

Friday 7th September 2018

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank parents for the very generous gifts you gave us at the end of the year. I think all the staff enjoyed tucking into their chocolates and wine over the holidays! Thank you.

The children have come back to school in a very positive frame of mind and it is lovely to see so many of them looking so smart in their school uniform. At this stage in the school year children can either be in summer or winter uniform. After half term we will expect all children to be in winter uniform please. Can I please remind parents if children are wearing white shirts they must be wearing a tie. Thank you.

We are delighted to welcome all the new children to St. Mary's this week. We also welcome new staff: Mr Walters - Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Boswell – Pear Class teacher and Mrs Kalinowski who is working in the school office.

Please can I remind parents not to park in front of the school entrance. This must be kept clear at all times for emergency access.

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

School Diary

13 th September	Swimming Gala yr 5/6 for children who have had a letter.	29 th October	First day of Term
17 th – 21st Sept	Yr 6 Morfa Bay	6 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
19 th September	Knex Challenge year 5	7 th November	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
26 th September	School Photos – individual and siblings	28 th November	Year 4 trip Ashmolean Museum Oxford
10 th October	KS2 Harvest Festival - school hall at 2.30pm. Parents welcome.	21 st December	Last day of term
11 th October	KS1 Harvest Festival – Church 2.00pm. Parents welcome.	2018 7 th January	First day of term
12 th October	PTFA School Disco	15 th February	Last day of term
17 th October	Open morning 9.30 – 11.30 For prospective parents	25 th February	First day of Term
18 th October	Last Day of Term	25 th February	Bikeability - Yr 5 (Bikes and Helmet needed in school)
19 th October (Friday)	Inset Day	7 th March	World book day

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Free school uniform and support for your child!!

As you may know we receive funding from the Government to provide additional support for every child who is registered for Free School Meals. This funding doesn't just provide your child with free school meals but is also used to enhance your child's whole primary school experience, including pastoral and educational needs. If your child is eligible they will attract this support every year, for the whole of their time at primary school, even if your situation subsequently changes. Universal Infant Free School Meals is different to Free School Meals and does not attract this same support and funding.

If your child is in Reception, KS1 or KS2 and you think your child/ren may be eligible for Free School Meals and this support please check by logging on to www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals (you will also need your national insurance number). You can check your child's eligibility at any time and if you are not eligible today but your situation changes it is worth rechecking their eligibility.

If you have any questions about this support you can discuss it confidentially with Mrs Silins. We will fund a school jumper and tie for all children who are registered for Free School Meals from 1st September 2018

School Photo



Individual School photos and siblings will be taken this week on Wednesday 26th September.

Tesco's Blue Tokens - School Hall Refurbishment Project

Between September and October you will be able to use your Tesco blue tokens to support the improvements of the school hall which, is used on a daily basis by all pupils.

Your support will be very much appreciated by everyone at St Mary's and will help us receive a grant of between £1000.00 and £4000.00.

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Komodo Maths

A big thank you to all parents who have encouraged and supported their children to take part in the Summer Challenge.

Certificates have started to arrive in school for all those children who have completed the challenge. To give all families who have registered / started, a chance to complete it, the end date has been extended to Sunday 23rd September. Every child who completes the challenge will be presented with their certificate in Celebration Worship on Friday 28th September.

Forest School

A massive thankyou to Nurdens Garden Centre for donating some fantastic spring bulbs to be planted around forest school. From Mr Knight Forest School Leader

Letters Home

Please take the time to read letters carefully as they are our main way of keeping you informed about what is happening in school, all letters home can now be found on our Web site via the following link:
<http://www.stmarystetbury.com/the-office/letters>. If you are requested to complete a slip on any letter it makes life a lot easier for our office staff if the slips are returned promptly. This is also the case when sending money into school – this should be in a sealed envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name, class, the amount of money and what the money is paying for.

Medication

Please ensure medication your child requires is handed into the school office at which point you will be asked to complete a Medication Form . Please do not send medication in with your child without seeing a member of staff and completing the form.

Absences

In order to continue to ensure the safety of your child/ren we will need contact from a responsible adult if your child is absent. This should be done via a telephone call to the school office, or popping into the school office if you are bringing other children into school. If we have no confirmation of their absence by 9.15am we will contact you via your home and emergency numbers to ensure your child is safe. This is a time consuming task for our busy office staff, so please remember to contact us! For safety’s sake you need to contact the school each day your child is absent.

