



FOR YOUR DIARY  
MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB  
JENKINS CLASS TRIP  
TO MARY ROSE

Dear Parents/Carers

A new term always brings a sense of renewal, and this spring is no exception. As children settle back into familiar routines, there's a shared optimism in the air—an energy that comes from fresh starts and the promise of growth. This term offers opportunities for every learner to explore new ideas, strengthen friendships, and build confidence in their abilities. Together, as a community, we look forward to supporting each child as they flourish in the months ahead. Spring invites us all to embrace possibility, and we're excited for everything this term will bring.

Mr. Murray

### After School Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has enrolled their child/children to the After School Clubs we are offering this term. Some Clubs still have availability – please check MCAS for details.

### WEEKLY REFLECTION



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

**Philippians 4: 4-6**

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has published a new guide for parents and carers titled *What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives*. Written with direct input from children and young people, the guide offers practical advice on setting healthy boundaries and supporting children to stay safe online in an increasingly digital world. You can read the guide [here](#).

### 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. Please sign your child/one of your children up on MCAS.

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

Attendance – 96.4%

Authorised Absence – 3.6%

Unauthorised Absence - 0%

Lates – 5.7%

Thank you for helping to keep your child at school this term. Please try and ensure your child is at school on time.

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.



## Event Dates

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

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

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – DST Drop-In session at 10.00am**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 – Bella Grace Therapy Dog at 1.15pm**

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

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Farrant Class Teddy Bear Day**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 – Jenkins class trip to Mary Rose**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Farrant Class Science Day – Ice Experiment**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Farrant Class Chinese New Year**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Jenkins Class Tudor Dress Up Day**

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

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – DST Drop-In session at 10.00am**

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

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Parents Consultations at 3.30pm**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Parents Consultations at 3.30pm**

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

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – YR NCMP at 9.00am**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – INSET DAY**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 – last day of Summer Term 1**

## Staff News

I am writing to let you know that Mrs. Hine has confirmed her decision to step down from her role as Finance Administrator. She will continue to support the team until Half Term, with her final working day being Friday 13th February 2026.

Mrs. Hine has made an exceptional contribution during her time at St Mary's. She has not only established clear and effective processes and procedures, but has shaped the role itself with remarkable dedication, initiative, and professionalism. The systems and foundations she has put in place will continue to benefit the school long after her departure.

Her positivity, hard work, and commitment have been deeply valued, and she will be greatly missed by all of us. The impact she has had—both on the smooth running of our operations and on the people she has worked alongside—has been significant.

Personally, I will miss her steadfast support, professionalism and care.

Please join me in thanking Mrs. Hine for everything she has brought to St Mary's and in wishing her every success in the next chapter of her journey.

## Sponsorships

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



# After School Art Club.



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)

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