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St Mary's Newsletter 22.01.2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to see how hard the children have been working in school this week.

There is lots planned in school and the community so please make sure that you read the newsletters carefully to keep up to date.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Janet McKinlay

Headteacher

Diary Date Reminders

Thursday 8 th February	Art Gallery Open Afternoon, 3pm to 3.30pm
Monday 12 th February	Y5 Redridge Parent Information Evening, 3pm to 3.30pm
Thursday 15 th February	PTA School Disco - See poster for times
Friday 16 th February	School finishes at 3.00pm
February Half Term	Monday 19 th February to Friday 23 rd February
Monday 26 th February	School opens 8.30am
Wednesday 6 th to Friday 8 th March	Year 5 Redridge Residential
Tuesday 5 th March	2024 World Book Day
Monday 11 th March	Parents Evening bookings open on ParentPay
Thursday 21 st March	2024 Gingerbread Sock Biscuit Campaign
Monday 25 th March	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability
Thursday 28 th March	School finishes at 3.00pm
Spring Break	Friday 29 th March to Friday 5 th April
Monday 8 th April	School opens 8.30am
Wednesday 10 th April & Thursday 11 th April	Parents Evening in Hall

School Trip Reminders

Please pay on ParentPay

Cost	Place	Year Group	Date
£219.00 due 1 st March 2024	Redridge	5	6th to 8th March 2024
£105.50 due 15 th March 2024	Petty Pool	3	16th May to 17th May 2024
£295.00 due 28 th April 2024	Abernant Lake	6	26th June to 28th June 2024

PE & Swimming Timetable

Day of week	PE	Swimming
Monday	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3,Y4, Y5, Y6	
Wednesday	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y6	Year 5
Thursday	Reception	

Children are to wear their PE kit on their PE day & swimming day

Science Year 5

Pupils of Year 5 joined Mrs McKinlay to experiment with properties and materials this week.



Big Schools' Birdwatch 2024





Here are some pictures of the School Council taking part in the Birdwatch to see how many different birds visit our school grounds.

Year 5

Due to the unforeseen absence of the Year 5 teacher, we have covered Year 5 with HLTA provision (higher level teaching assistants) and assigned additional resources, however from next week, Ms Jane Worral will be joining us as a qualified teacher to cover Year 5 until Mr Philo returns.

Please join with me in wishing Mr Philo a speedy recovery.

Hockey Competition St Nicholas High School 1st February

Students of Year 5 & 6 have been invited to the Hockey Competition which will take place at St Nicks Catholic High School Hartford on Thursday 1st February.

You will need to provide transport to and from the event for your child. Start time is 3.45pm - 5pm. Children will need to wear PE kit, take a water bottle and **MUST** wear shin pads.

Students that have been invited please can you respond ASAP on ParentPay.

St Mary's PTA Bag Pack Saturday 3rd February 12pm to 4pm at Morrisons



Art Gallery Afternoon 8th February 3pm to 3.30pm

At St Mary's Art and Design is embraced as a creative learning experience which allows all children stimulating access to the whole curriculum. Art, craft and design embody some of the highest forms of human creativity, sparking children's creativity and imagination, we are pleased to announce our in school art gallery afternoon on: Thursday 8th February from 3pm to 3.30pm



