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Newsletter 10th October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for donating food items for the Harvest Festival. There is still time.

Harvest Festival celebrates the time of year when crops have been gathered from the field and people can reflect and show gratitude for the food they have.

Celebrating harvest dates long into British history, to a time when farmers would give thanks for a good harvest.

The children have been learning about harvest time at school, and were keen to collect food for those in need in our local community, so thank you again for your generosity.

Harvest Prayer

Generous God,

Fill our hearts with your love

and move us to be good neighbours

to all our sisters and brothers.

Turn us away from indifference

and lead us to work together

to create a movement of hope.

**Inspire us all to play our part,
to build a better world
where each and every person
can share in the joy of your gifts.**

Mrs Janet McKinlay

Headteacher

Making the environment safer

A big thank you to Stephanie Nixon, who sourced some bamboo fencing from B & Q for our school perimeter.

After School Club

Dear Parents/carers,

Please can you book your child onto the after school club via the usual manner as we have to provide adequate staffing levels and provisions. On Tuesday, we only had 12 children booked onto ASC however, 21 turned up. We hadn't planned for that many to be having tea so would be grateful if you could notify us in advance.

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>

Penguin Party

Year 2 will be having a penguin party in class on Monday, involving penguin biscuits, crisps and juice. Please can you contact school if you do not wish for your child to have the juice and snacks?

Shoe Box Appeal

St Nicholas High School students are taking part in a Christmas Shoebox appeal. They are aiming to send items through Teams4U who will be travelling to Eastern Europe. We thought it would be a lovely idea to join them in their charitable endeavour. If you are able to put together a shoebox – it would be a very welcome gift for those who have very little around Christmas time. There will be more information before half term but perhaps look out for a suitable box and have a look at the website:

<https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>

Y3 Tatton Park Trip

On Friday 17th October, Y3 will be visiting Tatton Park for a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop.

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.

CROSS COUNTRY - Well done!



School Council Club

School council will be meeting with newly appointed class representatives on a Thursday after school. The first meeting was on 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 each week.

Hello Friday



Hello Yellow – Friday 10th October

Thank you for supporting World Mental Health Day on 10th October and supporting **YoungMinds** by joining in with **Hello Yellow**.

HAF Holiday Club for October Half Term



Please contact Coach Gary to register your place or email the office.

School Uniform Reminders

The school has spare uniform which has been donated, then washed and ironed. Please make enquiries at the school office.

As per our uniform policy, please see the information below.

Only one pair of simple stud earrings are allowed to be worn to school. They must be removed by the child themselves for PE and swimming. We recommend children come to school without earrings on swimming and PE days. If not, they must take them out and replace them themselves. Staff are not allowed to take out or put in earrings. Children are responsible for their own earrings if they are taken out at school. We encourage parents to make use of the summer holidays for ear piercing. This will enable ears to heal before returning to school in September.

Sensible black school shoes are required. Trainers are not allowed other than for outdoor PE.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or their hair dyed. This includes hairstyles where the sides are much shorter than the top or with lines/patterns shaved into them. All children (boys and girls) with long hair must have this tied back.

Nail varnish, shellac/acrylic/false nails is not permitted and parents of children wearing nail varnish will be contacted and asked to remove it. Make-up is not permitted.

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.

Music for Life Invite

Music for Life Rocks!



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Music for Life

ROCKS



For young musicians with a year experience playing any rock band instrument, including guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and vocals.

Playing in a rock band is a fantastic opportunity for students to play the music they love, together with like-minded young musicians and receive top-level coaching.



Monthly
Saturday
rehearsals at
Cransley School
1pm-2:30pm

Sign up here:

www.musicforlife.org.uk

info@musicforlife.org.uk

01244 728 922



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



FACE FAMILY ADVICE November Timetable 2025

Are you feeling that no-one is listening? Are you stuck on a waiting list needing some support?

Raising children is probably the most challenging thing you will ever do. You are probably already doing lots of great parenting but sometimes we need extra ideas and techniques, especially as the children turn into teenagers.

Have a look at the online parenting workshops.



November Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

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.

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)

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

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/>

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

The Weightlifting Club will be starting on Monday 13th October.

Every Monday 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

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

With the year now up and running, Music for Life are keen for new students to sign up for music lessons to start after October half term, subject to tutor availability.

Chateau Du Broutel

There is still time to join the French trip. 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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Manor Lane, Middlewich. CW10 9DH

01606 516 171

Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm

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