



Autumn 1

School Newsletter

Dates for your diary...

Week beginning 14th October- Cauliflower card designs to go home.

Thursday 17th October- KS2 Rugby event at Banbury Rugby Club. Open afternoon from 1:15pm

Friday 18th October- Mrs Vale is delivering a rhyme time session in our local library

Monday 21st October- Please return Cauliflower Card designs.

Thursday 24th October- School breaks up for Half term Holiday.

Friday 25th October- Teacher Training Day.

Monday 4th November- School Opens to all pupils.

Friday 15th November- Movies and Munchies Night.

After School Clubs

Monday: Football & Cooking

Wednesday: Arts and Crafts

Thursday: Lego

Mon-Fri: Rising Stars



Book on ParentPay



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

The children have had a wonderful week celebrating World Mental Health awareness. A big thank you to the Mental Health team for supporting the school through workshops and to Mrs Morgan for organising the week. Mrs Morgan will be sharing the Wow report soon.

The young leaders met for this first time this week and had lots of exciting ideas to share with me. The children in Year 6 will now start writing this terms edition of 'Schools Round' which will be sent out to all families before the Christmas break.

Mr Causebrook and Mrs Clipson are looking forward to taking their classes to the Space centre in December, this will link with the Science topics Materials and Space. If you are able to support the school and attend as a parent helper please let the class teachers know.

Mrs Vale has lots of exciting things to share with parents since the opening of our new foundation stage unit and the introduction of the Pre School 'Aston Angels'. We hope you enjoy learning more about our approach to delivering the Early years curriculum.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Concannon

Exciting news:

All leadership positions in school have now been awarded. Congratulations to everyone especially our two new Head boys and Head Girl. We have ordered 15 new IPADs which can be used in class teaching and to access the new White Rose Maths resources.



Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy: Mrs Vale

Mental Health: Mrs Morgan

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Curriculum Update

We have been working hard to update our curriculum and vision for Early Years. As part of this development, we've reviewed how our Early Years values align with our whole school vision and Golden Threads.

I am delighted to share our Golden Roots document, which outlines how we implement our curriculum in Farmer's Class. This document highlights our approach in preparing children for a smooth transition to the National Curriculum in Year 1, ensuring they develop the strong foundations they need for future learning.



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Early Years Update

Dear Parents
We've had a fantastic start to the autumn term in Farmer's Class and are absolutely delighted to welcome the new Aston Angels preschool as part of our Early Years Unit. It's been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled and embraced their new routines with enthusiasm. All parents are now set up on Class Dojo, and we've loved sharing regular updates and seeing your interactions—thank you for your support!

We're excited to announce that we'll be hosting an Open Day on Thursday, 17th October, from 1 pm to 3 pm. Parents and children will have the opportunity to tour the school and then join in a Forest School session. Please help us spread the word to any families who might be interested! To book a place, please email samantha.vale@stmarysalw.net.

If you have any questions about our Early Years provision at St Mary's, please do come and see me or pop me an email and I would be very happy to help.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Sammie Vale

Mental Health Awareness

The children have been working hard on our Colour Monsters topic. They've learned the signs for each emotion and have become experts at expressing how they feel. Take a look at our wonderful Colour Monster display, which we finished this week just in time for Mental Health Awareness Week!



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Training Update

At St Mary's, we believe in the importance of highly qualified and trained staff to ensure that children receive the best possible experience. Miss Bothwell has begun her Level 3 Early Educator Apprenticeship, and Mrs Vale is working hard towards her National Professional Qualification in Early Years Leadership. We'll keep you updated on their progress!