ST. MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin



Dream - Believe - Achieve

The Weekly Bulletin will be emailed to you every Friday to help keep you up to date with everything in school.

Any additional flyers/posters are at the end of this Bulletin.

Don't Forget!

Homework passports - Friday 19th December Children need to have returned their homework by this date to their teacher.

<u>Christmas performances at St Mary's Church,</u> <u>parents/carers invited - Thursday 18th Dec</u>

- Year 1/2—09:30am
- Year 3/4—10:15am
- Year 5/6—11:00am

Christmas Parties

See the following dates for each year group:

EYFS + Years 1/2 - Wednesday 17th December

Year 3/4 – Thursday 18th December

Year 5/6 – Wednesday 17th December Sunshine room – Friday 19th December

Children should come to school on their party day in their party clothes. (except for Year 3/4 who will need to attend in uniform for the Church and bring their party clothes to change into afterwards)

EYFS - Mrs Syed leaving

Sadly Mrs Syed will be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish her well in the future.

EYFS - PE changes - From January 2026

As per separate email sent out, EYFS children will no longer keep their PE kit in school and get changed here. All children will be expected to wear their PE kit to school on a Thursday.

Term dates

The final day of this term is Friday 19th December and the first day back is Tuesday 6th January 2026.

P.E Days

Children should be coming to school in their P.E kits and stay in their P.E kit on their P.E day.

Year 5/6 only have PE on Tuesday next week.

Acceptance	Wednesday and Friday	
Forgiveness	Tuesday and Friday	
Kindness	Wednesday and Friday	
Норе	Monday and Wednesday	
Perseverance	Wednesday and Friday	
Trust	Monday and Wednesday	
Justice	Tuesday only	
Respect	Tuesday only	
Wisdom	Tuesday only	

PE kit consists of a navy PE t-shirt, jumper, shorts and jogging bottoms. Trainers of any colour can be worn on PE days. The logo items can be purchased from Karlsports in Kettering.

Choir reminders!

Choir on Wednesday 17th December

For ALL choir members to enjoy an end of term session together.

No choir on the first week back in January.



School Clubs

We offer a range of Clubs throughout the year and we try to encourage and give every child in KS2 the opportunity to participate in a Sports competition within the school year.

The below clubs will be running after Christmas. AM sports are £3.50/ PM sports are £4.00. Cubs start from Tuesday 6th January unless detailed below:

Day / Time	Club	Year Groups
Monday AM - 8:00-8:45am	Archery, Boccia & New Age Kurling	All Years
Monday LUNCH -12:30-1:00pm	Prayer Club – Free, starts 19th Jan	Years 3-6
Monday PM - 3:15-4:15pm	KS1 Football	Year 1/2
Tuesday AM – 08:00-08:45am	Tag Rugby	Years 3-6 (AMENDED YRS)
Tuesday AM – 09:50-11:00am	Woodwind/Recorder, starts 13th Jan	Years 1-6
Tuesday PM - 12:45-2:00pm	Guitar lessons, starts 13th Jan	Years 2-6
Tuesday PM - 3:15-4:15pm	Dodgeball	Years 3-6
Wednesday AM - 8:00-8:45am	Basketball (AMENDED, WAS ATHLETICS)	All Years
Wednesday AM - 9:00-10:00am	Strings, starts 14th Jan	Years 3-6
Wednesday PM - 3:15-4:15pm	Choir (dates are sent to parents)	KS1 or KS2
Thursday AM - 8:00-8:45am	EYFS & KS1 Gymnastics	EYFS to Year 2
Thursday PM - 3:15-4:15pm	KS2 Football	Years 3-6
Friday AM - 8:00-8:45am	KS2 Gymnastics	Years 3-6
Friday PM - 3:15-4:15am	Taskmaster, starts 16th Jan	Years 1-6

Please book sports clubs through our Arbor portal.

Taskmaster Club is booked directly via the letter sent out each term by Mrs Grady.

If your child is interested in our music lessons or choir please enquire with the School Office.

Dates for your Diary ~ w/c Monday 1st December 2025

Any new/updated items will be added in blue

Monday 15th December 2025

- Archery, Boccia and New Age Kurling All Years 08:00am to 08:45am available to book in the Clubs section on Arbor FOC this term
- No Prayer Club until January
- Football Year 1/2 15:15pm to 16:15pm available to book in the Clubs section on Arbor

Tuesday 16th December 2025

- Tag Rugby Years 1-6 08:00am to 08:45am available to book in the Clubs section on Arbor
- No Woodwind/Recorder lessons today (one lesson is still to be rescheduled)
- Years 1/2 & 5/6 Children will attend the church to practise for their Christmas performances
- Guitar lessons 12:40pm to 13:55pm invite only
- Dodgeball Club Years 3-6 15:15pm to 16:15pm fully booked

Wednesday 17th December 2025

- Athletics Club Years 1-6 08:00am to 08:45am available to book in the Clubs section on Arbor
- No String lessons until January
- EYFS, Year 1/2, Year 5/6 Christmas parties today, children should come to school in their party clothes
- Year 3/4 Children will attend the church to practise for their Christmas performances
- Choir today is for all choir members in KS1 and KS2 15:15pm to 16:15pm

