



Headteacher: Alison Ternan
Deputy Headteacher: Brad Page
Date: 22nd July 2026



School Attendance
Our Target:- 96%

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for your support this year. The staff team are very grateful, it helps to make the school run smoothly.

Today we say goodbye to our Year 6 class, you have been incredible! Your work ethic and positive attitude to school life has really helped you to flourish into the wonderful children that you are. We wish you every success as you start the next chapter at secondary school.

We say farewell to Mrs Keefe, thank you for your dedication to St Mary's. You have made a difference to so many lives - wishing you a very happy retirement...we'll see you back soon, I'm sure.

Finally, I wish you all a very happy holidays. Take care and stay safe. We will see you all on Thursday 3rd September at 8.30am

Warm wishes, Alison Ternan

Diary Dates

September 2026

1st INSET DAY

2nd INSET DAY

3rd 8.30am
Children back to school

9th Yrs 2, 4 & 6
Meet the Teacher at 3.15pm

10th Yrs 1,3 & 5
Meet the Teacher at 3.15pm

October 2026

23rd INSET DAY

26 – 30th Half Term

Please check Hampshire School Holidays online for term dates etc

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD COMES BACK TO SCHOOL WITH A WATERPROOF COAT, PE KIT, WATER-BOTTLE AND ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM NAMED. Thank You!

SCHOOL MEALS

WEEK COMMENCING:- 31st August 2026

WEEK 2

DAY OF THE WEEK	OPTION 1 RED	OPTION 2 GREEN	OPTION 3 BLUE	OPTION 4 PURPLE
MONDAY	HOLS	HOLS	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
TUESDAY	INSET DAY	INSET DAY	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
WEDNESDAY	INSET DAY	INSET DAY	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
THURSDAY	Tandoori Chicken	Tex Mex Veggie Fajita	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers	Spanish Omelette	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta

Hot dishes are served with two vegetables and freshly baked bread.

£2.75 per day

PLEASE NOTE – Absences from School

You **MUST** call the school office to advise us of your child's absence on:

02392583979 by 9am.

You can leave a message on the answer-machine.

If we don't hear from you, we will make a Home Visit in accordance with our Safeguarding Policy.



LIBRARY DAYS

Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Friday

Please note:-
Children are unable to take out a new book if they have already a book registered out in their name.

PE DAYS

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday/Friday
Year 2	Monday/Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday/Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday/Wednesday
Year 5	Monday
Year 6	Thursday

PE Lessons are compulsory!
Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school.

Guinea Pig Timetable

Year R	7 th September
Year 6	14 th September
Year 5	21 st September
Year 4	28 th September
Year 3	5 th October
Year 2	12 th October
Year 1	19 th October

During your child's class week, if you have any "left over vegetables/fruit" we would be grateful for the donations.

NEW - Medical/Cultural Special Diets – If your child requires a special diet, you MUST advise the school office. Information will then be given to you to complete. Medical evidence may be needed. Our School Kitchen (Chartwells) will NOT provide a meal other than a Jacket Potato until a specific menu has been organised and approved.

Changes to eligibility for Free School Meals

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for free school meals (FSM) will expand to include pupils living in households in receipt of Universal Credit with an income above the current £7,400 threshold.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period.)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Please if you think you may qualify (even if your child prefers to bring in a packed lunch) please call into the school office or send in a note with your Child's Name, & Your Date of Birth and National Insurance Number and we will check for you and advise.

YEAR 6 – Day out at Paulton's Park. After all their hard work this year, it was time for the children and staff to have some fun! They had a great day out trying all the thrilling rides!!





Mrs Keefe Retires!



We had an amazing assembly today to say "Goodbye & Best Wishes" to Mrs Keefe who has worked at St Mary's for the past 9 years.

She has decided to "hang up her pegs" and do some travelling. We wish her well and look forward to her visiting St Mary's in the future with tales of her adventures!

Bon Voyage!!

Building Fund

The £10.00 per term, per child or the full amount £30.00 for the year will be due by the **11th September**.

Please make payment through SCOPAY or cash at the school office. If you wish to set a Standing Order with your bank call in for details. Thank you!

Breakfast & After School Care.

