St Mary's Church of England Primary School and Nursery, Hadleigh

Friday, 5th December 2025

Happy Christmas everyone!

The next couple of weeks in school are going to be very busy and lots of fun! Please see below a list of important dates for your information.

Christmas Dates

Wednesday 10th December 10am School Hall	EYFS Nativity for parents, family and carers
Thursday 11th December	School Christmas Lunch Christmas jumper day
Friday 12th December 3.30 – 5.30pm	Christmas Fair Please note: No after school club
Tuesday 16th December 10.30am	Christmas service at St Mary's Church
Friday 19th December	Father Christmas Visit Last day of term Please note: No after school club
Tuesday 6th January	Children return to school

School Nativity

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children have been busy practicing their school nativity performance for you all. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday at 10am start.

Christmas service

Service starts at 10.30am. If you are able to help your child's class with the walk to and from the church, please contact the school office or your child's teacher. The service will last approximately 45 minutes.



Christmas Fair

As well as the raffle, Santa's grotto and tombola's, this year the children have been making Christmas products to sell on their class stalls. The class that makes the biggest profit will win a prize! The whole school will be open with class stalls found in classrooms. We look forward to seeing you there!

School leavers

It is with a heavy heart that we are saying good bye to a number of staff this term.

After many years of service Mrs Douglas is retiring from teaching. She now plans to spend time with her family and explore the world.

We also say good bye to Mrs Tooke who has been instrumental in developing the outdoor learning in our school.

Both Mrs Douglas and Mrs Tooke will be sorely missed by the whole school community and we wish them all the best for the future.

Mrs Stevens, our Midday Supervisor and Mr Bloomfield, our school caretaker, will also be leaving at the end of term.

A big thank you to all staff leavers for your hard work and dedication that you have given to our school.

Class changes – next term

Beech Class will be taught for the rest of the year by Miss Oliver on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Mills on Thursdays and Mrs Ratcliffe on Fridays.

Elm Class will be taught as before by Mrs Bartram, Mrs Jarrald and Mrs Ratcliffe.

Mrs Ratcliffe will teach on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Jarrald will teach on Thursdays and Mrs Bartram on Fridays.

Baby News!

Congratulations to Miss Brinkley who will be having a baby in May! Miss Brinkley will be taking her maternity leave after the spring term (after the Easter holiday). We will keep you informed of who will be working in the Early Years team next term.

Forest School

In Spring term, our outdoor learning will change. EYFS and KS1 (Nursery, Rec/Y1 and Year 2) will have outdoor learning as before on Fridays in our school woodland area. This will continue for the rest of the academic year.

In KS2, Forest School will temporarily pause for the rest of the academic year so there will not be outdoor learning taking place on Friday afternoons for KS2 children after Christmas. However, to ensure that Year 5 Chestnut class do not miss out on their Forest School time, we will be organising 1-2 full days of Forest School next term at the Deanery – details to follow!

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Join Our Team as a Midday Supervisor!

Are you passionate about creating a safe, fun, and positive environment for children during their lunchtime? We are looking for a reliable and enthusiastic Midday Supervisor to join our school team.

Position: Midday Supervisor

Hours: 12 noon – 1pm or 11.45am – 1pm

Location: St Mary's, Stonehouse Road

Start Date: 6th January 2026

About the role:

- Supervise children during lunchtime, ensuring their safety and well-being
- Encourage positive play and social interactions
- Support children with any needs during this time
- Maintain a friendly and approachable attitude

We are looking for someone who:

- Has a caring and responsible nature
- Is a team player
- Communicates effectively with children and staff
- Has previous experience (desirable but not essential)

Why join us?

- Supportive and welcoming school community
- Make a difference in children's daily lives

To apply:

Please contact the school office or email the school on: admin@stmaryshad.co.uk.

Closing date for applications, Friday 12th December 2025, 12 noon. We look forward to welcoming a dedicated new member to our team!