



## St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 Week 7

Friday 18th December

Dear St Mary's Families

Wow - what a term! We cannot express how proud we are of every single child and the resilience, enthusiasm and love of learning they have displayed this year, particularly with the uncertainty we have all faced. Thank you to all members of our school community, from volunteers, governors and St Mary's Church to parents, staff and cooks; we are so lucky to have you supporting and working with us. From all of us at St Mary's School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and love, light and luck for the New Year!

Miss Abbie Banks  
Assistant Headteacher



### Top Tips

- Have a wonderful Christmas and a restful break.
- Happy New Year!
- See you on 5th January 2021

### Scheme

Thank you for your ongoing support in totting up the minutes read at home, and the additional comments you make.



Reading Records are checked weekly in school by the class teacher or teaching assistant and minutes are counted for the class total.

### Attendance

Whole school: week: **96.9%**  
year: **96.9%**

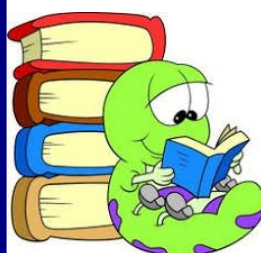
Maple: **95.7%** Cherry: **95.7%**  
Willow: **96.5%** Lilac: **99.6%**

**Less than 94.9% - Red**

**95 to 96.4% - Amber**

**96.5 to 99.9% - Green**

**100% - Gold**



This week's results for our  
Reward Scheme:

**Maple:** 225 minutes

**Cherry:** 1,473 minutes

**Willow:** 2,535 minutes

**Lilac:** 1,575 minutes

**Well done, Willow**



### Headteacher Award

This week, we have two Headteacher awards:

**Thomas ML** has made unbelievable progress in descriptive writing with lots of grammatical techniques used.

**Lilly-Mae** has made amazing progress in independent writing and in sounding out words by herself.

**Well done!**

If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Funnell in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.



### Dates for your diary

#### **December**

17th: Last Day Term 2

18th: INSET day



#### **January**

4th: Inset Day

5th: First Day Term 3

7th: Red Butler Strings starts

7th: Forest School - Maple

8th: Mr D's Multi-Sports Starts

9th: Vision Screening YR and Y1

11th: Mr D's Football Club starts

12th: Swimming- Willow

12th: SATs After School Club starts

13th: Netball After School Club starts

14th: Forest School - Cherry

14th: Ethos Committee Meeting

19th: Swimming - willow

21st: Forest School - Willow

21st: Parent Forum

#### **February**

2nd: Swimming - Willow

4th: Forest School - Maple

4th: Full Governor Board Meeting

9th: Swimming - Willow

12th: International Day

12th: Last Day Term 3

22nd: First Day Term 4



St Mary's



A big thank you to the **PTFA** for sourcing our lovely Christmas tree, to **Sussex Trees** of Goddenwick Farm, Lindfield for supplying it and to **Mrs Emery** for providing the children with individual decorations so they could add their own sparkle to it.

The generosity and care shown throughout the year by so many of you continues to amaze us and we are grateful for the huge impact this has for the children, thank you.



### **Primary Admissions Deadline for reception pupils and Junior Admissions Deadline for year 3 pupils**

The deadline for applying for reception (and year 3 of junior school) places for September 2021 is **15th January 2021**.

If you need to apply for a place in Reception for September 2021, please see the links below.

[E-leaflet- starting school for the first time \(4+\)](#)

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If you know of anyone who needs to apply, please pass the links to them.

For further information, parents should contact [admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk)

### **After School Clubs**

Information needed to register for Forest School Club is on the website. Many of you have already contacted the office about Football, Netball and Multi-Sports, there are a few spaces left so please email if you want one.

Please note that if you have not booked into a club, your child will not be able to stay and attendance in previous terms does not guarantee a place.

**Year 6 SATs Club** after school on Tuesdays - more information in the New Year.

#### **Netball**

From next term, Miss Roberts is going to run an afterschool Netball Club from Wednesday 13th January, collection at 4:30pm

For both boys and girls in Key Stage 2, and will be booked on a 'first come, first served' basis.



#### **Mr D's Clubs**

**Girls and Boys Football:** this will run from **Monday 11th January to Monday 8th January**.

**Multi-Sports Club:** this will run from **Friday 8th January to Friday 12th February**.

Both clubs will be booked on a first come, first served basis.



#### **Forest School After School Club**

Forest School After School Club runs on a Tuesday, starting from school at 3:15pm, with collection at 5pm from Hodore Farm Forest School site.





## Red Butler School of Music

Please see 'dates for your diary' for the new term start dates. Please also be aware individual times are being re-organised to avoid conflict with swimming .

Red Butler would like to say a big thank you to all parents and students who have helped keep them going this year!

