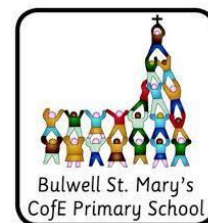




Newsletter

Summer 1 2025-26



*In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened;
He saved me from all my troubles.*

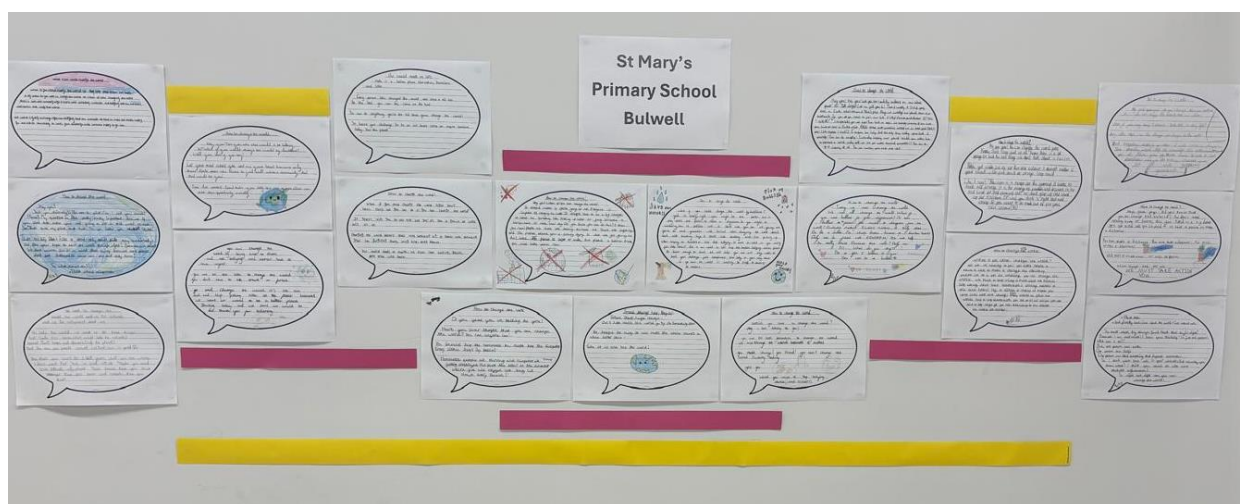
Psalm 34 v 6

Summer Term



Welcome to the Summer 1 newsletter. It continues to be a busy and joyful time in school as we move further into the summer term, with so many opportunities for the children to learn, grow and shine. We are enjoying the longer days and the sense of excitement that this time of year brings across the whole school community.

We would like to take a moment to say how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 children. They approached their SATs with maturity, resilience and determination, reflecting the hard work and commitment they have shown throughout the year. We are also delighted that some of their writing is currently on display in Tesco—what a fantastic achievement and a wonderful way to celebrate their creativity and progress within our local community. They have been excellent ambassadors for our school, and we could not be prouder of all they have accomplished.



Diary Dates



Tuesday 19th May 2pm – EYFS Sports Day
Friday 22nd May – last day of half term
Monday 1st June – First day of half term
Tuesday 9th June 2pm – KS1 Sports Day
Friday 12th June 3.15 – 4.15pm – Year 1/2 Disco
Wednesday 17th June 2pm – Year 3/4 Sports Day
Tuesday 30th June 2pm – Year 5/6 Sports Day
Friday 3rd July – INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Monday 6th July 1.30pm – Year 6 Leavers Service at St Mary's

Tuesday 14th July 2.30pm – Year 6 DART Graduation

Tuesday 14th July 4.00 – 5.30pm – Year 6 Prom

Tuesday 21st July 12-1pm – KS1 Family Picnic

Tuesday 21st July 3.30 – 4.30pm – Open Evening

Thursday 24th July – Last day of Summer Term

Friday 25th July – INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Tuesday 1st September – INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September – First Day of Autumn Term

Staffing Update



We are delighted to share that Mrs Graham will be returning to school following her maternity leave. She will be joining us again from Monday 1st June, after the May half term, and we look forward to welcoming her back to the school community. We would also like to inform parents that, from after half term, Mrs Riley will be reducing her hours and will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays. We thank you for your continued support as we make these adjustments.

Healthy Snacks



We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for the care you already take in supporting children's health and wellbeing, and to gently remind families about our healthy snack expectations for breaktime. Choosing nutritious snacks helps children sustain their energy levels, concentrate well in lessons and begin to develop healthy habits that will support them throughout their lives.

