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Newsletter 14th November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have a busy half-term ahead. Fortunately, our children returned refreshed after the half-term break. It was lovely to see so many of St Mary's pupils at the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 9th November.

Mrs Janet McKinlay

Headteacher





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.

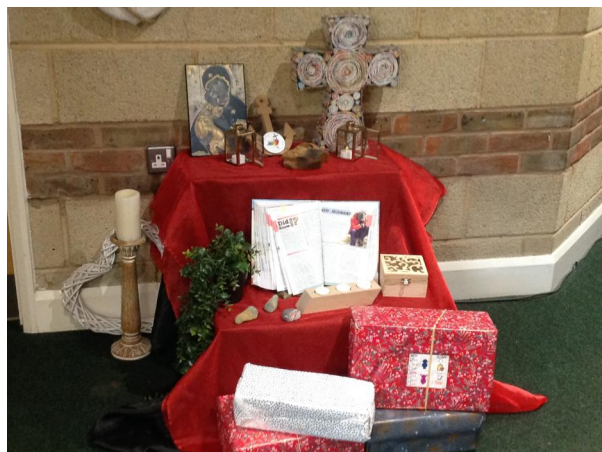
If you have any problems using the link, please telephone 0333 358 3397.

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

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

Give Love in a Box

Here are our upcoming Mini Vinnies with some of the children's Shoebox donations.



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.

Our **fundraisers**—such as **school discos** and **non-uniform days**—play a big part in achieving this. With your **contributions** (for example, **bottles for the Christmas raffle**), your **energy**, and your **ideas**, we can make every child's time at **St Mary's** the very best.

Your **support** is hugely appreciated and can take many forms:

- **Join the PTA:** Take on a role or simply lend your voice.
- **2025–26 PTA WhatsApp group:** Be part of the chat and help when you can.
- **Volunteer at events:** Lend a hand at a fundraiser or run a one-off activity when time allows.
- **Attend and invite:** Come along to PTA events and bring family and friends.

What your support could help fund:

- **IT equipment** to help teachers deliver engaging, modern learning.
- **Playground improvements** to enhance play equipment and outdoor experiences.

Most importantly, the PTA exists to create **memories and unforgettable experiences**—the smiles, laughter, and joy from **discos, movie nights, and fairs** are truly priceless. **Every hour volunteered lightens the load**, and **every parent who gets involved strengthens the community** our children deserve.

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

Universal Credit and FSM

You can get free school meals if you receive Universal Credit and your household income is below a certain threshold, currently £7,400 per year after tax. However, this income requirement will be removed starting in the 2026/27 school year, when all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible, regardless of income. Until then, existing free school meal recipients are protected and will continue to receive them until the

end of the 2025/26 school year, even if their income increases. We would urge you to apply so you can access

Free school meals benefit parents by saving money, improving their child's nutrition and well-being and potentially qualifying them for additional support during school holidays.

Financial and practical benefits

- **Save money:**

Families save money on lunches they would otherwise have to buy, with some families saving up to £450 a year or more.

- **Reduced cost of living:**

It can be more affordable to get nutritious food through the school meal program than buying less healthy, cheaper alternatives elsewhere.

- **Additional holiday support:**

In England and Scotland, eligibility for free school meals often leads to qualification for other support like holiday clubs and food vouchers during school breaks.

Allergy Awareness

So school can continue to support students with allergies and minimise the risk of allergic reactions, please ensure you keep the school informed of any new and changing allergy information relating to your child.

Visyon wellbeing Workshops

Year 5 have a Healthy Relationships and Self Esteem workshop on 18th November.

Our vision is for our children to have healthy minds and healthy hearts so they can be a light to others.

School Trip Reminders

Friday 28 th November 2025	Christmas Wreath making for parents & older children
Saturday 29 th November 2025	Creative Craft Fair 11am till 4 pm
Friday 5 th November 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
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

Please pay on ParentPay

Green are school residentials

Red are school day trips

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

Chateau Du Broutel

This trip has been cancelled due to the low take up at St Joseph's and at St Mary's.

PTA Christmas Wreath Making



To book on please message 07525 845735

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.



After School Clubs

Extra-curricular Clubs

Monday to Friday 3pm - 4pm

Monday - Weightlifting (free for the first 6 weeks) & Years 1 - 3 Multisports

Tuesday - KS2 basketball/netball/dodgeball

Wednesday - KS1 and KS2 football

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.

Free Weightlifting Club

The Weightlifting Club is every Monday from 3 - 4 pm.

It is open to girls and boys.

Children need to wear PE kits and bring a water bottle.

It is open to anyone who is interested - girls and boys.

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 - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, November & 4th 11th December

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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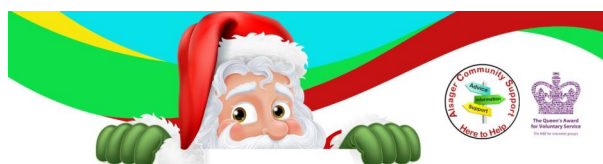
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Free digital skills sessions

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



Alsager Community Support Toy Appeal

Cue the carols, dust off the baubles... it's giving season!

Could you buy an extra toy or gift this Christmas to give to a child (0 to 16 years) in the local area whose family is going through a difficult time.

Bring your unwrapped gifts to the following drop off points:

- **Alsager Community Support**
19-21 Crewe Road, Alsager, ST7 2EW
- **Roses Refills**
4 Lawton Road, Alsager, ST7 2AF
- **Merepark and Cedars Medical Centres**
Sandbach Road, Alsager, ST7 2LU
- **Greenmoss Medical Centre**
Portland Drive, Scholar Green, ST7 3BT



Drop off dates: 10th November - 27th November

You can also donate via our Amazon Wishlist. Scan the QR code or use this link for a simple online donation option.



QR Code

bit.ly/4gno8bP

Website Link



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

Manor Lane, Middlewich. CW10 9DH

01606 516 171

Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm

Visit us on the web at <https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/>