A red banner for Red Butler Music School. At the top, it says "FREE MUSIC LESSON AT SCHOOL" in white, stylized text. On either side of the text are logos for "RED BUTLER MUSIC SCHOOL" featuring a microphone and musical notes. Below the text, there are three icons: a ukulele, a drum set, and an electric guitar, each with a Santa hat. Below these icons are the labels "UKULELE", "DRUMS", and "GUITAR". To the right of the guitar icon is a small YouTube logo with the text "MEET THE TUTORS HERE!". At the bottom of the banner, it says "BOOK A FREE LESSON ON ANY OF THESE INSTRUMENTS!" and "WWW.RBMSMUSIC.COM" in white text.

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## Ofsted Celebration



We are so proud of the whole St Mary's community, the excellent work of the school and the clear and open interactions with the Ofsted Inspectors when they visited earlier in the year that we wanted to share the fabulous outcome with everybody.

Therefore, with help from the wonderful Justin Martin-Lawrence, banners are now displayed outside of the school and in case you missed it, we wanted to share one in the Newsletter as well!

## **Celebration Assembly and Christmas Service**

This Thursday, we had our Christmas Service in the morning and the Celebration assembly in the afternoon (when we managed part-virtual and part-collective as a whole school!)

Thank you to Rev Julie for putting the service together, the children loved it and thank you to Miss Hare for ensuring assemblies are continuing safely; they are a brilliant opportunity to see the whole school together and it is lovely to see the children waving to their friends in other classes. This week, we celebrated the fabulous Headteacher Awards and then moved onto the important task of recognising our Christmas Fun Winners!

A wonderful beginning and end to our Thursday.



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A message from Reverend Julie

Last week we were back in our churches to gather for worship. I wanted to let you know what is going on in the month of December. Please find information about our services and how to book.

We also have an online Advent Calendar with a reading for every day and a short reflection.

[Smvandhtchurchbookings@gmail.com](mailto:Smvandhtchurchbookings@gmail.com)

Please book for the December services using the booking email above. **WITH YOUR NAME. NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING AND WHICH CHURCH/Date.** You can of course book in for several services as long as you let Andrea know which ones you hope to attend and how many there will be going you.



#### **December 20th Fourth Sunday in Advent**

St Mary's 9:30am Quiet service of prayer and reflection With music and readings.

Holy Trinity 11.00am **Matins with the blessing of the crib (Small choir)** . The children will be invited to hang a nativity figure on the Christmas Tree and sing a Christmas Carol.

**December 24th Christmas Eve we will be telling the story of the First Christmas and would love you to join us, 4.30pm St Mary's Churchyard. Crib Service. If the children and adults want to dress up as angels, shepherds, sheep or Kings, there will be an opportunity to shine in your family bubbles.**

**Please remember to book if you want to attend.**

**11.15pm: St Mary's Midnight with shortened communion.**

#### **December 25th**

St Mary's 9.30am Christmas Celebration Service

Holy Trinity 11.00am Christmas Celebration Service

**December 27th 9.30am St Mary's Short service of Morning Worship with Holy Communion**

**11.00am Holy Trinity: Short Service of spoken Matins.**

**There will be no online service on Sunday 27th.**

Our **church Advent Calendar** will be available on the websites from the **1st December**. There will be a window to click on each day with a recorded reading and a reflection to read. If you miss a day, you can always go back and listen again. [www.hartfieldchurch.org](http://www.hartfieldchurch.org) & [www.colemanshatchchurch.org](http://www.colemanshatchchurch.org)



Rev Julie



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## Pictures from Home



Elodie did her term project by building a model of Big Ben out of lego. We found out the height of the Elizabeth Tower which is 96m and we built our model to scale at 96cm.

Well done, Elodie



We are pleased to be able to assure everyone that the big teddy has moved happily and settled into his new home.



## Wellbeing

The wellbeing poster this week is about love, happiness and best wishes.

Our delightful Lilac Class teacher is leaving this term as Miss Banks and returning next term as Mrs Hill.

We wish her all the best and pray for love and happiness to grow through her new life partnership.





Christmas Greetings



As we approach Christmas this year, we realise that it will feel different for us all as we are still in the grips of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, at Christmas time we can celebrate the good news of the birth of Jesus, the greatest gift ever given to mankind. Despite the uncertainty of the times we live in, we can have a real hope and certainty in the message of Christmas, that God sent His Son to live on earth and to eventually show his amazing love for us by dying on the cross for us and rising again, victoriously defeating death, giving all who believe in him and ask him to forgive their sins, the certainty of eternal life with him. This is the most important reason to be joyful this Christmas.

We want to thank all of you for your support over this very difficult year, enabling us to continue the work in Malawi and make a difference to many children and their families

And finally

Rest peacefully over your festive break in the knowledge that the school will be in very good hands until we return in the New Year.

