

STMARY'S



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Newsletter 28th November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are just a week away from Advent and the first of our Advent Assemblies to learn about the season of Advent and its meaning for Christians and our school. Advent means 'coming' and reminds us of the need to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas. In school, we will be noting the season with the colour purple, the Advent Wreath, the Crib, our Nativity, our KS2 Carol Concert and our Advent Prayer Trail.

Mrs Janet McKinlay

Headteacher

Improvements to the environment



Great Basketball Competition



Christmas Shoe Boxes

Teams4U collected our Shoeboxes. They will be making their way to Eastern Europe to help to lighten the lives of children. Thank you for supporting this initiative.

Jubilee Celebration Day

Jubilee Celebration Day on 21st November was an opportunity for schools involved in the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year, themed "Pilgrims of Hope". The pupils spent the day reflecting, giving thanks, and looking ahead, marking the end of the main school-based initiatives for the Jubilee year. have a look on Facebook for the pictures.

Flu Vaccinations

The School session for Flu Vaccinations is booked on **28th November 2025**.

This is available to all children from Reception to Year 6.

Please complete your econsent for the vaccination **before 25th November 2025**.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/e57730cdhttps://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/e57730cd>

If you do not want your child to have the flu vaccine, please let us know using the same link.

If you have any problems using the link, please telephone 0333 358 3397.

For more information about the flu vaccine please follow the link below:

[Children's flu vaccine - NHS](#)

PTA

Dear parents and carers,

The **PTA (Parent and Teacher Association)** has a clear mission: to **raise funds that enhance, enrich, and improve learning experiences** for our children—and to provide the **little extras** that make school memorable. So far this year they have provided funding for IPADs, stationary, a wooden wigwam, a water feature and chalk board in Reception.

Please help out if you can - even half an hour.

To learn more or to get involved, please contact: **07525 845 735**.

Could parents send in cake donations for use at the Christmas fair by 8th December?

School Trip Reminders

Saturday 29 th November 2025	Creative Craft Fair 11am till 4 pm and Christmas Santa Photograph
Friday 5 th December 2025	Modern Foreign Languages Christmas Workshop for pupils.
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Whole School Christmas Panto Aladdin Northwich No swimming this day
Sunday 7 th December	Carol Concert in the Victoria Hall at 3.30pm
Friday 12 th December 2025	Rock Steady Concert at 9.15 am in school hall
Monday 15 th December 2025	St Mary's KS2 Carol Concert (6pm) at the parish church in King Street at 6pm. Followed by PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday, 16 th December 2025	Nursery, Reception and KS1 Nativity. Performances at 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday, 18 th December 2025	School closes at 13.30pm
Friday 19 th December 2025	Inset Day - School Closed
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday 2 nd January 2025
Monday 5 th January 2026	School opens 8.30am
Monday 12 th January 2026	Robinwood Parents' Information Evening straight after school
Wednesday 18 th to 20 th March 2026	Y5 residential to Redridge
Friday 27 th March 2026	Y4 Pupils visit to St Nicholas High School
Wednesday 17 th June 2026	Y5 Activities' day at St Nicholas High School
Tuesday 7 th & Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Y6 Transition Days to St Nicholas High School

Please pay on ParentPay

Green are school residentials

Red are school day trips

Cost	Place	Year Group	Date
£15	Whole school Panto		10 th December 2025
£218	Robinwood	6	4 th to 6 th February 2026
£203	Redridge	5	18 th to 20 th March 2026

PTA Christmas Wreath Making



To book on please message 07525 845735 but you'll have to be quick as the florist will need to cater for any increase in numbers.

Christmas Craft Fair

Come to the craft fair to be held at St Mary's - there will be lots of stall holders and artisans selling handmade goods, often featuring unique items like jewelry, art, and homemade candles and honey.

Santa's Grotto is ready for his visit tomorrow from 11 onwards. Sign up on Parentpay or pay on the day.



After School Clubs

Extra-curricular Clubs

Monday to Friday 3pm - 4pm

Monday - Weightlifting Last session on Monday 1st December/ Years 1 - 3 Multisports (free)

Tuesday - KS2 basketball (after Christmas) Watch out for the notification

Wednesday - KS1 and KS2 football

Thursday - dodgeball (after Christmas) Watch out for the notification/Spanish/ Mad Science

Friday - KS2 Drama (no charge)

Spanish Language Club Thursday 3pm to 4pm

Open to all year groups. Prices are £5 per session.

To book please visit www.llamalanguages.co.uk

Science Club from January 2026

Thursdays 3-4pm

Rock Steady Music Friday 8.30am to 10.30am

Rock Steady Music run inclusive rock and band sessions in school on a Friday morning 8.30am to 10.30am to book a place please go to the below link.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Homework Club

For those attending ASC on a Friday 3pm to 4pm there is an opportunity to complete homework with support from staff.

Spanish Club

Parent can secure a place for next half term by clicking the link on Llama Languages website

www.llamalanguages.co.uk

or directly on eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-spanish-club-st-marys-middlewich-primary-school-tickets-1730677395679?aff=oddtcreator>

Dates:

Thursdays - 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, January & 5th February 12th February

For any questions, please contact this email address:

sara@llamalanguages.co.uk

SPANISH CLUB
ST MARY'S MIDDLEWICH

THURSDAYS
3:00 - 4:00

BOOK NOW!