Ideal breaktime snacks include

- fresh fruit
- vegetable sticks
- dried fruit in small portions
- plain crackers
- rice cakes or oatcakes
- yoghurt or cheese portions.

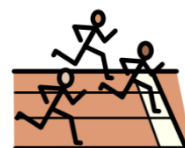
To keep everyone safe, we also kindly ask that all snacks are nut-free, as we have children in school with allergies.

Alongside this, we continue to encourage healthy lunchboxes and ask that children bring water only in their drinks bottles. A balanced lunch helps children feel ready to learn and enjoy their school day, while limiting sugary foods and drinks supports healthy teeth, behaviour and overall wellbeing. National guidance increasingly highlights the importance of healthy choices for children, and we are very grateful for your continued support and partnership in helping

us promote positive habits that will benefit your children both now and in the future.

Sports Days

We are really looking forward to our upcoming Sports Days and hope as many parents and carers as possible will be able to join us. Sports Day is always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate teamwork, effort and enjoyment of physical activity, and we know the children are already very excited to take part.



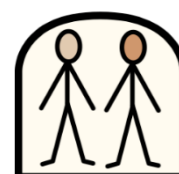
Events will take place on the school field on the following afternoons, all starting at **2.00pm**:

- **EYFS** – TBC
- **KS1** – Tuesday 9th June
- **Years 3 & 4** – Wednesday 17th June
- **Years 5 & 6** – Tuesday 30th June

All Sports Days will be held on the school field, with parents able to access the field via the **Squires Avenue gates**, as in previous years. You will be able to take your children (along with any siblings) home with you at the end of the event. We thank you in advance for your support and encouragement and look forward to sharing these special afternoons with you. Further information will be shared with you closer to the time.

PTFA Update

Our PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends of BSM) play a vital role in supporting our school community by raising funds through a range of enjoyable events such as discos, fairs and special activities. We are excited about expanding our offer next year with even more events and pop-up shops.



If you are able to spare a few hours each month and would like to be part of this wonderful and welcoming team, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch via email at bsmptfa@gmail.com

Discos

The Year 3/4 disco was a great success! We have disco planned for Year 1/2 on Friday 12th June.

Tickets cost £1.50 and include drinks, slushies and prizes. Children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes, and collection will be at 4:15pm from the school gates.

Year 6 Prom

Our Year 6 Prom will take place on **Tuesday 14th July**. This year's theme, chosen by the children, is *Hollywood Half-Time*—a fun blend of Hollywood glamour and

football style. Children are welcome to dress to suit the theme or simply wear whatever makes them feel comfortable and ready to celebrate this special occasion. Further details to follow.

Celebrating our Year 6 Children



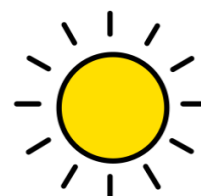
Over the final weeks of term, we are looking forward to celebrating our Year 6 children and marking the end of their primary school journey with a number of special events.

On **Monday 6th July at 1.30pm**, pupils will attend a **Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church**, providing a meaningful opportunity for reflection and thanksgiving.

This will be followed by our **DART Graduation** on **Tuesday 14th July at 2.30pm**, recognising pupils' achievements and personal growth, and a **Year 6 Prom** later the same day – **Tuesday 14th July 4.00–5.30pm**, giving children a chance to celebrate together and create lasting memories.

In addition, our Year 6 pupils will enjoy two trips to Bulwell Gardens, providing time to relax, reflect and celebrate friendships as they prepare for their next chapter. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and look forward to sharing these special moments with them.

Keeping Safe in the Summer Sun



As we head into the warmer months, we kindly ask parents and carers to help children stay safe and comfortable in the sun by ensuring they come to school prepared each day. Please apply **sun cream** to your child before school. We also encourage children to bring a **sun hat** and a **water bottle**, so they can protect themselves from the sun and stay well hydrated throughout the day. Taking these simple steps will help children enjoy the summer weather safely while continuing to learn and play comfortably.

Medication



For the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, we kindly remind parents and carers that any medication brought into school must be handed in and signed in at the school office by an adult. Children should not carry medication in their bags or keep it on their person, as this can present a risk. Our procedures ensure that all medication is stored safely and administered appropriately. Thank you for your support in helping us keep every child safe.

Thank you!

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mrs Burge and the Bulwell St Mary's Team

