



# School Newsletter



Autumn 1



## Headteacher's Message

### Dates for your diary...

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**- Rock Steady Rock Band restarts. Fencing workshops in KS1 and KS2- Followed by a Fencing After school Club.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**- SAFETY WEEK! 'Clever Never Goes' Assembly, Local policing team: Blue Butterfly, Road Safety, Internet Safety and People who help us. Aston Villa Football lunch club begins. NMPAT Music lessons restart. **Bike-ability begins**- Bikes in school (YRS3-5)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**- Farmers and Fishermen Class Forest School Sessions begin.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**- 6pm Parents Information Evening

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**- Olympic Athlete Assembly. **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** 1pm-Olympic Athlete Visit

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**- Head Boy and Head Girl speeches

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**- Carbon Monoxide workshop Year 4.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**-Flu Sprays. Carbon Monoxide workshop Years 3, 5 and 6.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**- Year 3 and 4 Class trip to Oxford Castle.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**- Princethorpe Maths Challenge

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**- Dunstable Mass Year 5 and 6.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**- Individual and Family photos.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We are so excited to be welcoming you all back to what is set to be our busiest Autumn term yet! In conjunction with the Governors this year we will be holding an information evening for all parents. Our chair of Governors Rebecca Iley will be welcoming parents in the hall with drinks and nibbles. Each class teacher will then run an information session specific to their class. These sessions will be staggered by Key stage to ensure all parents are able to attend. The full details can be found below.

I was excited to see how many clubs we have on offer this term. We hope that many of you will be signing up to the new Rugby sessions run by Banbury Rugby Club and we would love to encourage many to join our Fencing after school club through the upcoming Fencing sessions in school. Do remember that children can join the Aston Villa Football lunch club every Monday, free of charge.

Please check parent pay for after school clubs and trip bookings. Carpenters class are already booked in for an exciting trip to Oxford Castle as part of their history work on 'Crime and Punishment'. Don't forget Bike-ability for Years 3-5 begins Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Next week is Safety week. The newsletter will update parents on useful safety tips especially around the use of phones and social media. The local policing team will be running workshops on Road Safety and Online Safety, I will lead the 'Clever Never Goes' assembly, The Police will also lead the Blue Butterfly assembly and as a school we will go through a lock down practice and a Fire Alarm drill. We also have workshops on Carbon Monoxide safety for all children in KS2.

Please find further details of all below.  
Kind regards,

Mrs L Concannon

### After School Clubs

Monday: Football & Cooking

Tuesday: Film Club

Wednesday: Arts and Crafts

Friday: Banbury Rugby Club

Mon-Fri: Rising Stars



Book on ParentPay



### Value Focus: Cooperation and togetherness

ENCOURAGE  
\* one another \*  
AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP.

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### Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy: Mrs Vale

Mental Health: Mrs Morgan

### Keep in Touch

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## Sport Update



BGN sports fixtures this half term:

Children in Year 5 and 6 as part of their topic on 'Raging Rivers' will be river rafting this term in Northampton.

An information session on the 2026 residential will be held in the Autumn term, please look out for the date and confirm your child's attendance on the residential on Parent Pay.

### Exciting events

Autumn Term:

Aston Villa Foundation- Lunch club- Mondays in the Autumn term with a special taster session on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June. (No charge to parents)

Fencing workshops in KS1 and KS2- Followed by a Fencing After school Club in Autumn 2.

Drama Workshops- KS2 children

### Medicines in School

Please ensure that you have returned all essential medicines and completed the provided form. Spare forms can be found in every class room on a clipboard. Please request a copy from either Miss Bothwell or Mrs Hooper who will be on duty each morning.

## Your Parent Governors

Your Parent Governors are here to help, here is a little more information about your representatives on the governing board. Do come and say hello during the information evening on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Mrs Carol Appleby



I'm very happy to have taken on the role of Parent Governor at St Mary's School and am looking forward to being a part of the school's already well established leadership team.

I am a 48 year old mum of 4 children, 3 of which have been to St Mary's. I have been happily married for 26 years and have lived locally for 23 of those. I work in a local day nursery and have been there for the past 13 years.

As a family we have been involved in the Scouts for the past 15 years and actively enjoy adventure and being outdoors. Although not a catholic family, we do have a faith and strong moral values which guide us in our daily lives. I will endeavor to represent parents to the best of my ability in my role as parent governor.

Mrs Paula Atkins



Hello, I'm Paula, mum to three boys, with my youngest, Ollie, in Year 5. As a parent governor at St Mary's, my focus is on SEND. With personal experience through my middle son, I'm passionate about ensuring every child has equal opportunities in and out of the classroom.

## Parents information Evening

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September:

6pm start- meet and greet with the Head Teacher, Chair of Governors and Governors. Learn a little more about the governance of the school and the ways you can get involved. 6:20pm Farmers Class information Session. 6:35pm Fishermen Class. 6:50pm Carpenters Class and 7:10pm Shepherds Class. Class teachers will give out overviews, discuss statutory assessments and go over class routines etc. Please confirm attendance on Parent Pay.


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