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## St Mary's Newsletter 22.09.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really successful start to the year. I am very impressed with the pupils' behaviour and their application to their work. There are already a number of exciting displays around school, which makes for an exciting and engaging learning environment for the pupils.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Janet McKinlay

Headteacher

## Thought for the Week

God is watching, and waiting, and hoping. God rejoices beyond measure when we restore dignity and value to even one human life.



## **Town Sports Event 13th September**

It was a fantastic opportunity for the cluster of primary schools to take part in this annual sporting event - well done to St Mary's, Middlewich Primary, Cledford, Byley, Warmingham and Wimboldsley. Our pupils threw themselves into all the activities and had a great time. There were smiles all round. Congratulations to Middlewich who came first.







## Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament



Great start to the new school sporting year. Well done to the girls in Year 5 & 6 for taking part in the Football Tournament this Wednesday at St Nicholas High School.

## Wildcats Girls Football - Middlewich Town FC



Every Tuesday 6-7pm  
Middlewich Town Football Club  
4G Pitch

Open to all girls aged 5 – 11  
Just turn up ready to play!

Gain football skills , meet new  
friends, build confidence.

Any questions/more information  
contact Andy on 07738 203486  
or Jordan on 07765 401075



## World Animal Day 4th October 2023 and Open Day

Mrs Dellapiana and staff will be organising various activities in school to celebrate World Animal Day on 4th October. Raising the status of animals to improve welfare standards around the globe and make the world a better place for all animals is the focus of our global partnership initiative this term. Here is a link to the website which is very informative and in the 'resources' section there are plenty of suggestions of the kind of activities children could do.

World Animal day Activities<sup>1</sup>

Parents (old and new) are welcome to come and look round any time on Wednesday, 4th October between 9 am and 2 pm.

## Facebook

Please follow the below social media pages on Facebook to support the School and the PTA

St Mary's Primary School Middlewich

(Green) School Forum Middlewich

St. Mary's PTA Charity Shop

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.worldanimalday.org.uk/>

## 2023 Children's Hospital Pyjama Appeal



# PYJAMA APPEAL!

CHARITY NUMBER: 1185739

Please donate a brand new pair of pyjamas  
for a poorly child in your  
**LOCAL HOSPITAL OR  
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE**

Each year, we collect donations of brand new pyjamas from new-born to age 18, which are then gifted to children in hospital on Christmas morning.

In reality, they are also used in other situations where children may have had their clothes cut off in A&E or in an emergency situation where there hasn't been time to pack essentials.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please donate a brand new pair of non-fleece pyjamas (as hospitals are cosy enough). Have a collection at work, through family & friends or even your local school could have a PJ Day or simply donate a pair yourself.

**LOOK ONLINE AT**  
[www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk](http://www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk)  
**FOR YOUR NEAREST PYJAMA DROP OFF POINT**

Or order via Amazon with free delivery to Co-ordinator  
<https://amzn.eu/acJOv8t>

**WHY?** Because no child wants to be in hospital at Christmas and if they have to be they want to be wearing brand new cosy PJs to make their stay as comfortable as possible at such a fearful time.

**OUR APPEAL IS FROM  
1ST SEPTEMBER  
TO 31ST OCTOBER  
2023**



Follow us on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages  
'Children's Hospital Pyjamas' to see me delivering your PJ'S x

Lisa, Area Coordinator | 07835 660083

On Friday 20th October, in support of the Pyjama Appeal, school will be holding a non uniform day in return for pyjama donations, please can you help support this wonderful cause by using the below Amazon Wish List to donate, or if you wish to purchase your own pyjama's, please do so and bring them into the school office before the 20th October 2023.

