St Mary's School Newsletter

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! We hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half-term break and are ready for the exciting weeks ahead.

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Butler and her husband have welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Rue, to their family. I am sure you will join us in sending them our warmest congratulations and very best wishes as they begin this special new chapter.

Our brilliant Ofsted report was shared earlier this week and I hope you all have had the opportunity to read it thoroughly. I am immensely proud of the full team and the children and look forward to celebrating all their hard work in a special event.
https://tinyurl.com/38jbzbfa

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Exceptional	
Strong standard	●●●●
Expected standard	●●●
Needs attention	
Urgent improvement	

We are now entering a particularly busy and exciting period in the school calendar, with lots of learning opportunities, enrichment activities, residential visits and, of course, our Christmas performances. Please take a few moments to read through the attached Upcoming Events information to ensure you don't miss any important dates and updates.



Our Christmas Fair will take place on Thursday 17th December. Further details will be shared in due course, but if you have any unwanted gifts, raffle prizes or other suitable donations, we would be extremely grateful to receive them.



As the colder weather approaches, please ensure that children come to school with appropriate outdoor clothing, including hats, scarves and gloves, a coat each day is a necessity. In addition, OPAL play continues daily, so children should bring a change of footwear suitable for outdoor play.

Finally, a polite reminder regarding school uniform expectations. It has come to my attention that standards are beginning to slip and a handful of children are coming to school regularly in their own clothes, this is not permitted. Children should attend school in the correct school uniform, white polo shirt, grey or black trousers/skirt and a maroon jumper. Items do not have to have the school logo on. We also ask that all children have a full PE kit, including a complete change of clothing, available on their designated PE days and all jewellery is removed.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a productive, enjoyable and memorable half term together.

Key Dates & Events

Please note we will try our very best to adhere to the below dates – some may change at late notice due to unforeseen circumstances however we will endeavour to give you plenty of notice. There will be more events/visitors/visits to add once confirmed and therefore we will be continually adding to and updating the below list regularly.

NOVEMBER

02/11/2026	Bonfire Safety Assembly in school
03/11/2026	Fire Engine visit in school for EYFS
04/11/2026	Year 3 and Year 4 Castlerigg information meeting @ 3.20pm in school.
05/11/2026	Year 5 STEM workshop
05/11/2026	Year 3 & Year 4 at Mass – 10am in church.
09/11/2026	Year 5 visit to Lakes College for STEM activity
11/11/2026	Whole School Remembrance Assembly.
12 & 13th	Castlerigg residential trip – Year 3 and Year 4 (Further info to follow)
12/11/2026	Year 5 STEM workshop
13/11/2026	Year 5 visit to Helena Thompson Museum to experience a Victorian Christmas.
13/11/2026	M & M production – Snow White – Whole school.
16/11/2026	Anti bullying week
17/11/2026	Year 5 singing workshop with Mrs Clark
19/11/2026	Year 5 at Mass. 10am in church.
24/11/2026	TT Rock Stars launch day – fancy dress optional. More info to follow.
25th & 26th	Parents Evenings
26/11/2026	Year 4 Snap circuit session in school
30/11/2026	Mrs Wright – whole school visit -

DECEMBER

01/12/2026	BOCCIA event – (those children involved will receive further info)
10/12/2026	Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance – Morning performance (Info closer to the time)
10/12/2026	Key Stage 2 Advent service in church. Afternoon performance (Info closer to the time)
11/12/2026	EYFS Nativity performance – Morning performance (Info closer to the time)
11/12/2026	Year 5 & 6 – Whitehaven Pantomime visit (More info to follow.)
15/12/2026	Dance parties with Miss Rachel (party clothes can be worn)
15/12/2026	Year 5 singing workshop with Mrs Clark
16/12/2026	Christmas dinner day
17/12/2026	Christmas Fair – 2pm start
18/12/2026	Christmas Jumper day
18/12/2026	FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY 2027

05/01/2027	Children return to school.
12/01/2027	Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball. (Those children involved will receive further information.)
25/01/2027	Year 2 Swimming all week
26/09/2026	Year 5 singing workshop with Mrs Clark

FEBRUARY

01/02/2027	Year 4 Class assembly (parents welcome) 9am in the school hall.
05/02/2027	National Wear Red Day – Supporting Heart disease.
08/02/2027	Children's Mental Health week

12/02/2027	FINISH FOR HALF TERM
23/02/2027	KS2 Table Tennis (those children involved will receive further information.)

MARCH

01/03/2027	Year 1 Swimming all week
04/03/2027	World Book Day (More info to follow)
08/03/2027	Year 3 swimming all week
15/03/2027	KS2 swimming catch up week (those children attending will receive further information)
23/03/2027	Year 3 & 4 Football (those children involved will receive further information.)
25/03/2027	FINISH FOR EASTER

APRIL

12/04/2027	Children return to school
21 & 22nd	Year 2 residential to Hawes End (more info to follow)
27/04/2027	Year 1 & 2 Rounders (those children involved will receive further information.)

MAY

04/05/2027	Year 3 & 4 rounders (those children involved will receive further information)
10/05/2027	Year 6 SATs Week
18/05/2027	Year 1 & 2 Football (those children involved will receive further information)
21/05/2027	Sports Day – whole school (Afternoon)
25/05/2027	Year 3 & 4 Tag rugby (those children involved will receive further information)
26th – 28th	Year 5 & 6 York residential trip. (Further information to follow.)
28/05/2027	FINISH FOR HALF TERM

JUNE

07/06/2027	Children return to school
07/06/2027	Year 4 Multiplication Check (carried out over 2-week period)
08/06/2027	Reception multiskills @ Lakes college (PE kits required)
14/06/2027	Year 1 Phonics Screening check week
15/06/2027	Year 5 and 6 Football (those children involved will receive further information)
22/06/2027	Year 5 and 6 Tag rugby (those children involved will receive further information)
29/06/2027	Year 5 and 6 tennis (those children involved will receive further information)

JULY

06/07/2027	Key Stage 2 Sats results day
12/07/2027	Class move up morning
15/07/2027	Reception graduation ceremony – am
16/07/2027	Year 6 Leavers assembly - (Y6 parents and carers welcome)
16/07/2027	Year 6 celebration - guard of honour (Y6 parents and carers welcome)

16/07/2027	FINISH FOR SUMMER

