

Friday 24th April 2026

The Mortimer Federation of St. John's and St. Mary's Schools **Newsletter**

TERM DATES

Please see below a list of term dates which we trust you will find of use. Event details will be provided nearer the time.

Wednesday 29th April: Year 5 Bikeability - Mars Class

Thursday 30th April: Year 5 Bikeability – Neptune Class

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May to Wednesday 6th May: Year 4 residential trip to Runways End

Monday 11th May: Start of Year 6 SAT's week

Tuesday 12th May: 'The Tiny Seed' Year 1 Parent Share – 2.45pm to 3.10pm

Wednesday 13th May: 'Everything Changes' Year 2 Parent Share – 2.45pm to 3.30pm

Thursday 14th May: Year 2 trip to Milestones Museum

Friday 15th May: Colour Run – 3.45pm to 6.00pm

Monday 18th May to Tuesday 19th May: Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 (group 1)

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May: Half term

Monday 1st June: Term begins

Monday 1st June: Foundation Stage - Astronauts and Aliens Dress Up Day

Monday 1st June to Tuesday 2nd June: Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 (group 2)

Tuesday 2nd June to Monday 8th June: Book Fair at Mortimer St. John's

Wednesday 3rd June: PTFA Mortimer's Got Talent

Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June: Phonics Screening Week

Thursday 11th June: Year 3 trip to Englefield Estate

Thursday 11th June: Foundation Stage trip to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium

Friday 12th June: Mortimer St. Mary's Class Photographs

Wednesday 17th June: Mortimer St. John's parent/carers coffee morning – 8.45am to 9.45am

Tuesday 23rd June: Year 1 trip to Fort Nelson

Wednesday 24th June: Year 5 trip to Paultons Park

Wednesday 24th June: Fox Class Swimming

Tuesday 30th June: New to Year 3 parent/carers presentation

Wednesday 1st July: Hedgehog Class Swimming

Wednesday 1st July: Year 4 and 5 trip to the Hexagon – Symphony Story Quest KS2 Concert

Thursday 2nd July to Friday 3rd July: Year 6 transition days at The Willink School

Friday 3rd July: Move up morning

Monday 6th July to Tuesday 7th July: Year 6 Bikeability level 2 (group 3)

Tuesday 7th July: Mortimer St. Mary's parent/carers coffee morning – 9.00am to 10.00am

Wednesday 8th July: Sports Day

Thursday 9th July: Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday 14th July: Year 5/Year 6 Production – 6.00pm

Wednesday 15th July: Year 5/Year 6 Production – 6.00pm

Thursday 16th July: Year 5/Year 6 Production – 9.30am

Thursday 16th July: Year 2 Leavers' Service – St. John's Church – 2.00pm

Thursday 16th July: Year 2 Leavers Party – 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Monday 20th July: Year 6 Leavers' Service – St. Mary's Church – 2.00pm

Monday 20th July: Year 6 Leavers Party – 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Tuesday 21st July: End of term – Mortimer St. Mary's 1.30pm/Mortimer St. John's 2.00pm

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Please see attached the term dates for the academic year 2026/2027.

FIRST FOR SPORTS SUMMER CAMP

Please see the attached information with regards to First For Sports Summer camp 2026.

SCHOOL CENSUS DAY – THURSDAY 21ST MAY

On Thursday 21st May it is School Census Day. Since the introduction of Universal Infant Free School Meals, Mortimer St. John's School is now liable for the cost of providing school dinners. Although we receive Government funding, this is dependent upon how many children have school dinners on Census Day. To promote school meals on Census Day the menu will have a 'Summer Fiesta' theme and will be as follows:



The more children that eat a school dinner at Mortimer St. John's on Thursday 21st May, the better The Federation is financially. This money can then be used for resources for The Federation towards the teaching and learning of your children.