<https://amzn.eu/acJOv8t>

## Cooperative Wind Bands

The 'Cooperative Wind Bands' is an organisation with two youth and one community bands, and they're recruiting! Led by Emma Clark, the two youth bands rehearse at Sandbach High School. The Beginner Band meets during term time on a Saturday morning between 9:30-10:15 which is followed by the Youth Band between 10:30-12:00. The band is particularly wanting to recruit any low brass players (trombones, baritones, euphoniums, tubas) and clarinets!! However all wind, brass and percussion players would be welcome! If your child would like to have a go being part of the band, please contact the band either via email [co-operative.wind.bands@hotmail.com](mailto:co-operative.wind.bands@hotmail.com)<sup>2</sup> or phone 01270 569183<sup>3</sup> Further information about the band can also be found at <https://www.co-operativewindbands.com/>

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<sup>2</sup><mailto:co-operative.wind.bands@hotmail.com?subject=Co-operative Wind Bands Enquiry>

<sup>3</sup><tel:01270 569183>



## Middlewich Hub



**MIDDLEWICH HUB**

**DO YOU NEED SOME HELP AND  
DON'T KNOW WHO TO TALK TO?**

The Middlewich Hub has brought together organisations that can really help you with your health and wellbeing, employment, education, training and benefits.

The Middlewich Hub has been moved to the last Thursday of the month, 10 – 12 pm at the Victoria Hall, next meeting is **on Thursday 28th September**.

## Fun Fest Holiday Club

The Fun Fest Holiday Club was a huge success over the summer and we are excited to announce their return for the October half term, Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023.

Please contact Fun Fest to make holiday club bookings

Their priority booking line for St Mary's is live from 9th September for October half term



Contact: 07570270839 or email [Middlewichoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk](mailto:Middlewichoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk)<sup>4</sup>

**Choose fun at**



£20 for Half Day  
£35 for Full Day  
£160 per week

Sibling discount available for  
Full Day bookings

No extra charges for 7:30am  
dropoff or 6pm pickup

Over 30+ activities to choose from including;

Pottery  
Sports Action  
Treasure Quest  
Messy Mayhem  
Cricket Club  
Fun Fit  
Around the World  
Fashion Design  
Wacky Races  
Horrible Histories  
Sports Action  
Playful Painting  
Lego Adventures

Mini Olympics  
Creative Cooks  
Jewellery Making  
Cupcake Heaven  
Escape Room  
Mad About Science  
Water Fights  
Barmy Origami  
Fun Festival  
Fun Fest Bootcamp  
Crafty Creations  
Imagineering  
and much much more....

Head to our Facebook page, Instagram page or Website for our  
full timetables  
or call 07570 270 839 for more information



Fun Fest Middlewich



@FunFestMiddlewich

<sup>4</sup><mailto:Middlewichoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk>

**Choose fun at**



**HOLIDAY CLUB**



**Childcare  
vouchers  
accepted**

**Ofsted Registered**

**at St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
Open 7:30am-6pm for 3-12year olds**

**Bookings live now at [www.fun-fest.co.uk/middlewich](http://www.fun-fest.co.uk/middlewich)**



## Important Dates

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Academy Photography Families, Siblings and Individual Photos School Uniform to be worn
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School Mass Assembly 9.15am to 10.15am Parents welcome to attend
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9-10am in the School Hall – Cake donations welcome
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	World Animal Day & School Open Day to parents 9am to 2pm Year 5 Trip to Birds of Prey Sanctuary
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Crucial Crewe Trip PM Harvest Festival – Middlewich Food Bank Donation welcome
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Nasal Spray (FLUENZ) to all school aged pupils in the autumn term 2023
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Due to Mrs Turnbull being on a course, school is unable to provide Toast on this day. In support of CAFOD Family Fast Day which falls on 6 <sup>th</sup> October, we would welcome Toast money donations for this worthy cause. Please send your child in with a healthy snack today to replace Toast on this day.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Pyjama Appeal 2023 – Non uniform Day Year 5 & Year 6 End Of Theme Assembly School Closes Half Term 23 <sup>rd</sup> October to 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School Opens
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening – Bookings will go live from Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Savio House Residential Year 5 to go swimming in place of Year 4 on Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Panto Northwich Memorial Hall
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas – 20 <sup>th</sup> December to 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	School Opens

