



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Summer 2026: Term 6, Week 3

Friday 19th June 2026

Class offsite visit

Year 2 went on a trip to Berkeley Castle. We had a tour of the castle and looked at the features inside and outside. We also sketched the castle, played boules and designed our own coat of arms. The children were amazing and represented St Marys beautifully. Thank you again to the parents who came with us! Miss Main



Year 6 Leavers' Mass

On Thursday, Year 6 travelled to Clifton Cathedral for their Leavers' Mass, alongside many other Year 6s from Catholic primary schools. Bishop Bosco compared the anticipation of starting secondary school with that of the England team before their World Cup match the evening before - a mix of excitement and nerves! He reassured all the pupils that, as well as the teachers at their new schools looking out for them, God accompanies us all the way through our lives and is always there for us. After the Mass the class enjoyed a picnic and a play on the Downs before heading back to school.



Sports Reports

Tag Rugby

Despite the hot and sunny conditions, it proved to be a high energy and quick paced fixture. St Mary's started with the ball and were ruthless in terms of converting possession into tries. Barnwood made a couple of errors which enabled us to open up a four-point half-time lead.

Our defending was excellent throughout with some fantastic tagging forcing the opposition into errors and turnover ball. We continued steadily scoring through the second period and opened-up a five-point gap by the end of the match. The boys' ball handing was incredibly strong and demonstrated their collective ability to make passes and gather the ball cleanly.

Final score: Barnwood 7:12 St Mary's

Manager's player: Cole (for his superb tagging – great agility and speed).

Players' player: Ollie (for his rapid, jinking runs and try contributions).

Results so far: 3 wins (from 3 fixtures) & 3 bonus points.

Next fixture: Away vs Shurdington (Thursday 25th June, away).

Mr Jordan

Outdoor Learning

As part of Outdoor Learning Month, we held a whole-school Outdoor Learning Afternoon on Tuesday, with each year group taking part in fieldwork linked to sustainability and our local area. Reception children enjoyed a nature walk inspired by the book 'Can You Hug a Forest?' encouraging them to explore the natural world around them. Year 2 and Year 3 carried out environmental quality surveys of the school grounds, considering how our environment can be cared for and improved. Years 4, 5 and 6 ventured into Churchdown to conduct fieldwork in the local community. Year 4 assessed the environmental quality of the local park, Year 5 investigated litter and its impact on the area, and Year 6 explored how sustainable Churchdown is through a local walk. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to apply their learning in a real-world context and develop their understanding of environmental responsibility and sustainability.

Miss Main (Geography Leader)



Values Role Models

Each week, class staff identify three pupils who are truly representative of the school values (in their learning, play and / or by contributing to the wider life of the school).

This week's values role models are:

			
Reception	Agnes	Vihaan	Irenosen
Year 1	Oskar	Harry	Sienna
Year 2	Yolanda	Annabel	Bella
Year 3	Kaitlin	Adam F	Fejiro
Year 4	Caleb	Darla	Sierra
Year 5	Mary-May	Finley	Alina
Year 6	Sai	Lloyd	Molly

FOREST SCHOOL TIMETABLE (Term 6): For Forest School children should wear their basic kit - with shoes, to school and bring wellies & waterproofs (plus any extra clothing items) in a separate (**named**) bag.

Term 6	Tuesday PM							Thursday PM						
	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK6	WK7	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK6	WK7
	2/6	9/5	16/5	23/6	30/6	7/7	14/7	4/6	11/6	18/6	25/6	2/7	9/7	16/7
	Y1	Y3	Y3	Y2	Y2	Y1	Y1	Y6	Y4	Y4	Y5	AM: Y5	Y6	Y6



Autistic children's charity event

Off the back of last year's successful event, PEAK- Parenting Empowered Autistic Kids Charity are busy planning and preparing for our second 'PEAK DAY'. An inclusive fundraising fayre! It is taking place on the 11th July, 10am - 4pm, at Hunts Grove Primary Academy, Gloucester.

Confirmation 2026

A course leading to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will start in September with Confirmation Mass in December. Candidates need to be baptised Catholics and in year 9 or above in September 2026.

Application forms are available in the Church narthex (or can be requested by e-mail), please submit a copy of your baptism certificate with application, and post through the Presbytery letterbox.

Alternatively email your completed application to CG.churchdown.ourlady@cliftondiocese.com

There will be a parent and candidate's meeting in the church hall on the 4th of July after 5pm Mass.

Thank you. Fr. Paul

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS (Summer 2026)

The last sessions of Summer term clubs is in the week of 29th June – 2nd July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Gymnastics Y2 – Y6 Infant Football Y1-Y2	Chaplaincy Y2 – Y6 Netball Club Y5 Rounders Club Y6	Rugby Club Y3 – Y6 Nature Club Y1 – Y3	Football Club Y1 – Y6

Dinner Menus – Term 6, 2026

W/C : 1, 15 & 29 June, 13 July		W/C : 8 & 22 June, 6 July	
Mon	Pork Sausages, Mash, Beans & Veg	Mon	Pork Hot Dog, Potato Wedges & Veg
Mon	Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Veg	Mon	Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Veg
Tue	Pork Meatballs, Pasta, Veg & Garlic Bread	Tue	Chicken Korma, Rice, Veg & Pitta Bread
Tue	Home Made Cheese & Bean Pasty, Potato & Veg	Tue	Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans & Veg
Wed	Roast Gammon, Yorkshire Pudding & Veg	Wed	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & Veg
Wed	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake, Garlic Bread & Veg	Wed	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake, Garlic Bread & Veg
Thu	Home Made Chicken Nuggets, 1/2 Jacket Potato & Veg	Thu	Pepperoni Pizza, Wedges, Veg & Salad Bar
Thu	Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans & Veg	Thu	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Wedges, Veg & Salad Bar
Fri	Fish Fingers, Chips & Veg	Thu	Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans, Veg & Salad Bar
Fri	Cheese and Tomato Pizza, Chips & Veg	Fri	Fish Fingers, Chips & Veg
		Fri	Quorn Nuggets, Chips & Veg