ALL YOURS PERIOD PRODUCTS

Please see the attached information from All Yours, Menstrual Health and Period Education Advocates, regarding upcoming community events and details of period box collection points.

ATTENDANCE



This is Maria. She is in Year 2 and has 90% attendance. Maria thinks this is pretty good, so do her parents/carers. Are they right?

90% attendance = ½ day missed every week!

90% attendance in one school year = 4 weeks of lessons missed!

90% attendance over five school years = ½ school year missed!

Each year there are only 190 statutory school days, which means that if your child has 90% attendance or below, they have missed at least half a day a week. Ofsted regards attendance below 90% as persistent absence.

BIRTHDAY SWEETS/TREATS

As part of Healthy Schools, we do not allow children to give out birthday sweets or other treats to other members of the school community. Please do not send your children into school with these items. Thank you for your support.

BOOK FAIR – MORTIMER ST. JOHN'S

Mortimer St. John's will be hosting a '3 for 2' Book Fair on behalf of Travelling Books from Tuesday 2nd June until Monday 8th June. The book fair will be held in the playground (weather permitting) at the following times:

- ♦ Tuesday 2nd June – 3.15pm until 3.45pm
- ♦ Wednesday 3rd June – 8.10am until 8.30am
- ♦ Thursday 4th June – 8.10am until 8.30am
- ♦ Friday 5th June – 3.15pm until 3.45pm
- ♦ Monday 8th June – 3.15pm until 3.45pm

A large and varied selection of children's books will be available to purchase. We would encourage all purchases to be made by accessing the online system (www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay) by simply selecting the school name from the drop-down menu.

FOUNDATION STAGE - ASTRONAUTS AND ALIENS DRESS UP DAY

The Foundation Stage team are all really excited about their upcoming topic 'Out of this World'. This project focuses on space, space exploration and life in the 1960's. To launch this project, we would like to invite the Foundation Stage children to come to school dressed as an astronaut or an alien on **Monday 1st June**.

The children will not need their school uniform as they will wear their costume throughout the day.

We are really looking forward to seeing the astronauts and aliens!

BRIGADE SCHOOL CLOTHING

Please be aware that the last date to place a school uniform order with Brigade, for delivery to home before September, is Friday 17th July. For further information please see the attached leaflet.

FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS AT MORTIMER ST. JOHN'S

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA for funding Forest School sessions for all children at Mortimer St. John's. The sessions will take place, in school, on a Monday morning with each class having the opportunity to participate for one week. The sessions will be led by Naomi Charles from Gabriels Wellbeing and Education CIC (an experienced team of Primary Teachers with specialist training in Forest School Leadership, Clinical Psychology and Speech and Language Training). The children in Fox Class took part in the first session on Monday and they all had an amazing time.

ONLINE GAMING

Please see below a link to a video which provides a quick overview on how to keep your child/ren safe whilst gaming online, outlining communication risks, in game spending, age ratings and reporting tools.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Online-Gaming.mp4>

PTFA COLOUR RUN – FRIDAY 15TH MAY

It's nearly here! The PTFA cannot wait to host the Mortimer Federation's 2026 colour run and BBQ at Mortimer St. Mary's on Friday 15th May (3.45pm until 6.00pm). What is a colour run? A colour run is a walk or run around a course with a difference. The track (approximately 300m) will include mild obstacles and stations where coloured powder is thrown at passing runners/walkers. The participants white clothing should finish in a vibrant mix of colours. Further information regarding the event is available under the 'Community Events' tab on [Classlist](#). We hope you will be able to join us to take part in the fun for this much anticipated event!



ADAPTED SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many neurodivergent young people struggle with the sensory impact of school uniform, and it is important to consider reasonable adaptations so that their wellbeing and learning are not affected. It is always best to contact secondary school and discuss possible adaptations early. Please see attached details of some places to look for more comfortable school uniform clothing – these sell out fast, so beware! If you need further advice or help, please contact the Autism Team.