



Dear Families of St Mary's,

This week at St Mary's ...

A fun packed week to end the term: Year 3 visited the Roald Dahl Museum to round off their famous faces and literacy work. They had a scrumdiddlyumptious time!

A selection of Year 3 and 4 mathematicians visited St Albans Cathedral to complete a maths trail. Thank you to the parents who supported the trip. The children measured the height of the roof with the help of a balloon!

Thank you to everyone who attended the school dinner taster session yesterday. I'm sure you'll agree the packed lunches are tasty as well as nutritional.

Thank to everyone who wore a hat today, we raised £158.94 towards The Brain Tumour Society. Thank you to all who donated.

Well done to Year 2, Miss Waterhouse and Mrs Clark on an excellent class assembly filled with music, dance, history and literacy

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter service. A big thank you to Year 4 and Year 3 for their roles in the worship.

This Year at St Mary's...

Attached is the governor's annual report to the PPC of the year at St Mary's. It brings all the amazing activities carried out by the school community into one place and is an impressive read. We hope you'll enjoy looking back over the year and some of the achievements and activities.

Inset Days and school expansion

Expansion work begins over the holidays, as explained in the governors expansion update sent earlier today. On our return please take extra care when using the front gate. Nursery pick up will need to be made via the church yard as the entrance will be used by the builders during school hours. Pupils in KS 1 and KS2 will enter the cloakrooms via the top door as before. We will be updating you on all changes to routine regularly.

We will be making use of three additional inset days to prepare the new spaces in September, taking the 'back to school date' to the 8th.

Headlice

We have had no reported cases this half term – please keep checking and reporting regularly.

Your views about St Mary's First school

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about the school.

Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of St Mary's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. A screencast demonstrating how to register and complete a survey on Parent View is available on the [How to use Parent View](#) page.

By sharing your views, you'll be helping St Mary's to improve. You will also be able to see what other parents have said about the school. Or, if you want to, [view the results](#) for any school in England. The survey is not designed to receive complaints about schools. If you wish to make a complaint or have a serious concerns speak to your child's teacher first of all. If the problem can't be sorted there and then, they can tell you what to do next.

Save the date:

WORLD BOOK NIGHT 25^d April 3.30 pm. Adults only

Film Club – 'Frozen'. Monday 28th April 3.30 pm.

24th October - Celebration Service for the refurbished school and 150th anniversary

Spring Fete 17th May

Camping on the field 28th June

8th September return to school Autumn 2014

Our Value this half term is Humility. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5-9

Dates:

April

23rd – Children return to school
Jungle Jo

28th & 29th – Y4 Cycle Training

28th – Drumming Workshop

Film Club – 3.30, Frozen

29th – Y2 College Lake

Y3 Whipsnade Zoo

PROMISE AUCTION 10th May at 7pm in St Mary's church to provide funds for urgent repairs to the church organ, there will be an exciting evening of promises to be auctioned. More than forty products and services ranging from sumptuous cakes to rides to airports, family photoshoots, sports massages, babysitting and much more. £5 entry. For tickets please contact Evelyn on elhodgson@btinternet.com tel: 01442 873458 or Karen on kazbaldwin111@gmail.com tel: 01525 229353

The 2014 Tour of Britain in our area

<http://www.cyclingweekly.co.uk/racing/tour-of-britain/tour-britain-2014-route-launched-119567>

The 2014 Tour of Britain is coming to our (very) local area, an amazing opportunity for the children to see world class athletes at close quarters. The likes of Mark Cavendish, Bradley Wiggins and Chris Froome are likely to be racing, not to mention all the other top Tour de France contenders.