



ST CATHERINE'S NEWS UPDATE

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

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News from the Head....

Welcome back after the half term break. We hope you were able to enjoy the sunshine last week! We have come straight back into Careers week.



Huge, huge thanks to all those who 'volunteered' to give up their time and come in to speak to the children about their work. Every presenter was excellent - and the children (and adults!) really enjoyed the presentations. It is so important for the children to have these additional sessions to help broaden their outlook and understanding of the world beyond school. Thank you again to: our Saville Row tailor; our Police Officer; our Jet2 Steward; our Doctor; our Farmer; our Army Musician in the Band of the Scots Guards; our Radio Presenter; our Fireman; and our Chemical Engineer!! What a talented and generous bunch you are 😊



Sports Day

Please find the timings for Sports Day below. Children can come to school on Sports day wearing their PE kits - children in Years 1-6 may wear a t-shirt in their house colour if they would like.

Nursery children should come to school wearing shorts, t-shirt and trainers. Reception children will bring their PE kit home the day before and should come to school wearing their PE kit on Wednesday 24th June.

KS2 Sports Day starts at 9.15am on Monday 22nd June.

KS1 Sports Day starts at 1:15pm on Monday 22nd June.

EYFS Sports Day starts 9:15am on Wednesday 24th June.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week as we are doing a range of different sports on different days.

Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle and hat and that suncream is applied before school. If the weather is cool, children can wear dark coloured joggers.

Can we please remind parents/carers that we have a strict no photo policy for safeguarding reasons and phones should be out of sight whilst on school grounds.



PE Kits

Can we please remind parents that children should have a PE kit in school every day. With Sports week coming up there will be additional PE lessons/extra activities are added to the school week and we have a limited number of spares that are used by multiple children.

Warmer Weather

Can we please remind parents that children should have a bottle of **wa-ter** in school every day and should not be bringing juice/squash to school.



We **recommend** that you apply a high factor sun cream on your children before they come to school and please also ensure your child has a hat in school every day. Please remember to name label their hats.

We also recommend that your child has a rain coat in their bag just in case the weather changes.

Summer fete— Friday 26th June after school

This year we are trialling the fete after school, instead of our usual Saturday event. This will mean that there is not an entrance fee BUT instead the prize cards will cost £1 each.

We have a food van coming which will be serving Burgers and Hotdogs.

There are still spaces for sales tables - if anyone knows of someone who would like to come along and sell, please put them in touch with Alex.

The fete cannot run without YOU ALL - any volunteers for the day - again please contact Alex (FOSC Chair) – alijane83@hotmail.co.uk



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Menu Changes

Every Tuesday of week 2

Please note that due to a supply issue, Tuesday of week 2 will no longer be plant based meatballs but Diced Quorn (Ve) in Tomato Sauce.

There will be a couple of other changes shortly once our current stock runs out.

Ukelele concert



Year 5 & 6 children will be performing a Ukelele concert for parents/carers on the following dates:

Year 6—19th June—2.40pm in the school hall

Year 5—10th July—2.40pm in the school hall


Year 1 and 2 Reading

On Friday 26th June and Monday 13th July, Year 1 and 2 parents are invited to come and read with their children in the classrooms at 8.25am until 8.40am.




WARE BIODIVERSITY DAY

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE
11AM- 4PM





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Kids Choir Goes Rock!

Does your child love to sing? We're inviting children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to come together in this exciting, confidence boosting workshop to unleash their voices and their creativity.

Blending the energy of pop and rock music with the fun of group singing, this 60 minute session will give children the chance to learn new skills, make friends, and experience the thrill of performing as part of a vibrant musical community. It's all about joy, teamwork, and discovering just how powerful their voices can be.



-  Friday 12th June
-  4.30pm - 5.30pm
-  East Herts Music Centre
-  £5 per student



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St Mary the Virgin, Ware

Celebrating the Organ

July 2026

10 years on from the major redevelopment of St Mary's organ we are delighted to present this month long celebration of organ music.

Sunday 5th July 5pm Choral Evensong, joint with Presdales School

Monday 6th July **12:30pm Lunchtime Concert, Elli-Mae McGlone**
St Peter's Collegiate Church Wolverhampton
Free to enter, retiring collection; Café from 11:30am

Saturday 11th July **3:30pm 'An Organist in Norway' Malcolm Pentelow**
Illustrated talk with Norwegian 'afternoon tea.'
Entry by donation

Tuesday 14th July **6:30pm Organ Recital, William Fox**
Director of Music, St Albans Cathedral
Tickets £12, Bar open from 6pm, reception to follow

Thursday 16th July **12:3pm Lunchtime Concert, Chris Muhley**
St Albans Cathedral
Free to enter, retiring collection; Café from 11:30am

Sunday 19th July 5pm Organ Evening Prayer, Stephen Crookes
Director of Music, St Mary's Ware

Friday 24th July **6:30pm Organ Recital, Charles Francis**
Concert Organist
Tickets £12, Bar open from 6pm

Tickets for 14th & 24th July available at all services at events at St Mary's Church, from officestmarys@btinternet.com or on the door. *Buy both together for £20*

All proceeds will support the work and fabric of St Mary's Church

Diary Dates

June

8th Phonics screening
10th Parent consultations
11th Parent consultations
12th The King's birthday family picnic
14th—17th Year 6 PGL trip
15th Year 1 Ware Walkabout
15th Year 5 Wodson Games
18th Year 6 recovery day
19th Year 6 Ukelele Concert—2.40pm in the school hall
22nd—26th Sports week
22nd KS2 (Yr3-6) sports day—9.15am
22nd KS1 (Yr1&2) sports day—1.15pm
24th FS (N&R) sports day—9.15am
24th District Athletics at Wodson *
26th Year 1&2 Reading 8.25am
26th Fun Run
26th Friday—Summer Fete— from 3.-5.30pm
30th Year 5 Celtic Harmony trip

July

1st Year 2 Topic learning café 2.30pm—Please note change of date
2nd Year 1 Topic learning café 2.30pm
6th New Nursery and Reception parents welcome meeting 2pm & 5pm
7th Year 4 Mayan Day
9th Move Up Day—Year 6s to Secondary schools
9th New Reception taster lunch
10th Year 3 Fitzwilliam Museum trip
10th Year 5 Ukelele Concert—2.40pm in the school hall
13th Year 1&2 Reading 8.25am
14th Church Service at St Mary's—10am—All welcome
14th Year 5/6 play 6pm
15th Year 5/6 play 6pm
17th term finishes at 1.15pm

Summer Term 2025/2026

13th April—17th July 2026
Half term 25th—29th May
4th May—Bank Holiday—School closed
17th July—term ends 1.15pm

School year 2026/27

Autumn Term: 1st September—18th December 2026

INSET Day— Tuesday 1st September—school closed to pupils

Children return to school—Wednesday 2nd September

Half term : 26 October 2026 – 30 October 2026

INSET Day—Friday 27th November—school closed to pupils

Occasional Day—Monday 30th November—school closed

18th December—term ends 1.15pm

Spring Term: 4th January 2027—25th March 2027

INSET day—Monday 4th January—school closed to pupils

INSET day Friday 12th February 2027—school closed to pupils

Half term : 15 February 2027 – 19 February 2027
25th March—term ends 1.15pm

Summer Term: 12th April—22nd July 2027

Bank Holiday—Monday 3rd May—school closed

Half term : 31 May 2027 – 4 June 2027

21st July—term ends 1.15pm

INSET day Thursday 22nd July 2027

* information to follow

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