

STMARY'S



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Newsletter 26th Sept 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks in school and lovely to see how all the children have settled well into their new classes and school routine. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Janet McKinlay

Headteacher

Please see our new school website.

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

This will be regularly updated with our School Dates for your diary which we have listed below for ease.

Applications

Applications are now open for children starting primary school and 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:

- 31 October 2025 for pupils moving up to High School in September 2026.
- 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.

Parents should consider how their child will travel to school when making preferences. Parents can find out about school transport at

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school_transport/school-transport.aspx

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>

St Nicholas Open Evening

Upcoming Open Evening on Wednesday 25th September for Year 4, 5 & 6 parents.

Car parking is always a challenge so if any parents are able to car share, that would be helpful.

Y3 Tatton Park Trip

On Friday 17th October, Y3 will be visiting Tatton Park for a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop. The children will learn about how we find out about the past by the messages left behind by these prehistoric communities. Examine what life was like for people living at the time and how technology, lifestyle and community changed between the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age periods. Activities are weather dependent and include: the supervised and safe use of fire (bow drill and flint), outdoor cooking, methods of communication (cave painting and/or storytelling), corn grinding and shelter building.

The cost of the trip is £27.20 including transportation. Payments and consent to be made via Parent Pay.

Children should arrive as normal at 8.30am and they will be returning before 3pm.

As this is an outdoor trip, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately in their **PE kit** with a coat, walking shoes or wellies. We will be outside all day and remember there will be no central heating!

Please provide your child with a packed lunch and a bottle of water.

SPORTING EVENTS

Mixed Football Competition

Well done to the mixed football team who came joint 2nd in their Vale Royal competition at St. Nicholas High School.

They played some great football and scored some impressive goals. They showed great teamwork and resilience.

Girls Football Competition

Congratulations to the girls football team who came 2nd in their Vale Royal competition at St. Nicholas High School.

The girls faced some tough competition but they were determined to win and played some impressive football.

They showed great passion and teamwork, well done girls.

Mixed Football



Girls Football



School Council Club

School council will be meeting with newly appointed class representatives on a Thursday after school starting from 9th October. 3- 3.50 pm. We look forward to hearing the children's ideas to enhance the provision at St Mary's. The children can be collected from the Year 2 classroom door.

Hello Friday



Hello Yellow – Friday 10th October

This World Mental Health Day, we're supporting **YoungMinds** by joining in with **Hello Yellow**. Children are invited to wear their uniform along with something yellow and bring in **£1**. We'll also be learning more about mental health and wellbeing in class. Thank you for your support!

HAF Holiday Club for October Half Term

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

Are you in?

FREE for recipients of income-related free school meals*

Enjoy fun activities, healthy meals and so much more!

*Subject to availability

Department for Education

Cheshire East Council

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.

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**



AbilityNet In partnership with **BT Group**

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

Eating well for less

Would you like to eat more healthily as a family, but you're not sure where to begin or how to manage it without breaking the bank?

Tips given at the workshop.

Location: Middlewich Methodist Church, 108 Booth Lane, CW10 0EF

Date: 5th November 2025

Time: 11- 12.30am

Contact: bethany.hands@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Eating well for less

Free local workshops



Healthy eating
doesn't have to
be expensive
- and can be
delicious!

Would you like to eat more healthily as a family, but you're not sure where to begin or how to manage it without breaking the bank?

This workshop helps the whole family to eat well for less including:

- Tips for a cheaper, healthy shopping basket
- Healthy meal planning to make the most of the food you buy
- Recipes for tasty, simple and healthy low-cost meals

Venue:

Date:

Contact:

September clubs

Other School Clubs after half term from w/c 15th September 2025

Sports Clubs

Monday to Friday - Sports Clubs 3 - 4pm £4.00 per session.

Coach Gary and Coach Mike will be running sports clubs from Monday to Friday from Monday 16th September 2025 and these are available on Parentpay.

Monday - weightlifting (free for the first 6 weeks)

Tuesday - KS2 basketball/netball

Wednesday - KS1 and KS2 football

Thursday - KS2 dodgeball and hockey

Friday - KS1 and KS2 gymnastics/fitness (wall apparatus)

Weight Lifting Club coming soon!

Wednesday 3pm to 4pm running for 6 weeks.

Kids with Bricks Wednesday Club 3pm to 4pm

The club costs £3.99 +VAT per child per session and is paid for termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to www.kidswithbricks.com to book your child's place

Autumn 1- 7 weeks from 17th September 2025 (Wednesday)

Autumn 2- 7 weeks from 5th November 2025 (Wednesday)

Spanish Language Club Thursday 3pm to 4pm

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

To book please visit www.lamalanguages.co.uk

Bookable in groups of 5 sessions

Here are the dates for Autumn 1

18/09/2025

25/09/2025

2/10/2025

9/10/2025

16/10/2025

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/>

House of Dance

From Wednesday 17th September 2025 House of Dance will hold a regular dance class at St Mary's from 3pm to 4.15pm, running for the whole summer term.

Below is the booking link

<https://house-of-dance-chester.classforkids.io/info/604>

It will be £5.50 per session

It is super easy, just click the link above, which takes you to the booking page, fill in all details and pay.

Homework Club

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

Weightlifting Club starting soon

A new Weightlifting Club will be starting soon. This will be free of charge for the first 6 weeks. It is open to KS2 pupils.

Mondays from 3 - 4 pm.

Mad Science



Mad Science Club

Mad Science are coming in to give a free spectacular science show in October and will be offering a science club after Christmas which will run for 6 weeks on a Thursday at a cost of £63.

Proposed dates of club:

8th January 2026

15th January 2026

22nd January 2026

29th January 2026

5th February 2026

12th February 2026

Please pay on ParentPay

School Trip Reminders

Thursday, 9 th October 2025	Junior Cross Country at Cledford at 3.30pm
October Half Term	Monday 27 th October 2025 to Friday 31 st October 2025
Monday 3 rd November 2025	School opens at 8.30am
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Whole School Christmas Panto Aladdin Northwich No swimming this day
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

Please pay on ParentPay

Green are school residentials

Red are school day trips

Cost	Place	Year Group	Date
£10	Crucial Crewe	6	15 th October 2025
£27.20	Tatton Park	3	17 th October 2025
£128.00	Savio House	4	19 th to 21 st November 2025
£15	Whole school Panto		10 th December 2025

Chateau Du Broutel

Please see the information on Parentpay about a joint trip to France with St Joseph's.

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 Dziemarski, please email ldziemarski@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

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Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm

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