Thursday 18th December 2025

- Gymnastics Club EYFS to Year 2 08:00am to 08:45am available to book in the Clubs section on Arbor
- Christmas performances at St Mary's Church, parents/carers invited
- Year 1/2-09:30am
 - Year 3/4-10:15am
 - Year 5/6—11:00am
- Year 3/4 Christmas party, children should come to school in uniform for Church in the morning, and bring in their party clothes to change into after
- KS2 Football Years 3-6 15:15pm to 16:15pm available to book in the Clubs section on Arbor

Friday 19th December 2025

- Last day of term today
- Homework passports due in today to the class teachers
- Gymnastics Club Years 3-6 08:00am to 08:45am fully booked
- Solihull Parenting Course in School, 9-11am latest, final session
- Pantomime in school today, arranged by the PTFA
- No Taskmaster Club until January
- Brightsparks Christmas Party any children booked in for the normal sessions will enjoy some festive activities tonight

Future Dates for your Diary!

DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
05/01/2026	All	Training Day, school is closed
06/01/2026	All	First day back at school
08/01/2026	Years 3-6	KS2 Kurling competition - 08:50am to 12:00- Latimer Arts - invite only
09/01/2026	Parents	New Intake Tour — September 2026 starters, 11am
09/01/2026	Parents	Guitar taster session today, parents of interested students have been advised separately
15/01/2026	Parents	EYFS deadline for school applications - September 2026 start
21/01/2026	Parents	Next PTFA meeting in school, 7pm

Please see the next few pages about what is happening around Burton Latimer



We are collecting shoe boxes this year for children. Here <u>are</u> a list of suggested gift boxes you could make up.

Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People

We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas, so we are unable to take used or second-hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

- 0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, puzzles
- 3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- 5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- 9-12: games and toys, stationery, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- 13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

Over the years, millions of children and young people have benefited from gifts donated to The Salvation Army.

By giving a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal, you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas.

Please bring to the office when filled. If you unable to fill a whole shoebox you may donate new gifts through your class teacher or direct to the office.





The Salvation Army Trustee Company acting as Trustee of The Salvation Army Trust (Central Funds). A Christian Church and Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359. The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters, 1 Champion Park, London SES 8FJ.





Burton Latimer Community Hub & Library

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE



IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF BURTON LATIMER
AND NEED SUPPORT WITH GIFTS AND TOYS THIS
YEAR PLEASE GET IN TOUCH OR HEAD DOWN TO
THE CHURCH AT THE TIMES BELOW. NO
JUDGEMENTS AND NO QUESTIONS ASKED.
EVERY CHILD DESERVES A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS!

COLLECTION POINT- BURTON LATIMER
BAPTIST CHURCH

THURSDAY 18TH - 9:30AM - 11:30AM FRIDAY 19TH - 11:00AM - 1:00PM



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CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

WEDNESDAYS

17TH - 9:30 - 12:30 24TH - 9:30 - 12:30

31ST - 9:30 -12:30

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THANKS TO OUR AMAZING
VOLUNTEERS WE WILL REMAIN OPEN
THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD
TO MAKE SURE NO-ONE IN BURTON
LATIMER GOES HUNGRY.



Burton Latimer Library



Run by our mental health navigators who:

- Actively listen to what you want to do to make positive changes to improve your wellbeing
- Help you make sense of local services and support you to access them

 Give information and support you to access practical support for issues affecting your wellbeing

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 10am-11:30am

Charity no. 1069373 Company no. 3530898







This winter school holidays we are running our sports HAF camps. These are open to all children aged 4-14 years, with FREE places available to those who meet the eligibility criteria.

We will be running on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December at Chelveston Road School in Rushden for our Festival of Football. Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th December we will be at St Marys Primary School in Burton Latimer, running our dodgeball, nerf and multi sports fun days.

Full information can be found on our website https://prsportscoaching.co.uk/



The Offer: Start Now, Pay in January

Families can:

Start swimming immediately

Attend lessons up to 20th December

Pay nothing until January 2026

The offer is aimed at **beginner swimmers aged 4–7**, although older beginners are also very welcome.

We'd love for the children to join us for a boost in

water confidence and skills

physical activity and water safety awareness ahead of the New Year.

www.mightysplash.com/wellingborough











ST. MARY'S PTA & FRIENDS



We have lots of thank yous to make!



rhank you parents and families for joining the fun at the Christmas Fair, for buying raffle tickets, and for getting creative at wreath making! For supporting your children's creative Christmas pictures and buying their cards and gifts, and for donating all of your old clothes!

We have raised over £3,000 with these 4 fundraisers alone!! Money ready to spend on our school, for our children.

Thank you to the small but mighty army of people that have enabled this achievement, giving up their own time to tag tombola, buy prizes, clean up after everything, take time off work to be there, and make it all magically happen.

Today your children will have had a Christmas cracker at their Christmas lunch. Next week they will receive a specially chosen gift from Santa, and a travelling pantomime, all funded by the PTFA.

Finally a huge thank you to staff and school for letting us run wild with our efforts!

Fancy joining in on the fun? Choosing where in school to spend the money? Supporting your child's education? Pop along Wednesday 21st January for a cuppa at the next meeting. No big commitments, just turn up and help out where you can.





Merry Christmas from all of us at St Mary's PTFA 🥌 🗍

