



FOR YOUR DIARY  
INSET DAY  
MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
JANUARY 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who have supported the PTGFA Christmas Events this month.

The Christmas School Disco, The Christmas Fun Run, and the Christmas Craft Afternoon were all thoroughly enjoyed by the children taking part during the school day.

The Film Night and Santa's Grotto were also hugely successful, and we look forward to the Christmas Jumper Day this Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Our huge thanks to Jess and Jason Stanley, Nicole and John Dias, Lisa and David Eyre for their amazing efforts and support with these events.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026.

- Mr. Murray

### Santa's Letter Box

Is still in reception!

Tomorrow – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – is the last chance for your child to post Christmas Cards to their friends at school.

### WEEKLY REFLECTION



This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:19- 24

### Admissions Policy for 2027 to 2028

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the legislation that the governing body, as the admission authority for St. Mary's CE Primary School, is formally consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the school academic year 2027 to 2028.

The policy is available to view on the website alongside the supplementary form.

Any comments are to be sent to the Office by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### PTGFA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 7.00pm.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

### This week's Attendance figures for the School are:

Attendance – 91.8%

Authorised Absence – 7.8%

Unauthorised Absence – 0.4%

Lates – 3.3%

Thank you for helping to keep your child at school this term. We are really pleased with our attendance results as a school for this term.

Please keep an eye on your child's individual results on MCAS and ensure you follow the NHS guidance if you believe your child is too ill to come to school.

We look forward to seeing you at the Christingle Service tonight – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 6.00pm. Children should be dressed in their school uniform. Please note that you are welcome to park in the Ford Prison Car Park whilst you attend the service. We would also like to thank Lidl very much for providing us with the oranges for the Christingles.



## Event Dates

***Please note - new dates are added in red***

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Choir Visit to Norden House at 10.00am

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Last day of Autumn Term 2

### **2026**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – INSET DAY

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – First day of Spring Term 1

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Y3/4 1Term 2 learn Ukelele lesson at 8.55am

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Y3/4 1Term 2 learn Ukelele lesson at 8.55am

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Young Voices concert at O2

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – PTGFA Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 – Y3/4 1Term 2 learn Ukelele lesson at 8.55am

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Y3/4 1Term 2 learn Ukelele lesson at 8.55am

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Last day of Spring Term 1

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Half-Term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 – First day of Spring Term 2

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Y3/4 1Term 2 learn Ukelele lesson at 8.55am

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Y3/4 1Term 2 learn Ukelele lesson at 8.55am

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Y3/4 1Term 2 learn Ukelele lesson at 8.55am

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Easter Service at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Y3/4 1Term 2 learn Ukelele lesson at 8.55am

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Last day of Spring Term 2.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Easter Holiday

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – First day of Summer Term 1

If you have any safeguarding concerns over the Christmas Holidays, please contact:

[wscildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:wscildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk)

Integrated Front Door 01403 229900

Out of hours 0330 222 6664

## **Sponsorships**

**If you know of any local businesses who may be willing to sponsor us, please come and talk to Mr. Murray.**

# **CHARLOTTE READER DANCE @ ST MARYS**



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**NEW TERM  
STARTS  
13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

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**Chartwells**  
Schools

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**School Lunch - Census Day**

**MAINS**

**Beef Burger  
Veggie Nuggets**

**SIDES**

**Chips, Sweetcorn, Salad**

**DESSERT**

**Jam Sponge and Custard**

**Order on ParentPay.com by  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

[www.ParentPay.com](http://www.ParentPay.com)



# Meet Father Christmas!

Weekends 12 noon - 3pm.

No booking needed. £5 per child, gift included.



*With thanks to The Kings Arms and Manteaux for sponsoring this event.*

**The Museum will be also open on Sunday 28  
December 10am-4pm.**

**Enjoy visiting the Museum and Exhibition.**

Find us next to the Mill Road Car Park,

BN18 9PA Open 10am-4pm 01903 885866.





**WEST SUSSEX YOUNG VOICES**  
**BOGNOR REGIS, HORSHAM & WORTHING**  
**CHOIRS FOR THOSE WHO LOVE SINGING AGED 9-13**

**Bognor Regis Music Centre - Thursday 5.15-6.15pm**  
**Horsham Music Centre - Saturday 10.45-12noon**  
**Worthing Music Centre - Saturday 10.00-11.00am**

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# After School Art Club.

NEW!

Ages  
5-16

Spring Term

Tuesdays 3:45-4:45 pm

Creative Heart

13<sup>th</sup> January - 17<sup>th</sup> March £75

( £7.50 per session)

to book please email

[esther@estherheylen.co.uk](mailto:esther@estherheylen.co.uk)

**\*These sessions will be offering  
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certification\***



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