Digital Inclusion

FREE IT SESSIONS

**DO YOU LACK CONFIDENCE IN
FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND YOUR
PHONE, LAPTOP OR DEVICE?**

**If so, please come along to St Mary's Catholic
Primary School (Manor Lane, Middlewich) on:**

**Saturday 20th January,
Saturday 17th February
Saturday 23rd March**

**10—10.45am—Help with phones and tablets
11—11.45am—Help with using Word, Excel etc.**

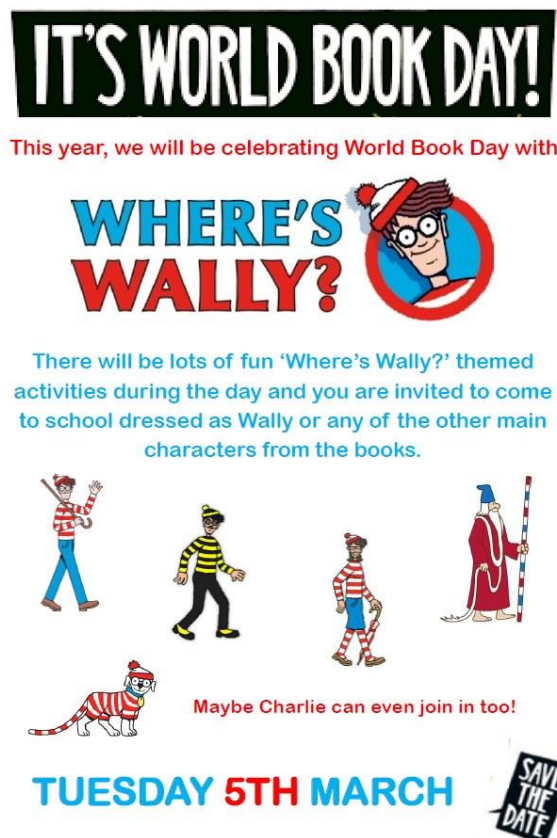
Volunteers from the Cheshire East locality are providing free digital inclusion workshops at St Mary's for anyone struggling with the complexity of features on their mobile phone or for anyone who needs help using their IPAD or laptop. This has been organised by Lucie Ferneyhough, Community Development Officer. Emma Kennedy from Age UK will be attending the next session on 17th February to speak to people about staying safe online.

For more information, please contact Lucie Ferneyhough on 07929 717909 or lucie.ferneyhough@cheshireeast.gov.uk

PTA Valentine Disco 15th February



World Book Day 5th March



Diversity Calendar 2024

Please look on the school website under school information -equality, diversity and inclusion for the NAHT diversity calendar 2024.

Diversity Calendar 2024¹

Chapel Group

All children of all classes are welcome to attend on Tuesday mornings at 8.00 am in the Chapel.



Fun Fest Holiday Club Reminder

We are excited to announce Fun Fest Holiday Club are returning to the school for the following dates:

20th, 21st & 22nd February 2024 and bookings are now live.

(Bookings for the next holiday will open once the previous has finished - Easter bookings will go live from 26th February 2024)

2nd – 5th April 2024

28th – 31st May 2024

Summer holiday dates to be confirmed - the club will run for at least 4 weeks of the holidays.

Please contact Fun Fest to make holiday club bookings ASAP as places will get booked up.

The priority booking line for St Mary's is:

Contact: 07570 270 839

If you have any queries or would like to book for holiday dates in between, please email: middlewichoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk²

¹https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/22722638

²<mailto:middlewichoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk>



HOLIDAY CLUB

For children aged
3 - 12 years

St Mary's Catholic Primary
School, Middlewich

7:30am to 6pm



- £35 for a full day
- £32 for a sibling
- £20 per morning or afternoon
- £160 full week (Monday - Friday)