- Dive into lively, hands-on sessions led by Mme Dellapiana, our MFL teacher with over 15 years of experience!
- Pick up the essentials for your next holiday, get a head start for secondary school, or just for the sheer joy of it!
- Open to all St Mary's children attending Year 1 to Year 6.

£ 5
PER SESSION

More Info and bookings:
SARA@LLAMALANGUAGES.CO.UK
FACEBOOK.COM/LLAMA.LANGUAGES
WWW.LLAMALANGUAGES.CO.UK

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The Twelve Scams of Christmas - be vigilant

AbilityNet In partnership with **BT Group**

The 12 Scams Of Christmas

- 1: Fake Delivery Notifications**
Scammers send texts or emails pretending to be from delivery companies.
Tip: Never click tracking links - visit the website directly
- 2: Gift Card Scams**
Scammers may send out advertisements for discounts or gift cards that are fake.
Tip: Always purchase direct from official retailers.
- 3: Charity Fraud**
Fake Charities pop up to take advantage of generosity during this period.
Tip: Verify charities at Give.org.
- 4: Online Shopping Scams**
"Too-good-to-be-true" deals on fake websites or social media ads.
Tip: Shop only on trusted websites.
- 5: Travel Scams**
Discounted holiday travel deals that vanish after you pay.
Tip: Book through reputable sites or directly with airlines/hotels.
- 6: Phishing Emails**
Fake emails claiming problems with your account, delivery, or purchase.
Tip: Don't click links - log into accounts directly.
- 7: Social Media Ad Scams**
Scammers may post ads on social media for discounted items, these can often be fake.
Tip: Always buy from official retailer websites.
- 8: Fake Websites**
Scammers create fake websites that mimic legitimate retailers.
Tip: Always check the URL for correct spelling and ensure that it starts with "HTTPS".
- 9: Job Offer Scams**
"Seasonal" job offers, these may ask for personal information up front or payment for training.
Tip: Legitimate employers would never ask for payment.
- 10: Romance Scams**
Fraudsters target those looking for companionship during the season.
Tip: Be Cautious if someone asks for money or gifts.
- 11: Fake Online Marketplaces**
Scammers post fake listings for items that don't exist.
Tip: Use secure payment methods, such as PayPal.
- 12: Winter Fuel Payment Scams**
Scammers send texts/emails to trick you into giving personal information.
Tip: The government would not ask you to do this.

Want to learn more?
Contact AbilityNet on 0300 180 0028 to register

Mad Science



Mad Science Club

Mad Science are offering a science club after Christmas which will run for 6 weeks on a Thursday at a cost of £63.

Dates of club:

8th January 2026

15th January 2026

22nd January 2026

29th January 2026

5th February 2026

12th February 2026

You can register your child online at the link below on a first-come, first-served basis.

<https://northengland.madscience.org/parents-register-a.aspx>

Community Events

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 6th September

Saturday 11th October

Saturday 8th November

Saturday 6th December

10 — 11.30am

Help with phones and tablets

Refreshments provided

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



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Free digital skills sessions

Boost your skills using mobile phones, laptops, tablets
at AbilityNet's free, friendly tech workshops for
disabled adults and people over 55.

Join us at **Middlewich Library** on the
first Tuesday of every month,
starting October 2025 2pm.

First session:
07/10/25 2pm - 3:30pm
Introduction to Tech

Cost	Place	Year Group	Date
£128.00	Savio House	4	19 th to 21 st November 2025
£15	Whole school Panto		10 th December 2025
£218	Robinwood	6	4 th to 6 th February 2026

Applications

Applications are now open for children transitioning to secondary school. Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences.

Applications must be submitted to the child's home local authority by:

- 15 January 2026 for pupils starting primary in September 2026.

Parents still need to apply even if the child has a brother or sister already at the school or the child is attending a nursery/preschool attached to the school. Further information about this will be available on the school's website.

To apply online and for further information please go to

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/apply-for-september-2026-school-place.aspx> or call 0300 123 5012.

For up to date information please direct parents to follow our twitter @CE_Admissions and follow The Family Information Service – @FISCheshireEast or

<https://www.facebook.com/FISCheshireEast/>

Link: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>

School Nursery



Please see our nursery page for more information on our new school website -

<https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/>

Parents tab at the top of the page then select Nursery.

Contacting the School Office

When contacting the school office for parent queries relating to clubs, medical appointments or school payment items, please contact the school office email which is: schooloffice@stmrc.uk

If you have a general enquiry or a query regarding admissions or paper copies of any information published on our website, please contact the School Office Manager at: admin@stmrc.uk

To contact the headteacher Mrs Janet McKinlay, please email head@stmrc.uk

To contact our school SENCO Miss Laura Dziamarski, please email ldziamarski@stmrc.uk

If you have a query or concern regarding your child please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

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
- useful information for parents - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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01606 516 171

Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm

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