

28th January 2026

YEAR 3 ROCKS AND FOSSILS WORKSHOP

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to share with you an exciting workshop which is coming into school for Year 3.

As I am sure you know the children have begun their Science topic of Rocks and Fossils, which is always a favourite with children of this age, and they have been impressing us with all the knowledge and skills they are acquiring. It is hugely beneficial for children to have 'hands on' and 'real life' experiences in their learning and we have been hunting high and low for an affordable way to do this.

The Travelling Natural History Museum gives us this and more! Without the cost of getting the children up there and back they bring the museum to us. They run workshops and give the children the chance to touch, explore, ask questions and hear from a Palaeontologist in the comfort of our own school, giving us the opportunity to maximise the time in the day.

Below is a snippet of what we have booked.

Rocks and Fossils (Mary Anning) Workshop:

Discover the wonders of rocks and fossils! Children will learn about different types of rocks, how they are formed, and how to identify fossils. We'll explore the life and work of Mary Anning, a true inspiration for young scientists.

- Visual aids and hands-on activities: We use a variety of visual aids, such as pictures, videos, and real fossils, to make learning engaging and accessible.
- Sensory experiences: We incorporate sensory activities, such as touch and feel stations with different types of rocks and fossils, to enhance the learning experience.
- Flexible learning approaches: We adapt our teaching methods to meet the needs and learning styles of the attendees

During the day the children will have sessions in the Travelling Museum as well as having fun, educational science activities going on in the classroom such as making their own plaster of Paris fossils.

They will be visiting us on the 9th February. Apologies for the tight time frame but we wanted it to fit in with the children's learning rather than coming 'after the event' and this was the last remaining date.

We invite you to make a contribution of £7.00 (online via Scopay) to cover the cost of the workshop. All contributions are voluntary but unfortunately, the workshop cannot take place unless those that are able to contribute do so. Please contact bursar@stmarysprimary.org in confidence if you have any concerns or difficulties with making this contribution.

Kind Regards, The Year 3 Team

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I have made payment of £7 via Scopay (Preferred): YES / NO

OR

I have enclosed payment of £7 (cheques made payable to 'St Mary's School') YES / NO
(Cash & cheque payments to be given in a sealed and clearly named envelope)

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

Please return this reply slip to your child's class teacher by Friday 31st January 2026.



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