



**St. Mary
Magdalene**
C of E Primary School

Love to learn, learn to love



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Nursery Places

If you would like a place in Nursery in September, please ask at the office for a form .

Help Wanted

St Mary Magdalene would like to invite you to join a working party to discuss the school vision and how this might look in school. As you know, the parable of the Good Samaritan is the basis for everything we do, we would like to extend this into the community.

Your ideas would be very welcome.

If you would like to join me on this exciting journey let me know via the office staff or by email.

Guess the Name of the Puppy competition

Thank you to those of you who entered our name the puppy competition. Eight lucky puppies found new homes.

We raised £188.50 for the Guide Dog Appeal.



Welcome to Reverend John Bridges

All Saints Church welcomed a new vicar on Thursday the 6th of March.

We value our link with All Saints and Father John will be leading worship for our children in school every Wednesday.

Attendance for the Spring Term 2025

The National attendance figure is currently 93.3%. Our School attendance figure is 95.2%.

5 Children have 100% attendance– Well Done!

Whole School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.2%	89.2%	94.83%	93.87%	96.21%	96.56%	95.55%	93.10%

CALM YOURSELF WITH A
5 FINGER BREATHING
 BRAIN BREAK

Slowly trace the outside of the hand with the index finger, breathing in when you trace up a finger and breathing out when you trace down. You can also do this exercise using your own hand!

This a simple calming technique which can be taught to all children to support them in calming and regulating themselves. Perhaps you could try this with your child during Neurodiversity Week

This is the MAKATON sign for finished and is used widely across Early Years and for children with SEN.

Spring Term Events

Wednesday 2nd April- Easter Bonnet and Egg competitions. More information to follow

Wednesday 9th April- Service at Church. To be confirmed

Friday 11th of April- Break up for Easter Holiday.

Summer Term Events

Monday 28th of April Children return to school after the Easter holiday

Monday 12th of May KS2 SATs start

Thursday 22nd of May Class Photographs.

Friday 23rd of May Staff Training Day

Monday 26th to Friday 30th of May- School closed for Whitsun holiday.

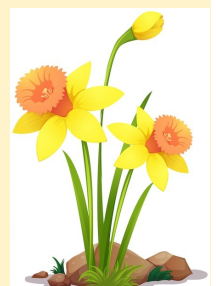
Monday 2nd of June YR4 Multiplication Checks start

Monday 9th of June KS1 Phonics Tests start

Friday 18th of July Children break up for the Summer Holidays.

We also have a variety of trips, Stay and Play sessions, and Sports Days.

Please keep an eye out for information about these.





Our Worship Council , Wellbeing Group and Eco Warriors have been busy planting.

Watch out after Easter as we attempt to rebuild our allotment garden and orchard garden.

We have planted two apple trees and two pear trees already and will be planting potatoes and onions very soon!



Donations of bedding plants, bulbs and seeds are always welcome.

We don't have much space, but we intend to make the very best of every inch of it!

Local MP, Sarah Coombs, visited our school

Sarah Coombs, MP for West Bromwich Consistency visited on Friday 21st of March. She met with our Heads of Houses and our Wellbeing Leaders to find out how the current free breakfast scheme supports families and children at St Mary Magdalene.

We have signed up to the Early Adopters Program which will start in the Summer Term. More information to follow.

The children spoke eloquently about the issues faced by children and families in our locality including knife crime, vaping, litter, the rising cost of living, and social media.



HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2025-26 INCLUDING STAFF TRAINING DAYS

AUTUMN 2025

Staff Training Day	Monday 1st September
Pupils Return to School	Tuesday 2 nd September
Staff Training Day	Friday 24th October
Half Term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October
Pupils Return to School	Monday 3 rd November
End of Term for Pupils	Friday 19 th December

SPRING TERM 2026

Staff Training Day	Monday 5th January
Pupils Return to School	Tuesday 6 th January
Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February
Pupils Return to School	Monday 23 rd February
End of Term for Pupils	Friday 27 th March

SUMMER TERM 2026

Pupils Return to School	Monday 13 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May
End of Term for Pupils	Thursday 21 st May
Staff Training Day	Friday 22nd May
Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
Pupils Return to School	Monday 1 st June
End of Term for Pupils	Friday 17 th July
Staff Training Day	Monday 20th July