



Wednesday 14th October 2026
News and Communication Bulletin

Dear Children and Families of St Mary's,

Please find below some coming dates this term for your information.

Year 6 NCMP

South Glos Sirona coming in to see all Year 6 for the NCMP checks on Wednesday 21st October.

St Mary's Choir Cake Sale

St Mary's choir are holding a fund raiser cake sale for the choir trip. The sale will be on **Thursday 22nd October – Cash Only**. If you would like to donate any cakes, this would be much appreciated.

PTFA – Break the Rules day

PTFA have arranged for a day where children can break the rules on Friday 23rd October 2026 – please see poster on the latest PTFA email.

Parents Drop In Session

On Friday 23rd October 2026, we would like to invite parents in to see the work their children have done in class. Parents can come in at the end of the day and pick their child up from class. Parents with more than one child can go to the older child first and then take them down to the younger child. More details will follow.

Half Term

October Half Term dates are; Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October. All children return on Monday 2nd November. Please find attached posters from Teachsport for their holiday clubs.

Whole School Flu Vaccinations

Sirona Nurses will be in school on Wednesday 4th November to do the Flu Vaccinations. Please confirm on <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2026/consent?v=3> to confirm you child can attend.

SEND Support Plans

Parents/Carers will be invited in to meet their child's teacher and discuss provision in the weeks beginning 9th and 16th November.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book fair will be in school from Monday 23rd November to Wednesday 25th November. Class plan we be released closer to the date.

PTFA – School Disco

PTFA have arranged for the school disco on Friday 27th November. Please see poster on the PTFA email.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held on Monday 30th November and Wednesday 2nd December. Booking information will be sent out nearer the time.

KS1 Christmas Nativity

The Christmas Nativity will be held on Tuesday 8th December and Thursday 10th December in the afternoons. More information about tickets and times will be sent out nearer the time.

Christmas Lunch

Children's Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 9th December. If all children can wear their Christmas jumpers.

Christmas Church Service

The Christmas Church Service will be held on Friday 18th December at 9.30am. Parents are all welcome.

End of Term 2

We finish in Friday 18th December. Return on Monday 4th January 2027.



PTFA Play Equipment:

Over the next few days, the new play equipment organised by the PTFA is being installed, we are very excited by this, and we look forward to showing you finished product.

Phonics Information:

In September, we switched to the Little Wandle phonics programme. As Coniston is a Little Wandle Champion School, we have a wealth of expertise and experience in delivering high-quality phonics teaching. Alongside a highly ambitious and systematic phonics programme. Little Wandle also provides a robust reading curriculum, ensuring that children develop both accurate decoding skills and a love of reading. The programme is further supported by carefully planned Keep Up and Catch-Up interventions, enabling pupils who need additional support to quickly close gaps and keep pace with their peers.

Please be aware that, after half term, your child will begin bringing home different reading books that are aligned with the programme. We will also be holding a phonics information meeting in Term 2 for Reception to Year 2 to explain what the programme looks like in each year group.

Further details and dates will follow next week.

School Announcement

Over the last 12 months Mrs Hine and St Mary's students have been working hard to help us maintain our Modeshift grading of Excellent. They didn't just manage to maintain it, they helped us achieve '**OUTSTANDING**'. With this we have gained extra funding which we hope to use to improve the bike/scooters area with brand new storage. We hope with this 'glow-up' more children will want to cycle, scooter to school and park their forms of transport in our new stands.

Thank you to Mrs Hine for her support in achieving this for our school.



We hope that you have a wonderful week ahead.

Team St Marys