## PE & Swimming Timetable

Day of week	PE	Swimming
Monday	Reception, Y2, Y3,Y4, Y5	
Tuesday	Y1 & Y6	
Wednesday	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5, Y6	Year 4
Thursday	Reception	
Friday		



Swimming commences for Year 4 for the Autumn term on Wednesday 13th September and they will need to wear their PE kit on swimming day

Children are to wear their PE kit on their PE day

## Updated Staff List



### Staff (2023-2024)

• HEADTEACHER	Janet McKinlay
• ASSISTANT HEADTEACHERS	Clare Cook; Denis Orr-McGuinness
• TEACHERS	Reception – Charlotte Ashley Year 1 – Katy Martin & Kate Reed Year 2 - Clare Cook Year 3 – Denis Orr-McGuinness Year 4 – Tarranie Woolley Year 5 – Daniel Philo Year 6 – Shelley Hughes & Helen Walker French - Sara Dellaplana
• SENCO – Denis Orr-McGuinness	
• TEACHING ASSISTANTS	
Rita Poynton (HLTA)	Lucy Smith (1:1)
Sarah Davies (HLTA)	Carmen Shaw (1:1)
Stephanie Whelan (HLTA)	Lynsey Peel (1:1)
Deborah Welsh (HLTA)	Andrea Appleton (1:1) Emma Schofield (1:1) Leanne Quilliam (1:1) Hannah Clarke (1:1) Gemma Dillon (1:1)
• SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER	Emma Bourne
• FINANCE/ADMIN OFFICER	Hayley Meachin
• SITE MANAGER	Anne Turnbull
• CARETAKER	Paula Smith
• PE COACH	Gary Lewis
• MIDDAY SUPERVISOR	Paula Smith
• MIDDAY ASSISTANTS	Karen Preston Karen Kowalski Tina Odgon Sarah Pearce Jade Smith

## Lunch Menu

### Our commitment to you.....

Our "Food For Life Served Here" menu means we serve  
*Fresh, local, honest food.*

Our food is free from *undesirable trans fats, sweeteners and additives*

Our food is freshly prepared on site by professional staff  
who care about quality and ingredients

We support local wherever possible...our meat comes from  
*Quality Cuts of Sandbach, Littler's of Sandiway, Barrows of Bollington and Lower Hurst Farm in Derbyshire.*

We use free range eggs, organic yogurt, organic Mornflake  
oats and MSC fish.

We are taking steps to *reduce sugar in our recipes*

We are taking steps to *reduce single use plastic*

We can and will cater for all *special dietary requirements*

## Fresh Catering



CATERING WITH THE  
RIGHT INGREDIENTS



Spring / Summer 2023

At: **St Mary's RC Primary**

M	Tu	W	T	Fri	Sa	Su
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## Spring/ Summer Menu 2023



### Week 1

### Week 2



MONDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips (v)	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling/s	Ham Sandwich	Dorset Apple Cake or Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Beef Burger in a Bun with Paprika Sauté Potatoes & Coleslaw	Vegan Burger in a Bun with Sauté Potatoes & Coleslaw	Cheese Sandwich	Fruity Jelly or Yogurt
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken & Stuffing, Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Quorn Fillet, Pots, Vegetables & Gravy (v)	Tuna Sandwich	Chocolate Orange Krachollette or Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Beef Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Vegetable Ravioli with a Homemade Tomato Sauce (v)	Ham Sandwich	Summer Fruit Sponge or Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Chips Baked Beans or Sweetcorn	Cheese Flan with Salad Potatoes (v)	Cheese Sandwich	Shortbread Finger with Fruit Chunk or Fruit

