

Friday 2nd May 2025



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# Newsletter

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back! We hope that you enjoyed the holidays and have returned refreshed. We have enjoyed celebrating Easter together this week, and have lots more exciting learning and opportunities planned for the children this term...

## VE Day - 80th Anniversary

We will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in Europe on Thursday in school - we should never forget the sacrifices made so that we can live in peace. All children are invited to wear red, white and blue to school. They will be learning about VE Day, and taking part in activities.



## Welcome Miss Bitulu

We have welcomed a new teacher to our Year 5/6 teaching team this week, Miss Bitulu. It has been lovely welcoming her back as she was once a pupil at SMSB!



Please remember that due to pupils with severe allergies, we are a nut free school - please do not send in anything containing nuts.

## Uniform Reminder

At SMSB we have high expectations for our pupils, and this includes them being in correct uniform daily and smartly presented for school to set good habits for the future. Children must only wear sports kit on PE days, but may wear Summer Uniform to school if you wish:

Girls	Boys
Purple/lilac gingham dress (available locally in supermarkets and Matalan, or online) or polo shirt and grey skirt/trousers/shorts <b>NOT cycling shorts</b> Purple cardigan/sweatshirt White socks Black shoes	Grey trousers or shorts (tailored only, not sportswear) White or purple polo shirt Purple sweatshirt with logo Grey socks Black shoes

Please label all clothing clearly with your child's name, especially jumpers/cardigans as children often remove them. **And remember that children must have earrings removed for PE, and be able to do it themselves as staff cannot assist.**

## Read Write Inc. Phonics Practice

Our Reading Leader Miss Marlow has put some video links on our website for KSI to help the children perfect their phonics! Please watch them with your child:

[www.stmary-stben.coventry.sch.uk/phonics-screening-practice/](http://www.stmary-stben.coventry.sch.uk/phonics-screening-practice/)



## After School Clubs

- Breakfast Club: 7.4-5am - 8.4-5am £2 including breakfast
- Staylate: 3 - 5.30pm £5 including a snack

After School Clubs are from 3-4pm, cost £2 per session (unless indicated otherwise) and must be booked and paid for in advance (before 12pm on the day please).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Activities - Cookery - Football (Y5/6)	- Activities - Multi-sports (Y1/2) - Martial Arts - Netball	- Activities - Computers - Girls' football (KS2) - Tennis (Y2+) - Eritrean Club  4.15pm AC Academy (finishes at 5.30pm)	- Activities - Football/Multi-sports (Y3/4) - Musical Theatre - Mini Vinnies	- Activities - Gymnastics/acro dance - Hockey



Our Value of the Month is Responsibility



Looking forward...

Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tuesday 6th May	Group from Year 4 attending a Scavenger Hunt at Rough Close Scout Camp
Thursday 8th May	VE Day 80 Years - Children invited to wear red, white and blue 3pm Football v STM (H) Catholic Cup Semi-final
Friday 9th May	Group from Year 4 visiting Abbey Fields in Kenilworth
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATS begin
Sunday 18th May	9.30am Mass for First Holy Communion Preparation Programme
Monday 19th May	6pm Meeting for First Holy Communion Preparation Programme
Friday 23rd May	Last day of the half term



Have a lovely long weekend!  
Pauline MacDonald  
Head Teacher



We have planted lots of flower seeds to create a wildflower meadow by the side playground. We are hoping to encourage lots of insects! Please keep to the paths so that our flowers can grow.

## We started our term with Mass at Church.



**Please  
Keep To The  
Paths**

Another busy week at SMSB!

## Easter Bonnet Parade!



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