Child Care Vouchers
accepted

Booking now open

fun-fest.co.uk

Contact Fun Fest Cheshire Office

Email: middlewichoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

Telephone: 07570270839

OFSTED Registered

STARS OF THE WEEK

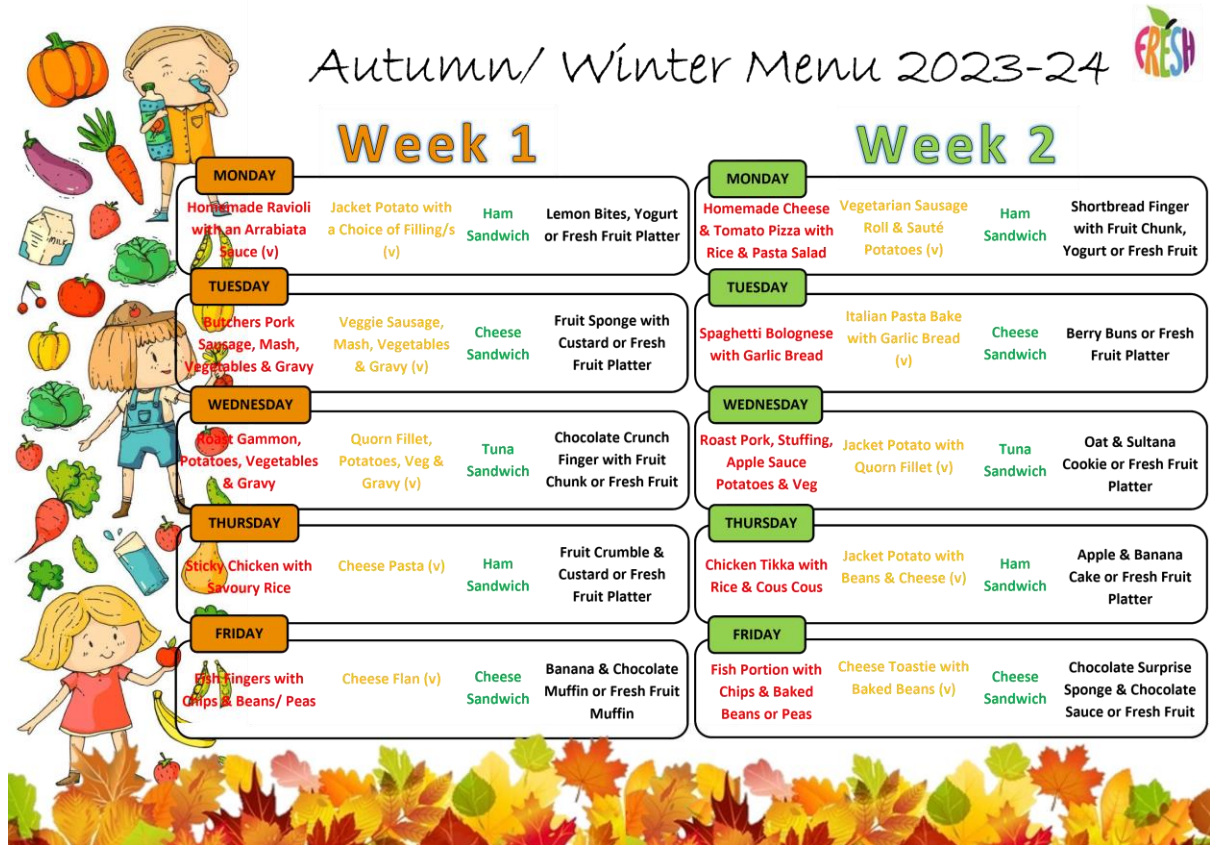



Reception	Finneus Donnelly
Year 1	Lula Keller
Year 2	Emmie Thomson
Year 3	Grace Connor
Year 4	Andre Lourenco
Year 5	Henry Fox
Year 6	Lydia McGrory
After School Club	Daniel Coxon

Well done to you all!

Updated Autumn & Winter Menu

There has been some slight changes to the menu on Week 1 Thursday and Week 2 Monday, please see updated Menu which will also be available on our website.