MONDAY	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges (v)	Quorn Korma with Rice & Cous Cous (v)	Ham Sandwich	Chocolate Crunch Finger with Fruit Chunk
TUESDAY	BBQ Pulled Pork in a Wrap or Tortilla Boat	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling/s	Cheese Sandwich	Melting Moment, Yogurt or Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Butchers Pork Sausage All Day Breakfast	Quorn Sausage All Day Breakfast (v)	Tuna Sandwich	Apple & Sultana Flapjack or Fruit
THURSDAY	Southern Style Chicken with Savoury Rice	Ploughman's Toastie with Veg Sticks (v)	Ham Sandwich	Pear & Chocolate Sponge or Fruit
FRIDAY	Battered Fish & Chips with Baked Beans	BBQ Quorn Wrap with Chips (v)	Cheese Sandwich	Ice Cream & Fruit Coulis or Fruit



## Late Attendance



The sign features three cartoon children (two boys and one girl) at the top. Below them is a table with three columns: 'If in a school year, your child is late every day by...', 'Your child would have lost approximately...', and 'or they would have missed approximately...'. The table lists lateness durations from 5 minutes to 30 minutes, corresponding to days lost and lessons missed. At the bottom, a message states: 'You should not take your child on holiday during term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance. Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity'.

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**You should not take your child on holiday during term time.  
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.  
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity**

Morning registration takes place at 8.30am each morning.

Good attendance is essential for pupils, pupils that are consistently late are disrupting their education and that of others and staff.



Please ensure your child arrives to school on time and has everything for the day ahead to reduce staff and your child being interrupted during the school day.

## Spotlight on Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK:	YEAR1
WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK:	95.2%
RECEPTION	95.9%
YEAR 1	98.1%
YEAR 2	94.6%
YEAR 3	93.7%
YEAR 4	96.2%
YEAR 5	97.5%
YEAR 6	90.8%

*1 - Well done to Year 1 for Great Attendance!*





## Education Family Support Worker



I'm Kelly Gooch and I work as a Education Family Support Worker in the Attendance and Children out of School Team at Cheshire East Council. Data analysis shows that every minute counts in school, and those with higher attendance achieve higher scores both academically and socially as a result. I'm very pleased to be working with St Mary's Catholic Primary School, and becoming part of your local school community, to increase attendance and to help achieve the best outcomes for your children.

## Stars of the week



<b>Name</b>	<b>Reg</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Recorded On</b>
Preston Daniel	Reception	STAR OF THE WEEK	22 September 2023
McAleer Ralph	Year 1	STAR OF THE WEEK	22 September 2023
Styles Jude	Year 1	ASC STAR OF THE WEEK	22 September 2023
Nwachukwu Fortune	Year 2	STAR OF THE WEEK	22 September 2023
DONNELLY Orlagh	Year 3	STAR OF THE WEEK	22 September 2023
Salvi Jack	Year 4	STAR OF THE WEEK	22 September 2023
Knott Sebastian	Year 5	STAR OF THE WEEK	22 September 2023
Capper Aria	Year 6	STAR OF THE WEEK	22 September 2023

## Admissions Information

The application process for reception and year 7 for September 2024 starts on 1 September 2023. The application timetable is set out in the table below:

Process	Secondary Transfers	Primary Admissions
Application process starts – online application form and composite prospectus available.	1 September 2023	1 September 2023
<b>Closing date for Applications*</b>	<b>31 October 2023</b>	<b>15 January 2024</b>
Deadline for receipt of supporting documentation	7 December 2023	15 February 2024
<b>Offers released</b>	<b>1 March 2024</b>	<b>17 April 2024</b>
Deadline for accepting or declining places.	15 March 2024	30 April 2024
Waiting lists prepared and vacancies re-allocated.	After 15 March 2024	After 30 April 2024
Appeal application deadlines	29 March 2024	14 May 2024
Appeal hearings (on time applications)	By 14 June 2024	By 19 July 2024
Appeal hearings- late applications	Within 40 days of deadline where possible, or 30 school days of appeal being lodged	

**\*Please note:** If your application is received after the published closing detailed above, it will be recorded as 'late' and considered after all on-time applications. This could mean that your application may be disadvantaged.

