



### IMPORTANT REMINDERS/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- 4/5/26 School closed for Bank Holiday.
  - 5/5/26 School meal will be pizza or pasta (Monday's menu). The menu will revert to normal on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.
  - Please ensure that payment is made for all after-school clubs and extra-curricular opportunities.
  - Please read the note below regarding the ordering of school uniform for September 2026.
  - Reminder - Year 4 swimming kit for this half term only – pupils to bring a pair of shorts and a T-shirt to wear in the pool as well as their usual swimsuit or trunks as part of lifesaving skills sessions. No tracksuits to be worn at these sessions.
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### CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN:

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the Children's Cancer Run on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. St Mary's has already raised over £700 which is an amazing effort! You can still sign up for the event via this [link](#) - remember to join the St Mary's team when you do so!

Please see below event details for the day.

- Our start time is 10:55am - we would advise trying to arrive for 10:30am to allow for any congestion in the car park and to find our starting place etc.
- Our designated car park is Car Park A. If you are planning to park at the racecourse, Event Parking Stewards will help to direct you to the correct car park.
- **Important Reminder:** All participants - both adults and children - need to have registered for the event. Runners taking part in the Mini Run must be accompanied by an adult along the route who must be wearing a free 'Accompanying Adult' or purchased entry run number. Parents can accompany their child in the Mini Run for free, or choose to pay an entry fee donation to receive a medal and snack pack too. 3 and 5 Mile routes – Children aged 11 years and under must be supervised by a responsible adult on the course. All adults taking part in the 3 or 5 mile course must register as an Adult entry in order to run the route.

Thank you again for your support.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM:

A note from Salto UK Ltd, our school uniform supplier:

*The deadline date for this years' uniform issue is **SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**. All orders that are placed before the deadline will have an extended returns and exchange policy until the start of the new school term in September.*

Orders can be made online: [here](#) or by visiting the uniform shop.

Please see uniform expectations on the school website [here](#). It is important for parents/carers to remind themselves of all uniform expectations to avoid unexpected issues with infringements of school policy.

## **FUN RUN VOLUNTEER REQUEST:**

We would be hugely grateful for volunteers to help our participation in the Gateshead Schools' Fun Run at Saltwell Park (Years 3, 4 and 5 participating) on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 8.30am - 12.30pm. Please contact the school office if you are able to volunteer.

## **YEAR 4 DENTISTRY WORKSHOP:**

A huge thank you to Mrs Taylor (Robyn and Emily's Mum) and her colleague Eva for visiting Year 4 on Thursday. The children learned about the anatomy of a tooth, different types of teeth and how to take care of their teeth. It was a very informative morning and will really help us in our science lessons this half term. The children had a great time and there may even be some aspiring dentists in the class!

## **SPORTS UPDATES:**

### **Year 5/6 Girls Football at Fellside Primary School**

The St Mary's teams had an excellent night of football on Tuesday at Fellside Primary, playing brilliantly as a team and scoring lots of goals. The girls showed great determination, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout every match. They supported one another superbly and represented the school with pride. Well done, girls!

### **Year 5/6 Football at Fellside Primary School**

Our St Mary's footballers also played brilliantly on Thursday evening, displaying superb sportsmanship as always. The team worked hard from start to finish, creating plenty of chances and showing real resilience in defence. Some great goals were scored alongside a number of tricky saves from our goalkeepers. Thank you to Fellside Primary for hosting such an enjoyable event.

### **Y3 Orienteering**

Well done to the Y3 Orienteering team who took part in the GSSP event at Kingsmeadow School. The children impressed everyone with their listening skills, teamwork and problem-solving as they navigated the course. They showed great perseverance and enthusiasm throughout the afternoon. A fantastic effort from all involved!

### **Gymnastics**

Pupils from across KS1 and KS2 had a fantastic gymnastics competition, coming away with lots of individual and team medals. All of the children demonstrated excellent skill, focus and determination, making us very proud. A special mention goes to our Y2 team, Y3/4 team, and two of our 'open category' gymnasts who have qualified for the county finals in June. We wish them the very best of luck!