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Absence Request

All requests must be made on a form available from the school office, for any time off of school other than illness. Unfortunately holidays cannot be authorised during school time and holidays taken will be marked as unauthorised. Please ask the school office if you are unsure of the Government’s Policy on holidays taken during term time.

Appointments Medical/ Dentist etc

All appointments where possible should be made outside school hours. If your child has an appointment please bring a copy the appointment card/letter into the school office, so this can be put with the class register.

School Lunches and Parentpay

Most Reception children have now received their activation letter. The menu choices can be booked up to Christmas, so please do this as soon as possible as this helps with the registration process in the morning. (We do check on the day if your child is still having a school lunch or sandwiches, so you can change your mind!)

Milk

Reception Children whose parents have registered them for Free school milk(under 5’s) are receiving milk in class at the moment, it is not an automatic registration. If you would like to take advantage of the free school milk scheme, please register your child at the link below. As the children turn five this will become chargeable and an invoice will be sent to the parent/carer from Coolmilk. If you do not want your child to receive milk in school, the parent/carer will need to cancel it. This should be done via Coolmilk. We are unable to do this in the school office.

There is also free milk for anyone entitled to free school meals. Please register via the link below.

Milk is available for children from when they are 5 years old through to Year 6 with payment being made to the company who organise the “Cool Milk for Schools”. you can also access details at www.CoolMilk.co.uk.

Reminders

Please send in any outstanding Morfa Bay payments to the School Office. Thank you.

Cycling to school

As with previous years we are allowing Y6 pupils who have passed their cycling proficiency test to cycle to school if they complete a “St Mary’s Cycle Permit”. This can be requested from the school office.

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Peripatetic Music lessons – KS2

Mrs Wilson our new flute/recorder teacher will start on Wednesday 19th September, Mr Hopkins (guitar) will start on Tuesday 18th September and Mr Adkins (piano) will also start his lessons the start on Tuesday 18th September - (Taster Sessions available). You will now have received the music letter by email. If you have not received one, please contact the school office. If your child expresses an interest in either continuing or starting music lessons, please return the form to the school office as soon as possible.

Clubs

You are invited to join St Mary's Community Choir

We are starting a new school community choir and offering a FREE taster session with cake.



Tues 11th Sept

3.15-4.15pm

In School Hall

All parents, staff, governors and children

(Year 2 upwards)

No audition, nervous singers welcome.

Pop, Rock and songs you will love!

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The St Marys School PTFA (Parents, Teachers, Friends Association) AGM will take place on Wednesday 19th September from 7.30-9.00pm at school.

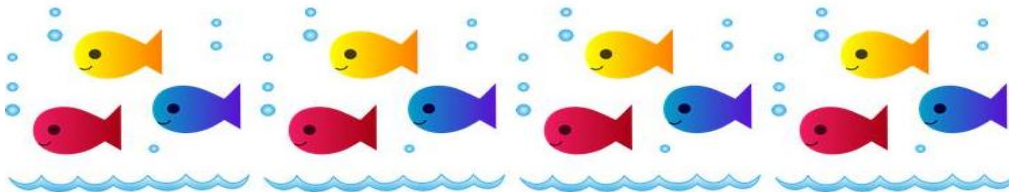
Anyone interested in finding out more about the PTFA is welcome to come along. The PTFA welcome any help whether it is an hours support at the Disco or becoming a member of the committee.

Community

Tetbury Library

Tetbury Library's monthly story time, 'CelebraeStory', is now at the new time of 11:15am (to give TTFC footballers time to get to the library for the start of the story!). On Saturday 15th September David will be telling the story of 'Æthelflæd the first English Warrior Queen' and her local connection. Perfect for primary school aged children (especially those studying the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings) and includes a follow-up activity. It's free - just turn up - optional: wear something in the style of a 10th century Anglo-Saxon or Viking!