**If you are accepting an offer of a school place, you will receive no further correspondence from the School Admissions Service. Please accept this email as receipt of your acceptance.**

Information about schools, admission process and the [in-year application process](#) is available on our [website](#).

School Admissions Service  
Cheshire East Council  
Tel: 0300 123 5012

## PTA News



Please can parents remember there is a uniform exchange stand outside school to encourage parents to bring in old uniform and to pop it on the stand for parents who are short of uniform to help themselves. The container next to the rack is full of unclaimed uniform.

## Parent Contact Details

Please can you ensure the school has your up to date mobile number and email address, when urgent messages need to be sent out on ParentPay we like to send text messages rather than email so that they are seen.

## Parentpay Accounts

As we start a new term, please ensure your Parentpay account are up to date.

## School Clubs

Please see below our club poster update





**ParentPay online booking system for St Mary's Breakfast & After School Club is now live for bookings from Monday 18th September!**

The cut-off date for Breakfast Club bookings is 11am the day before the booking.

The cut-off date for After School Club bookings is 11am on the day.

This is so that staffing and numbers can be set and managed.

Users will be able to cancel and make changes to their booking up until the booking cut off time.

If a child is picked up late from After School Club a charge of £5 will be made for every 15 minutes beyond the collection time.

After the cut off time, if a child is booked into a club and does not attend, the fee will still apply as the charge relates to the place being held not the actual attendance.

#### **Clubs prices**

Breakfast Club                      £4.00 7.30am to 8.30am

After School Club                  £4.00 3pm to 4pm Fruit & drink provided

£6.50 4pm to 6pm Snack & drink provided

at 4pm

£10.50 3pm to 6pm - Sibling's price is £8.50

The Breakfast Club and After School Club number for emergencies operates whilst the club is running  
0777 4496 483

Clubs provided by other agencies at the school - Sports / other clubs, when running, are charged at £4.00 3pm to 4pm and can also be booked by Parent Pay.

## Termly Pledge

Please can you help support us with termly pledge money from September. Each year every Catholic school is asked to contribute to the Diocesan Build Fund, this fund supports the building projects of all Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Shrewsbury, as we do not receive full funding for builds and refurbishments from the government. Since 2021 it has supported our school at St Mary's with a new hatch in the foyer, sky lights, replacement gutters, resurfacing of the pathways, new boiler, garage repair, new dishwasher, steamer and CCTV and new gates.

The money you provide is also used to provide extra outstanding provision for our children throughout the year.

We would like to thank all those parents who are able to donate, especially in the current climate, it is extremely appreciated by the school. If you would like to donate please email the school office [admin@stmrc.uk](mailto:admin@stmrc.uk)<sup>5</sup> for further details.

## School Car Park

The school parking bays are for staff and authorised visitors such as Cheshire East employees.

As you are aware, the school is equipped with 1 disabled parking space. If the school disabled parking space is occupied, the blue badge, which is intended for on-street parking, will allow you to park on single or double yellow line for up to 3 hours.

Our school is very busy at the start and end of the day, no unauthorised vehicles are permitted to enter the grounds for the safety of our children and families.

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<sup>5</sup><mailto:admin@stmrc.uk>

We politely ask parents not to park their vehicles on the double yellow lines outside school, (unless they are a blue badge holder) or outside neighbouring residents' driveways or grass verges.

Staff, parents and visitors, please be reminded that if no parking bays are available they must not double park, instead they are to park safely outside of school.

## Contact Us

### Absence

- Reporting an absence, please ring 01606 516 171 & select option 1, by 9am latest each day. State child's full name, class and reason for absence.

### Email [finance@stmrc.uk](mailto:finance@stmrc.uk)<sup>6</sup> for:

- ParentPay & School Club queries
- Medical appointments & Absence Requests

### St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Manor Lane, Middlewich. CW10 9DH

01606 516 171

[admin@stmrc.uk](mailto:admin@stmrc.uk)<sup>7</sup>

Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm

Visit us on the web at <https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/>

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