS for short). Our job is to give you the info and resources you need to help your family life run a little smoother. We can help with:

- · Childcare finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- · Events, clubs, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays, for all ages
- · Getting parenting and family support
- Finding health and wellbeing support

We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.



Follow us on social media for all the latest news and info.

# Understanding your child From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face-to-face groups, our next groups start:

Understanding Your Child Group 29th September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Ludlow Primary School rderstanding Your Child Group 1st October 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch CofE Infants Sci Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2nd October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Woodlands School Wem standing Your Child Group 2nd October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shre Understanding Your Child Group 2nd October 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School Understanding Your Child SEND Group 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Team

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

SEND groups are for parents/care Children who might have special educational needs and disabilitie no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov. or.call 01743 250950







# Family Drop-i

#### Free info, advice & support

You can get free information, advice and support on all aspects of family life, at our Family Drop-Ins. Come along for a coffee and a chat, and see how we can help you with:

- · Family life
- Parenting support (including child development, behaviour, sleep and relationships)
- Domestic abuse support
- · Money worries
- Housing support
- Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

and much more



Find your local drop-in here



### Does your child struggle with their sleep?

#### **Free Sleep Tight Groups**

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups and

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

SEND Group Tuesday 23rd September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Group Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

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