St Marys' Church

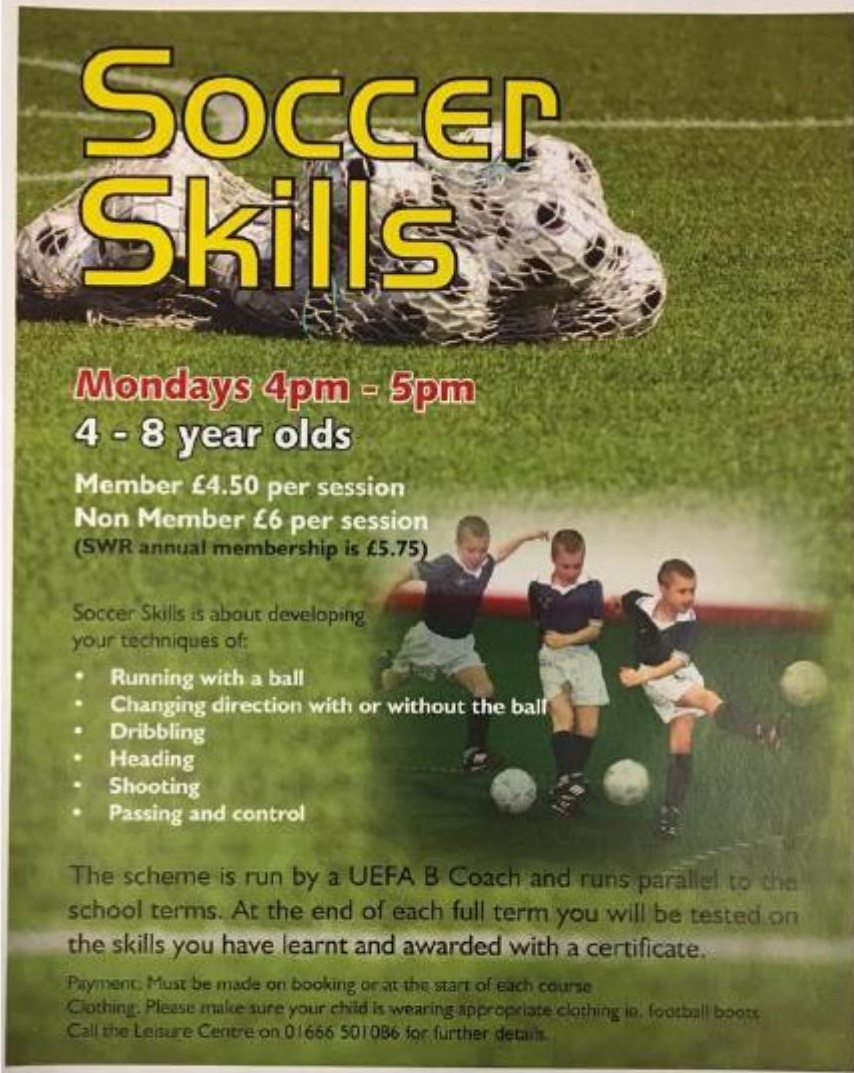


Come to St Marys' church on Sunday and join our Little Fishes Sunday School. The service starts at 10am, and our Little Fishes go out during the service. Suitable for 2 years + with a special theme each week and craft activities. Contact Poppy for more information on 01666 502333 or poppy_hughes@hotmail.co.uk

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Soccer Skills

Mondays 4pm - 5pm
4 - 8 year olds

Member £4.50 per session
Non Member £6 per session
(SWR annual membership is £5.75)




Soccer Skills is about developing your techniques of:

- Running with a ball
- Changing direction with or without the ball
- Dribbling
- Heading
- Shooting
- Passing and control

The scheme is run by a UEFA B Coach and runs parallel to the school terms. At the end of each full term you will be tested on the skills you have learnt and awarded with a certificate.

Payment: Must be made on booking or at the start of each course
Clothing: Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing ie. football boots.
Call the Leisure Centre on 01666 501086 for further details.

Lowfield Road, Tetbury, Glos. GL8 8AE
T: (01666) 501086 E: leisure@swr.gloucs.sch.uk
Facebook: [@swrleisurecentre](https://www.facebook.com/SWR-Leisure-Centre)

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WEEKLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Kick-A-Bout's fantastic weekly classes are designed to improve football techniques and skills in a FUN, SUPPORTIVE and FRIENDLY environment.

**Cotswold Leisure Centre,
Cirencester, GL7 1US**

SATURDAYS

3-4 Years = 8:45-9:25
4-5 Years = 9:30-10:15
6-7 Years = 10:20-11:05
7-10 Years = 11:10-11:55

**Stratford Park Leisure Centre,
Stroud, GL5 4AF**

TUESDAYS

3-4 Years = 1:15-1:55
4-5 Years = 4:00-4:40
6-8 Years = 4:45-5:30



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AND SKILL
DEVELOPMENT
FOR ALL!**

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david@kick-a-bout.com

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www.kick-a-bout.com

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Police Point Meeting Times held at Tetbury Town Council

September

Wednesday 12th September 10am – 11am (Crime Prevention Shop)

Tuesday 18th September 10am – 11am

Wednesday 26th September 10am – 11am

Please come along and speak to a local Officer

