

18th July 2023

Prayer for you from our Ethos Council

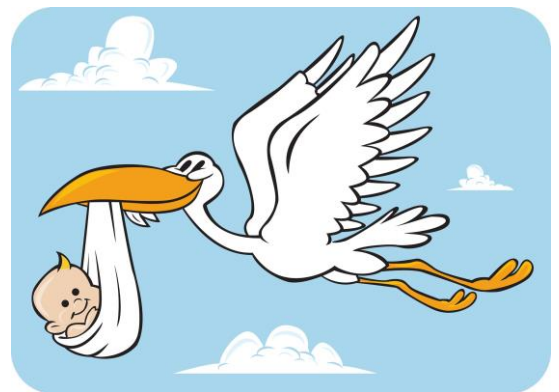
Dear God, we thank you for another school year, for families, friends, staff and parents. We thank you for the love we have shown each other and we pray that you help us into the new school year. Give us the vision to walk with you and perfect all our ways today and forever. Amen.



As we break up for the summer holidays we would just like to thank each and every one of you for the support you have shown us over the last 12 months. We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 5th September. New Nursery children and the children moving up to Reception have had start dates off Mrs Phoenix and Mrs Golby. To our Year 6 children, we wish you all the best in your new High Schools and we will miss you all very much, you have all been superstars. Thank you and good luck, Mrs Booth.

Mrs Thomas

We are very excited to announce that Mrs Thomas and her husband are expecting their first baby in November. Mrs Thomas will be teaching the Year 2 class as planned, until she goes off on maternity leave. We have appointed Mrs Kelly who will be covering the maternity leave. Mrs Kelly has already spent a week in school and will also be in the class with Mrs Thomas from September so the children can get to know her before Mrs Thomas goes off to have her baby.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 20th July - school finishes at the usual home-time for the summer

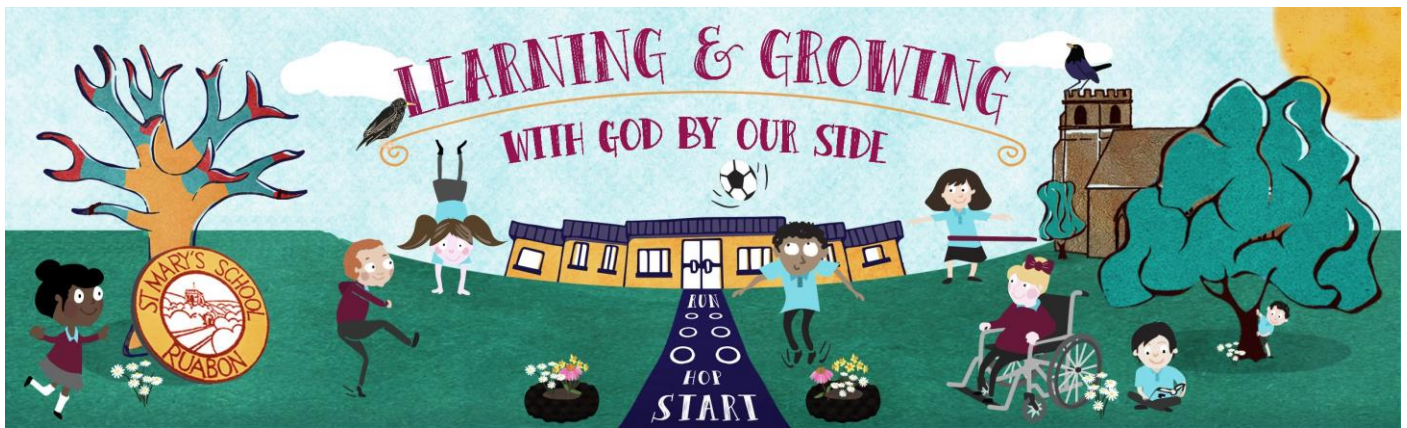
Friday 1st September - staff training day

Monday 4th September - staff training day

Tuesday 5th September - children return to school (Nursery and Reception have had a list of their start dates)

Friday 27th October - break up for half term

Monday 6th November - children return to school



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Free School Meal Roll-Out

A letter has been emailed to parents of children who will be in Key Stage 2 in September regarding the roll out of Free School Meals for all primary school pupils. Parents must continue to use Parent Pay to book meals and we must emphasise the importance to **ALL PARENTS** that school meals are booked in advance.

If your child currently receives Free School Meals based on your circumstances, you may also be entitled to additional help through the School Essentials Grant, which includes financial support for some residential trips, uniform, sports equipment and devices. So, from September we are urging parents to **continue to apply for Free School Meals so that your child receives the maximum support that they're entitled to.**

Welcome Booklets

Welcome Booklets for the next academic year have been uploaded to our school website. These can be found by selecting 'Key Information' and scrolling down until you find 'Welcome Booklets'. Please take some time to read the booklet for the class your child is moving to as this contains some very valuable information.

Friends of St Mary's

Can we please take this opportunity to thank all of the Friends of St Mary's who have planned and organised fundraising events for us throughout the year. A special thanks goes to Mrs Laura Pearson who is stepping down from the role of Chair, which she has held for many years. A big thank you Laura!! The new chair from September will be Mrs Emma Dobbing.

Final Thanks

The children have had a lovely year, as usual they have been amazing and we are very, very proud of each and every one of them. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for making sure learning is fun and the children are supported as well as they are. Finally, thank you to you all for your continued support to St Mary's during this academic year. Enjoy your summer holidays, see you in September, Mrs Booth.

