



### **Pupil Premium Grant**

The Pupil Premium Grant is additional funding from the Government to support pupils facing challenges to do their very best at school. These pupils might be from families with lower incomes, families facing unemployment or pupils who have been 'looked after'. This funding means that the school is given additional money for those eligible children to support their learning or development needs and to diminish differences with their peers. If you think you qualify, please visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or call on 0300 123 4048.

### **Service Pupil Premium**

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced the Service pupil premium (SPP) in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the armed forces covenant.

Service personnel with children (reception to year 11) in state schools in England should notify schools of their children's service status to ensure they are recorded prior to the next autumn census (first Thursday in October) in order to qualify for Service pupil premium.

### **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all our parents who met with their child's class teachers this week. It was great to share your child's progress and learning with you. This was very well attended, however if you couldn't attend, please do make an appointment with your class teacher who will be happy to meet with you.

### **Christmas Nativity**

We are delighted to be able to offer two dates this year for our school nativity play.

Reception classes and Venus class will be 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 1.30pm

Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn class will be 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 1.30pm.

### **Remembrance Day**

We are welcoming families to our Spiritual Garden on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to lay any flowers or poppies, please do. It would also be lovely if there were any family stories that the children know. We would love to hear some in class. Please let your children know they are welcome to share theirs.

### **Attendance**

The class that has had the best punctuality and attendance this week is Venus 98.26% attendance! At St Mary's we want all children to attend school on time, every day unless there is a valid reason why they cannot. Research has proven that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success. Absence from school is the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement. Attend today, achieve tomorrow!

### **Calendar Dates**

Please follow the link below which will take you to our school calendar. This is regularly updated for you all to refer to.

<https://stmarysinfants.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/calendar/>