Summer Term 6 Events Calendar

Term 6: Monday 1 st June – Friday 17 th July 2026	
Term 6	-Year 3 Swimming. (Sessions: June 26: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)
Monday 15 th June	-PGL residential visit meeting for Y6 parents / pupils 15:20*
Thursday 18 th June	-Year 6 Leavers' Mass (Clifton Cathedral) (11:00)
Friday 19 th June	-FOSM Colours Day
Monday 22 nd – Weds 24 th June	-Year 6 Residential Visit to PGL Liddington
Thursday 25 th June	-15:30-17:30 SEND reviews (parent meetings)
Friday 26 th June	-FOSM Colours sale and events 15:15 -
Monday 29 th June	-15:30-17:30 SEND reviews (parent meetings)
Monday 29 th June -Thurs 2 nd July	-Last week of after-school clubs for the term
Thursday 2 nd July	-09:15 Year 3 Class Mass* (Our Lady's Church) -Reception class 2026/27 Taster Day sessions (AM/PM) -Class swaps afternoon (Reception – Y5). -Year 6 secondary school taster day. -Parent 'meet the teacher session' 15:15-16:00* (2025/26 classrooms)
Friday 3 rd July	-Sports Days 2026: -Infants 9:20-10:45* -Juniors 13:30-15:00*
Thursday 9 th July	-09:15 Year 5 class Mass* (hall) -Annual Pupil Reports sent out to parents.
Friday 10 th July	-St Mary's United Nations day (national dress and special assembly).
Wednesday 15 th July	-13:30 & 18:00 Year 6 Leavers' performance*
Thursday 16 th July	-Year 6 Leavers' event*
Friday 17 th July	- Last day of term. School Closes 15:15 -09:15 Leavers' Mass at Our Lady's Church* (Led by Y6)

*Parents are welcome to attend these events

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCE:

Absences should be reported **daily**, by 9.15am **via email** to admin@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk please put your child's full name and year group in the subject line. Also include: **pupil name & year group with reason for absence, including symptoms of illness** (not just unwell/under the weather)

CLASS EMAIL ADDRESSES

>If you need to contact your child's class teacher (to ask questions, share information or for general contact), you can do this directly by emailing the year group account:

Reception Class : reception@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk

YEAR 1: year1@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk

YEAR 2: year2@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk

YEAR 3: year3@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk

YEAR 4: year4@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk

YEAR 5: year5@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk

YEAR 6: year6@st-marys-churchdown.gloucs.sch.uk

'You Won't Know Until You Ask': Helping Families Talk About Online Content:

The government has launched a new campaign called You Won't Know Until You Ask. It is designed to help parents and carers talk to children about harmful or upsetting content they may see online — things like body-shaming, unkind posts, or videos designed to shock. Research shows that many parents have never talked to their child about this, even though most 11-year-olds now have a smartphone. Many adults say they are not sure what their child is seeing online.

The campaign gives simple, easy-to-use help, including:

- step-by-step guides for safety settings
- quick conversation ideas
- tips for talking about false or harmful information



These small conversations can make a big difference. They help children understand what they see online and know they can talk to a trusted adult.

You can find the campaign here: <https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk>



**Five
Rivers**

FOSTERING IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

>There are Children in **Gloucestershire and surrounding areas right now** who need a safe loving home.

>You don't need to be perfect — just patient, caring and willing to learn.

>Could fostering be something you've never considered... but should?

Fostering Myths-Busted!

You must be married **X**

You need a spare mansion **X**

You must be a stay-at-home parent **X**

You **can** be single **✓**

You **can** work **✓**

You just need a spare room and a big heart **♥✓**

Contact Five Rivers Fostering – 0333 0603 962
carer.enquiries@thefosteringcompanynltd.co.uk

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can go to their local pharmacy with their child and ask for help.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Online Safety advice / guidance for parents. What you need to know to keep your child SAFE online

Here are some reputable resources offering comprehensive advice for parents:

1. NSPCC: Online Safety

The NSPCC provides guidance on supporting children of different ages with technology use and offers tips on initiating conversations about online safety.

 <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

2. Internet Matters: Online Safety Guide

Internet Matters offers a detailed guide covering topics like setting parental controls, managing privacy settings, and addressing online issues your child may encounter.

 <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-safety-guide>

3. UNICEF: Keeping Your Child Safe Online

UNICEF provides advice on setting clear ground rules, having honest conversations about online interactions, and helping children understand the importance of a positive digital footprint.

 <https://www.unicef.org/parenting/child-care/keep-your-child-safe-online>

4. Childnet: Parents and Carers Toolkit

Childnet offers resources to help parents and carers support their children in navigating the online world safely, including guidance on various online safety topics.

 <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

5. UK Safer Internet Centre: Advice for Parents and Carers

The UK Safer Internet Centre provides free internet safety resources tailored for parents, helping you stay informed about the latest online safety practices.

 <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>