



'A Caring Christian Community Committed to Achievement'

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Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 19th September – Individual School Photos

Thursday 21st September – Harvest Festival 2.30 pm St Mary's Church

Friday 20th October – END OF TERM

Monday 30th October – INSET DAY

Welcome back to a new academic year. I hope you all had a great summer and a chance to spend some quality time with your families.

We have had a great start to the year, all of your children have returned ready for a new school year with determination to do their very best again this year.

Our new Reception children have begun their school life, we currently have 25 children and we hope the children and their families quickly feel part of the St Mary's School family.

We have also had four new children join us from other schools in Bristol. Your children have made them all very welcome and helped them quickly feel part of their class.

Church Lane – Access to School at Peak Times

We would be grateful if parents could remember to use the lane as a one way system during peak times, entering from the end furthest away from school (by the cottages). Although we open the back playground for parking there is still the need for some parents to park in the lane outside school and this makes it impossible to have two way traffic.

We would also be grateful if parents could travel slowing and be extra vigilant when passing the school as children are entering/leaving the playground via the front gate and crossing the road.

Please also park considerately so as many cars as possible can fit into the back playground at key times. It has been particularly tight for space this week as there have been artists exhibiting in the church using all the spaces in the lane.

School Uniform

Your children have all returned looking so smart in their uniform and with their school PE kits. We really appreciate your support for the school in this matter. **PLEASE** ensure all uniform is labelled, this can be easily done by writing your child's name with a permanent pen on the washing label.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival, to which you are all warmly invited, will take place at 2.30pm on Thursday 21st September in St Mary's Church. This will be led by Windmill Class but all the other classes will also be joining in. Please join us if you can.

International Day

On Friday 15th September we be running an International day and the children will have the opportunity to find out about other countries and cultures as well as come to school in the colours of the flag of the country they have been studying for 2 weeks.

Reading Roll of Honour

We will be running our Reading Roll of Honour again this year. This will be initially for Years 1- 6 and we look forward to Reception Class joining in shortly.

We ask our families to support their child's reading by hearing them read for 10 – 15minutes, 5 times a week and recording this in the reading diaries we provide. If your child has read 5 times in a week the diaries are collected and on Friday morning your child will have their name recorded in the Reading Roll of Honour and stand up in assembly and be clapped by the rest of the school.

Since we introduced this system we have noticed a significant improvement in the reading and comprehension skills of children whose parents support this programme and it has also had a positive impact on their child's writing skills as a result.

Future Stars

We have now begun our work with Future Stars who are leading on our breakfast club, all sports clubs and the after school club running up to 6pm. We have had good feedback so far, please continue to give us feedback as this is a new venture for us.

There are spaces available in all the sports clubs after school and also for breakfast and after school club – please let the office know either on the day or in advance if you would like your child to take part.

Breakfast Club – 7.45 am to 9 am (£5)

After School Club – 3.15 pm to 4.20 pm (£4)

3.15 pm to 5 pm (£6)

3.15 pm to 6 pm (£10)

Church Open Days

St Mary's Church will be open to the public to visit from 11.00 am to 4.00pm today and over the weekend. There are a number of artists exhibiting as well as visits up the tower and a café open. Apparently the trip up the tower is really exciting with amazing views at the top as well.

After School Clubs

Monday

Netball/Basketball

Tuesday

Tag Rugby

Wednesday

Hockey

Thursday

Football

Friday

Badminton