



St Mary's News

C.E. Middle School, Puddletown



Spring Term

February 2026

Coming up this month in School

Thursday 5th February Year 6 SATS Parents' Evening, 6.00pm—7.00pm, School Hall

Monday 9th February Year 6 5-a-side Evening, 3.30pm—5.15pm

Tuesday 10th February Mosaic Bereavement Café TLC—2.30pm—3.15pm

Wednesday 11th February Open Morning, 9.30am—11.00am

Thursday 12th February 2026

Year 8 Boys Football Area Cup V Wey Valley (St Mary's, 3.30pm –5.30pm)

Spring School Disco 6.00pm—7.30pm

Friday 13th February 2026 Last Day of Half Term

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February Half Term

Monday 23rd February Back to School

Tuesday 24th February Year 8 HPV Immunisations (School Library, **deadline to register is 19th February**)

Thursday 26th February

Year 7 Parents Feedback Meeting, 6.00pm—7.00pm

SEN Coffee Morning, 9.00pm—10.30am, School Library

Friday 27th February Year 6 Animal Talk



St Mary's
CE Middle School, Puddletown

Open Mornings 2026

We warmly welcome all new parents and carers to come and see our wonderful school in action.
Meet our staff and pupils and discover what makes St Mary's such a special place to learn and grow.

Open Morning Dates
Wednesday 11th February 2026
Wednesday 11th March 2026


Time
9.30am – 11.00am

What to Expect

- A guided tour of the school.
- A chance to see learning in action.
- Meet our friendly staff and pupils.
- Learn more about life at St Mary's.

Location
St Mary's CE Middle School, Puddletown.
We look forward to welcoming you.
Please email office@stmarys.wessex.ac to confirm your attendance.







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Date for Your Calendar

Year 6 Parents SATS Meeting

Thursday 5th February 2026
6.00pm – 7.00pm
In the School Hall

A letter with more information was sent home via Arbor.


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SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

DISCO

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

6.00PM - 7.30PM

£2.50 ON ENTRY
DRINKS AND SWEETS AVAILABLE

CHARITY NO 1097776



SEN Coffee Morning

A warm invitation to all parents and carers.

Join us for a relaxed morning designed especially for families of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN).

- Connect with others who truly understand
- Share experiences (or simply listen)
- Build supportive networks
- Enjoy a well-deserved break

Date: Thursday 26th February 2026


Time: 9.00am-10.30am

Location: St Mary's CE Middle School - Library

What to Expect:

- Friendly chat over tea, coffee and biscuits
- A calm, welcoming environment
- A chance to meet other parents and school staff
- No pressure – come as you please.

We look forward to welcoming you.
You are not alone – let's support each other.



Aspiration, Fairness, Kindness

St Mary's SEN News..

What St Mary's does well:

- The TLC and safeguarding team have been very supportive with transitions into school and support throughout school.
- New to the school, but everyone has been so friendly and supportive. Small adjustments have been made after meeting the teachers before my child started.
- I love how children's needs seem to be well met and the school are helping children avoid that feeling of being different or singled out.
- We chose St Mary's because of their ethos around pupils being 'in' not 'out' of the classroom in order to receive support.

St Mary's would be even better if:

- More reassurance could be given to parents/carers regarding how their child is doing.
- Parents to be notified if anything is not going well.
- Possible communication through a messaging service each month/half term to engage with the teacher on how my child has been getting on.
- In year transition, could be better although problems were solved through a second visit to the school. Previous school had also not shared my child's SEN information.

How would parents/carers like future SEN Coffee Mornings to look?

- Could they be after a half term as these can be quite stressful for some people?
- Could there be discussion around strategies on how to cope/support with certain behaviours?
- First thing in the morning after drop off or before pick up, would be helpful.

How often would parents/carers like the SEN coffee mornings?

- Once every term.
- Monthly.



What did parents/carers think of the first Coffee Morning?

- Really enjoyed connecting with other parents with similar challenges.
- Great to meet the staff team and put names to faces – always better in person.
- Great to come away with practical tips and action points.
- Nice to feel you are not alone.

At Mary's we are always exploring ways to improve our practice and support and therefore we value feedback from our school community.

After reading the feedback from our first Coffee Morning, we have now tweaked the following:

Communication with parents – in order to maintain consistent and manageable communication with home, school uses Arbor to communicate positive and negative points, phone calls occur for more significant incidents, postcards are sent home to reinforce positive messages, half termly Newsletter is sent home, regular updates placed on social media platforms and termly teacher/tutor meetings are an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in more detail. If you require further communication, please our '4 Steps to Communication' (**attached to this newsletter**).

Coffee Mornings will occur every half term for the rest of this year and will be a mix of 9am and 2pm starts.