We run a club to provide care before and after school. Ask at the office for information. Sessions cost:-

Breakfast 7 – 8.30am £6.00

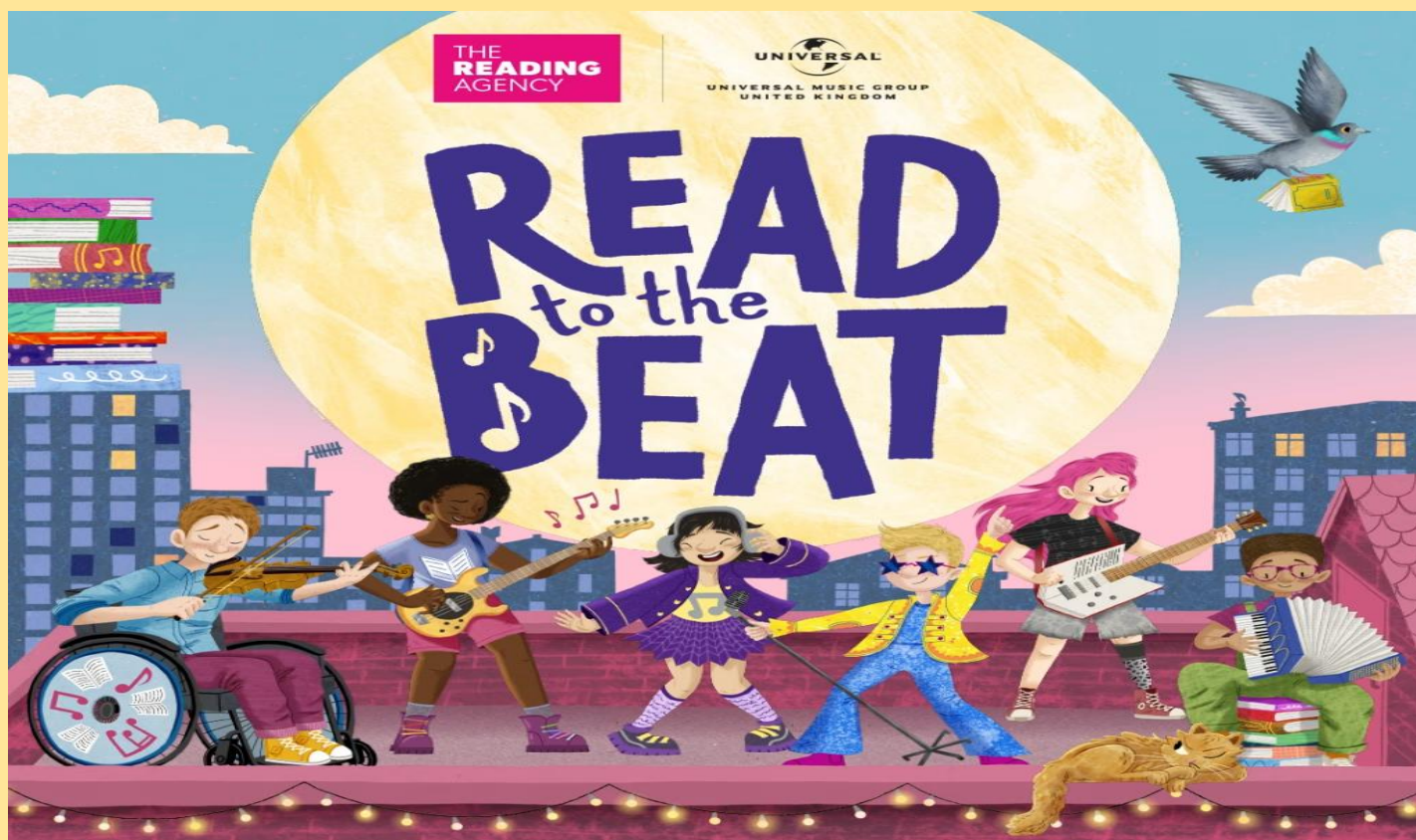
After School Care

3 – 5.30pm £10.00

Emergency Care

£3.00 for 30 mins

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge – "Read to the Beat," running in libraries across England and Wales from **July 4 to September 2026**. Delivered by The Reading Agency and Universal Music UK, it encourages children to read six library books to earn stickers. Participants can join at local libraries or take part online to unlock digital rewards. There is also a "Mini Challenge" available for children aged three and under.



Wishing you all a safe and happy Holidays!

See you all on the 3rd September at 8.30am!