

# STMARY'S



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## St Mary's Newsletter 08.12.2023



We are starting to feel very festive in school with the School Christmas tree and The Elf Run this week.

All the children have been working very hard in school and have been busy preparing for the Christmas activities.

Well done to all the stars of the week!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Janet McKinlay

## Savio House Retreat

It was lovely to see the joy on the faces of the children who took time out of the hectic autumn term to spend some time reflecting on our faith.









## Abernant Lake Year 6 Residential



Although it's a little bit early to mention the Year 6 residential, we thought it might give parents that little bit extra notification to start saving well in advance of the trip. I appreciate it might have come as a shock to see instalment dates already set up on ParentPay.

The trip takes place on the 26th June to 28th June 2024. The cost of the trip is £295.00 per pupil which is due by 28th April 2024 and payment instalments have been set up on ParentPay. If you would like your child to attend please can you secure your child's place on ParentPay and pay the £20.00 deposit and first instalment of £55.00 by the 28th December 2023.

Abernant Lake is part of the Manor Adventure group of activity centres. They are located in the spa town of Llanwrtyd Wells, Powys. At Abernant Lake, children will have the opportunity to try outdoor pursuits such as Climbing, Abseiling, Fencing, High Ropes, Orienteering, Raft Building, Overnight Camps, and many more. It is an experience of a lifetime and one the children really enjoy.

## Online safety

### Online Safety

Many children already have a device of some kind or may be getting a device for Christmas so I would like to take this opportunity to urge parents to check parental controls and ensure filters are in place.

Across our school during the first half term, we were focused on helping our children to develop understanding and skills related to keeping safe online. These have included: creating safe passwords, knowing what spam emails are and how to communicate responsibly on platforms such as WhatsApp.

In an ever-changing digital world, it is not always easy to know how we can best protect and educate our children about using the internet safely and responsibly. In case you missed the webinar, here is a link to a recording of it:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8\\_9mhZx8-ZE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_9mhZx8-ZE)

These guides may also be useful to understand how to stay safer online and the types of useful conversations you can have at home.

<https://natterhub.com/blog/complete-online-safety-guide-for-key-stage-1>

<https://natterhub.com/blog/complete-online-safety-guide-for-key-stage-2>

## Number 42 Bus

Unfortunately, Cheshire East will be withdrawing the diversion into the school from the 8th January. Service reliability overall on the 42 has fallen to the point action was needed. We are not the only part of the route affected. They will review again if reliability settles to an acceptable level.

## Elf Run

The annual sponsored Elf Run took place on Wednesday 6th December.

The children looked fabulous in their elf hat's.

Once St Luke's have collected all the money raised we will let you know the total.







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**ELF RUN**

StLukesHospice t. 01606 555685 e. events@slhospice.co.uk www.slhospice.co.uk  
St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice, Grosvenor House, Queensway, Winsford, Cheshire CW7 1E



## Foundation Stage & Key Stage One Christmas Assembly 12th December 2.15pm

This will be held on Tuesday 12th December in the school hall at 2.15 pm and parents are invited to attend and take their children home after the performance has finished. Refreshments will be provided by the PTA prior to the performance. Doors will be open from 1.45 pm.

Details have been sent home from class regarding lines and costumes.

## Key Stage 2 Carol Concert and Christmas Fair Sunday 17th December starts from 4pm

The infants can't have all the fun so the junior classes are starting to prepare a carol concert which will take place at St Mary's church on Kings Street on Sunday 17th December from 4pm. After the short carol service which is from 4pm to 5pm, children will be invited to decorate the Christmas tree at the back of the church. Everyone is then invited to the Christmas fair in the parish centre with stalls, cakes, refreshments and I believe an appearance from Father Christmas.

**Please sign up on ParentPay for the Choir**

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage and Key Stage One - Christmas Assembly, 2.15pm in the School Hall – Parents to attend & take children home afterwards
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch School Christmas Jumper Day with uniform
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Panto Northwich Memorial Hall School uniform for Christmas Panto with Christmas accessory in exchange for shop bought cakes for PTA Christmas Fair All Sports Clubs finish 4pm Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert and Christmas Fair at St Mary's Church King Street starting at 4pm <b>Please sign up on ParentPay for the Choir</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last After School Club before Christmas 3pm to 6pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Breakfast Club before Christmas 7.30am to 8.30am <b>Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm All children to be collected at this time</b> School closed 20 <sup>th</sup> December to 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	School Opens 8.30am Breakfast Club and After School Clubs will commence, please book your places on ParentPay for January 2024
Starting 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Sports, Forrest, Dance, Gymnastics clubs will commence and be open on ParentPay next week for bookings for January 2024
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 go swimming

## Stars of the week



*We would also like to give an extra special mention to **Lacey Smith in Year 3**, who was Star of the Week on the 24.11.2023 – well done Lacey!*

Reception	Naomi Webster
Year 1	Cassius Ward
Year 2	Isaac Maddocks
Year 3	Faith Stevens
Year 4	Isla Butler
Year 5	Isabella Adamson
Year 6	Leila Camacho
After School Club	Grace Connor

**Well done to you all!**

## Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 13th December 2023 we will be having our school Christmas Lunch.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to this meal free of charge.

For other Year Groups, the cost of the school Christmas Lunch is £2.50 and payment needs to be made by ParentPay, [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)<sup>1</sup>

If your child **WILL NOT** be having a Christmas Lunch on this day, please can you advise the school office so that we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.parentpay.com/>

 CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU 



WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023



RED Roast Turkey, Stuffing  
& Cranberry Sauce

YELLOW Quorn Fillet

Served with Roast  
& Creamed Potatoes

Carrots, & Sprouts

Gravy



Shortbread Biscuit



Fruit Platter Milk or Juice



## St Mary's Poppy Appeal



### St Marys POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping  
with our Appeal.

**£313.07**

was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to  
continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely  
*P. Walton*  
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ .....

Registered Charity No. 219279

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## Important Reminder - ParentPay Accounts

Re: Breakfast Club / After School Club / School Meals / Sports Clubs

**Please can you check your ParentPay accounts for each child are up to date and in credit.**

There are a number of large payment amounts outstanding and the office are spending far too much time in chasing them.

**Payments remain outstanding for the school pantomime and the deadline for payment is today.**

Please note this message does not apply to school trip items which already have payments schedules in place.

**If you are struggling to clear your ParentPay accounts, then please contact the office by the end of today.**

## 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>2</sup> for:

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

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