Newsletter – Friday 13th November

We have had another lovely week at school and it has been wonderful to see the children working so hard in their lessons. Their enthusiasm, determination and positive attitudes continue to make us very proud.
As we move further into the term, we have lots of exciting events and activities coming up. Please take a moment to read through the newsletter carefully and keep an eye on the dates included, as well as any emails sent home, to ensure you don't miss any important information.
As the colder months approach, please remember to send your child to school with appropriate warm clothing, including a coat and any other suitable outdoor wear. We aim to get outside whenever possible for breaktimes, so having the right clothing helps everyone stay warm, comfortable and ready to enjoy the day.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend with your families.
Best wishes,
The St Mary's Team

Odd Sock Day

To show our support of Anti-Bullying Week, on Monday 16th November children are invited to wear mismatched, colourful socks to school, to celebrate uniqueness, acceptance and individuality, while raising awareness against bullying.



Mallards Class Act of Worship

On Wednesday 25th November, Mallards will be holding their Class Act of Worship. Families of children in Mallards are invited to come into school and watch the assembly, which starts at 2:40pm.

Rooted in love, growing together, flourishing in all we do.

Class Fundraising™

Christmas Cards

Class Fundraising have now closed their online shop for Christmas Card orders. It will be reopened from 20th November until 30th November at 12 noon for any late / extra orders you wish to place.

Bideford Cinema

Doors open 30 mins before start time and close at the film start time.

Ghosts: The Possession of Button House (PG)
Fri 13th & Sat 14th Nov at 7.30pm

Klara and the Sun (12A)
Fri 20th & Sat 21st Nov at 7.30pm

Wicker (15)
Fri 27th & Sat 28th Nov at 7.30pm

coming soon...
How to Rob a Bank, Wild Hor...

Kingsley School Theatre,
Northdown Road, Bideford, EX39 3LY
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Free Parking : what3words: \\\laying.full.films
Tickets available at the door (cash only)
or online from our website

BIDEFORD CINEMA

Adults	£7
Concessions	£6
Members	£5
Family Ticket	£18

www.bidefordcinema.org.uk

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Be in with a chance to win one of **six** luxury Christmas hampers!



£1 per ticket
Additional ticket books available from reception
All ticket stubs to be returned to reception/class teachers by 27th November
CASH ONLY - IN AN ENVELOPE WITH TICKET STUBS

TICKET BOOKS WILL COME HOME WITH YOUR CHILD ON FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER



Raffle drawn on 4th December

PTFA St Mary's School Bideford

St Mary's C of E School Bideford

NHS
Mental Health Support Team

In collaboration with
Bideford Family Hubs
Stronger families brighter futures

Parent Drop-In Coffee Afternoon

A relaxed and friendly space for parents and carers to come along, have a cuppa, chat and find out more about the support available for you and your family.

- Chat with our team
- Find out about support and resources
- Ask questions
- Grab a leaflet

Tuesday 17th November 2026
2:30pm – 3:20pm
In the Hall at St Mary's School

All parents and carers are very welcome!

Small conversations make a big difference

SUPPORT • LISTEN • WORK TOGETHER
FOR BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

Stronger brighter happier together



"Together we journey to a future of opportunity."

Term Dates:

·Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January – Christmas Holidays
·Tuesday 4th January 2027 – Non-Pupil Day
·Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2027 – Half Term
·Monday 22nd February 2027 - Children return to school

We do have paper copies of a term-time calendar for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 in the school office, please call in if you would like a copy.



Diary Dates:

- Monday 16th November - Odd Sock Day
- Wednesday 25th November-Mallards Act of Worship
- Monday 30th November – Advent Service
- Tuesday 8th December – Reception Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 14th December - Year 2 Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 15th December - Rock Steady Christmas Concert
- Wednesday 16th December- Reception Vision Screening

Thursday 17th December – Christingle