In year transitions – will follow a similar protocol to our Yr 4 and Yr 8 transition process. Parents will be given an 'All About Me' form to complete with their child before starting for us to share key information about your child with staff, parents will be offered a tour if they have not visited the school already and during this tour, parents will be given a welcome pack. Once on roll, the school can then request any information the previous school holds on your child to be transferred to us.

Future Coffee Mornings – school will explore external agencies and different activities in order to support families to support a range of SEN. **Next SEN Coffee Morning - Thursday 26th February, 9.00am–10.30am – Lilly Craft (Speech and Language Therapist) will attend, along with key school staff and Rachel Munro (Wessex MAT's SEN Lead).**



Meet the Staff.. Mrs Moore - Art Teacher

1 What three words would your friends use to describe you? My loved ones say that I am a realist, optimistic and caring.

2 If you could trade places with someone for a day, who would you choose and why? David Attenborough, I would love to see the things that he has seen and just experience a full life.

3 What is your hidden talent? I can swing-jive with my husband, we had lessons. It is pretty cool at a family wedding to dance like you don't care.

4 If you could only eat the one same meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? Cake! Any type, no real meals necessary.

5 What is the one song or artist that you are embarrassed to admit you like? I love Dolly Parton, but I am not sure if she has gone cool again.

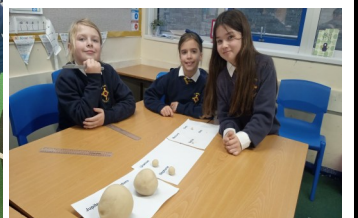
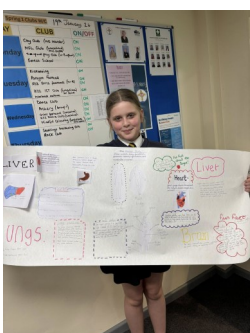
6 If you could choose to travel to one place in the world for free, where would you go? India—I have always wanted to go and experience the culture, the food, the clothing and buildings of the old Moghuls.

7 What is the best film / series / programme you have ever watched? I am a proper telly addict so this is hard, but I loved *the Walking Dead*. Sounds crazy but it was our family get together time for a while. I also love comedies so Peter Kay's car share, Motherhood and IT crowd are all up there too.

8 What book are you reading at the moment? *Inspector Imanishi Investigates* by Seicho Matsumoto, it is a murder mystery set in Tokyo and since I went there on holiday, my family seem to buy me Japanese literature as gifts, which suits me fine.



2026 so far @ St Mary's..





St Mary's Stars this week..



Year 5

Layla W—5A
Owen H—5YM

Year 6

Arthur K—6CW

Year 7

Noah H—7C
Hebe H—7BE

Year 8

Bunny R—8TF
Susie S—8TF
Zoe A-T—8H

Parents' Evenings 2026

Virtual Parents' Evening (SUBJECTS)

Thursday 19th March 2026 (4.00pm—7.00pm)

Tuesday 24th March 2026 (4.00pm-7.00pm)

Letter will be going home after half term

Tutor Parents' Evening (FACE to FACE)

Thursday 2nd July 2026 (4.00pm – 7.00pm)



St Mary's School Association
Easter Egg Raffle!
Tickets on sale in the office
50p each
Draw taking place on:
Wednesday 25th March 2026
Lots of Prizes to be Won!

Big thanks to all that have donated eggs so far, Mrs G is very grateful for your support!

WORLD BOOK DAY
5 MARCH 2026
LET'S CELEBRATE BY DRESSING UP AS AN ADJECTIVE!
BOOK DAY COMPETITION:
DECORATE YOUR TUTOR ROOM DOORS AS A BOOK COVER, THERE WILL BE ONE WINNER FOR EACH YEAR GROUP

NEED INSPO FOR WORLD BOOK DAY?



World Book Day—Thursday 5th March 2026

Reminder... Please do not forget to order your child's hot school lunches for Spring Term (2) with Local Food Links ahead of returning to school on **Monday 23rd February 2026.**



Polite notice, all final monies for the 2026 residentials are due on the following dates:-

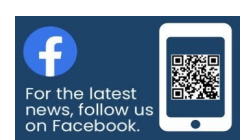
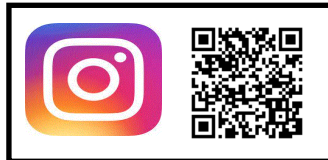
Year 8 Buddens Trip 17th April 2026

Year 6 New Barn Trip 5th July 2026



For all school events, please visit our school website

[Events - St Mary's CE Middle School](http://www.stmarys.wessex.ac)



If any further information is required, please visit our website at www.stmarys.wessex.ac