Autumn/ Winter Menu 2023-24 

Week 1				Week 2					
MONDAY	Homemade Ravioli with an Arrabiata Sauce (v)	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling/s (v)	Ham Sandwich	Lemon Bites, Yogurt or Fresh Fruit Platter	MONDAY	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Rice & Pasta Salad	Vegetarian Sausage Roll & Sauté Potatoes (v)	Ham Sandwich	Shortbread Finger with Fruit Chunk, Yogurt or Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Butchers Pork Sausage, Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Veggie Sausage, Mash, Vegetables & Gravy (v)	Cheese Sandwich	Fruit Sponge with Custard or Fresh Fruit Platter	TUESDAY	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Italian Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread (v)	Cheese Sandwich	Berry Buns or Fresh Fruit Platter
WEDNESDAY	Roast Gammon, Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Quorn Fillet, Potatoes, Veg & Gravy (v)	Tuna Sandwich	Chocolate Crunch Finger with Fruit Chunk or Fresh Fruit	WEDNESDAY	Roast Pork, Stuffing, Apple Sauce Potatoes & Veg	Jacket Potato with Quorn Fillet (v)	Tuna Sandwich	Oat & Sultana Cookie or Fresh Fruit Platter
THURSDAY	Sticky Chicken with Savoury Rice	Cheese Pasta (v)	Ham Sandwich	Fruit Crumble & Custard or Fresh Fruit Platter	THURSDAY	Chicken Tikka with Rice & Cous Cous	Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese (v)	Ham Sandwich	Apple & Banana Cake or Fresh Fruit Platter
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers with Chips & Beans/ Peas	Cheese Flan (v)	Cheese Sandwich	Banana & Chocolate Muffin or Fresh Fruit Muffin	FRIDAY	Fish Portion with Chips & Baked Beans or Peas	Cheese Toastie with Baked Beans (v)	Cheese Sandwich	Chocolate Surprise Sponge & Chocolate Sauce or Fresh Fruit

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 and Barrows of Bollington

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

Autumn/ Winter 2023-24

At: St Mary's RC Primary

November 2023							December 2023							January 2024						
M	Tu	W	T	Fri	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	T	Fri	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	T	Fri	Sa	Su
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27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31				

February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
M	Tu	W	T	Fri	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	T	Fri	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	T	Fri	Sa	Su
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26	27	28	29				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					



Attendance

STMARY'S Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

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 and school finishes at 3pm.

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.

We would also appreciate if your child could be collected on time at 3pm, we understand there are occasions when traffic has been congested around Middlewich but so that staff are not delayed in their commitments, please ensure you allow enough time to collect your child from school.

Spotlight on Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK:	YEAR 5
WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK:	94.2
RECEPTION	92.3
YEAR 1	96.1
YEAR 2	93.5
YEAR 3	91.6
YEAR 4	92.3
YEAR 5	96.6
YEAR 6	95.6

1 - Well done to Year 5 this week!

Parent Contact Details & Notifications

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.

Can parents also ensure that their notification settings on ParentPay are turned 'ON' so that they do not miss important school messages and updates.

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 by the end of each week.

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

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

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.uk³ for:

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

School Clubs

ParentPay online booking system for St Mary's Breakfast & After School Club is now live.

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.

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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, please note when these clubs are full, as places are limited, we operate a waiting list system.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have been reviewing the clubs provided by others and would like to thank all the parents that provided their feedback for the French, Art, Musical Theatre and Dance, unfortunately there was not enough interest to run these clubs.

As Sports Clubs are the most popular, we will be running additional Sports Clubs after the February half term. These will be put up on ParentPay shortly, the cost will be £4.00 per session and they will run from 3pm to 4pm.

School Clubs	Current Clubs	Clubs starting from 26th February 2024
Monday	Health & Fitness in the Hall with The School Sports Company KS1	Football Club outside with The School Sports Company KS2
Tuesday	Gym in the Hall with Sports Coaching Group KS1 & KS2	Basketball outside with The School Sports Company KS2
Wednesday	Football Club outside with The School Sports Company KS2	Netball outside with The School Sports Company KS2
Thursday	Forrest School outside with The Sports Coaching Group KS2	Dodgeball outside with The School Sports Company KS1
Friday	Street Dance in the Hall with The Sports Coaching Group KS1 & KS2	Hockey outside with The School Sports Company KS2

School Building Fund

Please can you help support us with termly pledge money from September. **This is £15.**

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, CCTV, new gates, upgrades to school lighting.

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 have already donated, especially in the current climate; it is extremely appreciated by the school.

Contact Us

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