



If you can help to walk the children to and from the church, please contact your class teacher. Any help will be appreciated. Classes will leave school approximately 15 minutes before the start of the service times above.

### **First Day Back – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Please remember that Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September is an INSET day and school is closed for pupils. Term will begin on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**8:30am**—Doors open.

**8:30am-9:30am** - Tea and Coffee for New Year 3 parents in the hall.

**3:20pm**—Year 3 Children only to be collected from the playground. (All other children to be collected at **3:25pm** as usual)

Please remember that only year 3 parents should collect from the playground after school. Please make arrangements to meet older children at the gate or at an alternative location.

### **EpiPens and Inhalers return**

Just a reminder that if your child has an inhaler or EpiPen, it must come in with them on the first day back over the summer and be handed to their class teacher along with any care plan that they have. They will then be registered with us through the office who will check them regularly. It would help us if you keep a note at home of the use by date and make arrangements for replacements before they become out of date.

### **Uniform and PE Uniform**

When you are purchasing new uniform, could I please remind you that our uniform is **grey skirts, trousers or shorts and not black**.

Please also ensure that your child has a plain white t-shirt, green shorts and **plain black jogging bottoms** for PE. Please remember to label all items of clothing and remember to send your child in with a waterproof jacket each day as we try to get out for movement and fresh air even if it is drizzling! We will return to school in winter uniform so shirts and ties must be worn.

### **PE Days 2025-26**

PE days for 2025-26 will be as follows as of September:

**Year 3** – Monday (Outdoor) Wednesday (Indoor)

**Year 4** – Tuesday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor)

**Year 5** - Monday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outdoor)

**Year 6** – Tuesday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)

***There will be no PE lessons on the first two days back (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September) back***, therefore all pupils need to be in full normal school uniform, including shirts and ties. PE lessons will begin on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

### **Summer Homework**

Individual year groups will have set some small bit of homework to complete over the break in preparation for starting in new classes in September.

In addition, it would benefit many children to regularly practise their Maths and English over the Summer break. For maths, you could complete tasks on Anton or Times Tables Rock Stars and for English, there are reading comprehensions and spelling tasks on Anton.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Hampshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2025!

It would be great to see lots of our pupils signing up for this summer's Hampshire Libraries reading challenge. Sign up at your library or online from now until Saturday 13 September.

Story Garden will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature!

[Kids Zone](#) | [Leisure and culture](#) | [Hampshire County Council](#)



## National Assessment Dates 2025-26

For parents of children in Year 4 and Year 6 next year, please make a note of the following dates for the National Multiplication Check and End of Key Stage 2 SATs.

11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Year 6 SATs tests  
1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 Year 4 Multiplication Tests

## Meet the teachers – Yrs 4,5 and 6 and parent briefing meetings

Parents of pupils in Yrs 4,5 and 6 are invited in to briefly meet their child's teacher and see their new classrooms after school 3:30pm-4:15pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September. This will be a quick opportunity for you to say hello and see the new classroom. There will be an opportunity to find out more about the year ahead at the parents briefing meetings held at the start of the new term:

Things to do in Basingstoke over the summer!

5<sup>th</sup> September 3:30pm-4:15pm Meet the teacher – Yrs 4,5 and 6  
9<sup>th</sup> September Year 3 Parents Briefing Meeting 6pm  
10<sup>th</sup> September Year 5 Parents Briefing Meeting 6pm  
15<sup>th</sup> September Year 6 Parents Briefing Meeting inc. Calshot 6pm  
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## Attendance

As of today, the school's overall attendance is 97%. Thank you for your support.

## Autumn Clubs

Autumn Clubs will start week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> September, there will be no clubs during the first two days.

## Governors Corner

### **A Wonderful End to the School Year!**

As the academic year at St Mary's draws to a close, I want to take a moment, on behalf of the Governing Body, to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone in our wonderful school community. It has been a privilege to witness the incredible progress and achievements of our students, and the unwavering dedication of our staff, all working together as **One Family**.

This term, in particular, has been filled with so many fantastic events and milestones. Our much-anticipated sports day was a fantastic success, despite a nail-biting delay and reschedule due to rain! From vibrant school performances to academic achievements and exciting field trips, our students have truly embraced every opportunity to learn, grow, and shine. Their enthusiasm and resilience are a constant source of inspiration, and it's clear to see how our Christian values of **love**, **courage**, and **creativity** underpin all that they do.

At St Mary's, we truly are **One Family – Achieving more together**. Living this out takes love, courage, and creativity from everyone. I'd like to express our immense gratitude to our remarkable teaching and support staff. Their commitment to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment for our children is truly commendable. They go above and beyond every day, and we are so fortunate to have such a passionate and skilled team.

Finally, a huge thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support. Your partnership with the school is invaluable, and it plays a crucial role in our children's education.

We wish all our students, especially those moving on to new adventures, a restful and enjoyable summer break. For those returning, we eagerly anticipate welcoming you back refreshed and ready for another exciting year of 'Achieving more together' in September!

Best wishes,

Sefton Lucas, Chair of Governors

## F.O.O.B.S. News

As promised before the end of the year, we are thrilled to announce the fundraising figure from this year's Summer Fair. With all the support of the school staff, the parent & community volunteers, the external suppliers and of course the visitors who came along to the F.O.O.B.S. Summer Fair, we have raised a fantastic £12,398.98!!

We are now looking forward to a hard earned rest over the summer holidays and will be kicking off the next academic year with all our usual F.O.O.B.S. events. Have a great summer!

## **Safeguarding over the Summer- Water Safety**

With many of you heading to coastal areas over the summer break, please do keep yourselves and your children safe. Hampshire has over 230 miles of coastline, rivers and lakes, and it's important that everyone knows the Water Safety Code and what to do if they should get into difficulties.

The Water Safety Code:

- **STOP & THINK** - Look for the dangers. Always read the signs and understand what they mean.
- **STAY TOGETHER** - Never go near water on your own. Always have an adult with you.
- **FLOAT** - If you fall in, float or swim on your back and stay calm. Throw something that floats to someone who has fallen in.
- **CALL** 999 or 112 - In an emergency call 999 or 112 (coastguard)

The following links will take you to some really useful resources to help everyone stay safe in the water this summer:

Float to Live Toolkit: resources for download (rnli.org)

Teach your children the Water Safety Code - Hampshire SCP

<https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/>

The Water Safety Code | Royal Life Saving Society UK ( RLSS UK )

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/the-water-safety-code>

Get to know your Water Safety Code with RLSS UK - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwzB7So7jSM>

## **Online Safety**

As we head into the summer holidays, we may find our children are online more or having more screen time. The UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) has produced some useful guidance as to how to reduce screen time over the long summer holiday.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/balancing-screen-time-over-the-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

**Gemma Lillywhite**  
**Headteacher**

The following INSET days for next academic year have been agreed with Old Basing Infant School and approved by our governors.

### **Inset Days for 2025/26**

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

### **Dates for your Diary**

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Church visits am:

09:15 Mitchell, Paulet, Austen

10:00 White, Nelson, Dickens

11:00 Brunel, Wellington, Conan Doyle

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of term, normal finish time of 3:25pm

23<sup>rd</sup> July-2<sup>nd</sup> September Summer Holidays

3<sup>rd</sup> September – Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

4<sup>th</sup> September – First day of new term

5<sup>th</sup> September 3:30pm-4:15pm Meet the teacher – Yrs 4,5 and 6

w/c 8<sup>th</sup> September – After school clubs start this week

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