

STMARY'S



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Newsletter 27th February 2026

Dear Parents/carers

As you know Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday have already been and gone and we are officially into the Lenten season!

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days of Lent during which we prepare for the great feast of Easter. In our homes we often have a 'spring cleaning' when the brighter sun shows up the cobwebs and dust that we do not notice in the duller light of winter. Using the light of Christ, we are able to look at our lives and we see what it is that we might need to clear away or sweep out.

Have a look at the CAFOD poster [HERE](#)¹ which is full of ideas we can do during Lent.

Fundraising

Thank you so much for supporting our recent Fundraising initiatives, Hello Yellow and Elf Run 2025.

We raised an incredible £126.25 for Hello Yellow and £286.00 for St Luke's Elf Run! Well done to all!

¹https://assets.ctfassets.net/vy3axnuecuwi/5nevP8BRZvigCeJGSmo9X4/7ce509aa6cf8253129119f00caea22eb/Education_lent25_Primary_FamilyPrayerIntentions.pdf



1 - St Luke's Elf Run 2025

Craft Fair Saturday 28th February



Tea, coffee, hot dogs and cake available during the day so come and have a browse around the stalls.

Mini Vinnies and the Big Lent Walk

Chapel group every Tuesday at 8am, entrance through the Chapel corridor. I hope as many Mini Vinnies are able to attend this whole school faith / art and craft session. **All pupils welcome!**

Mini Vinnies meetings: Wednesdays after school from 3pm to 3:45pm.

The Mini Vinnies have signed the school up for the Big Lenten Walk which is a great way to put Catholic Social Teaching into action. The money raised will support floating garden projects in countries that are struggling due to the climate crisis, like Bangladesh, where flooding is affecting their harvest. **More information to follow.** Please see the sponsor form [HERE](#)².

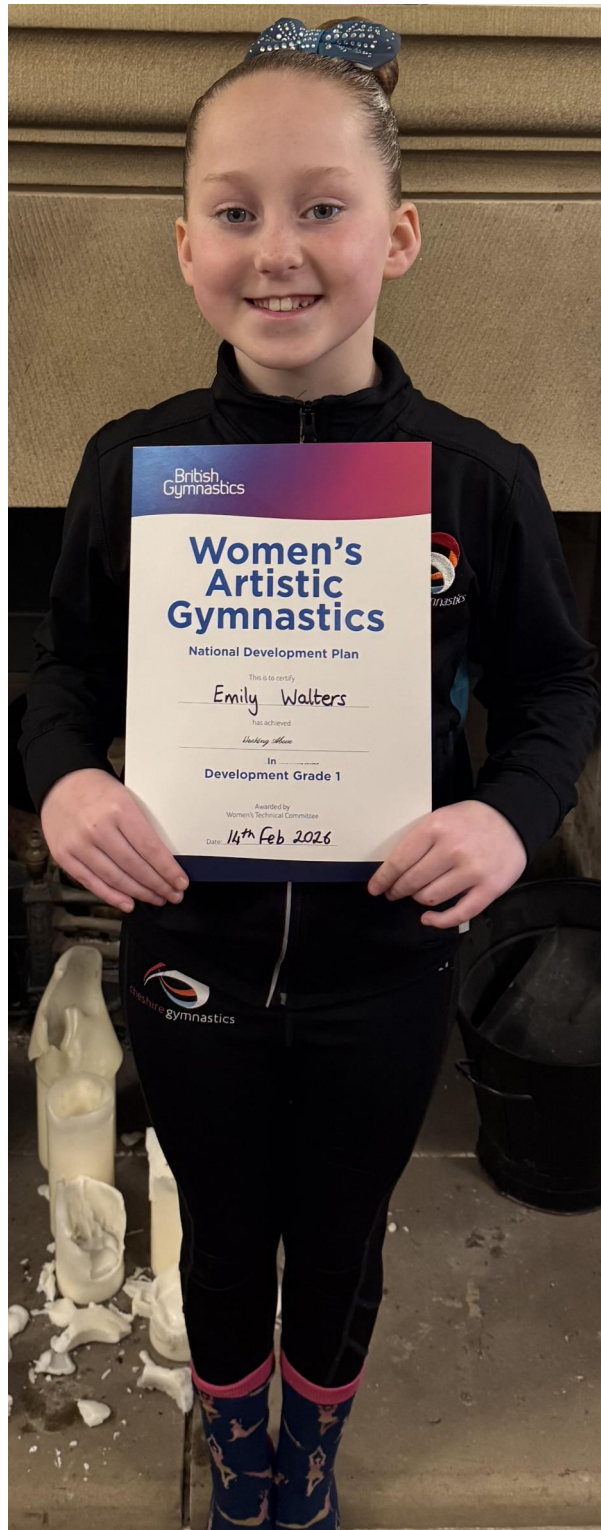


Congratulations

I would like to share some good news! Emily Walters (year 5) has passed her gymnastics grade Development 1 with a “working above” grade during the half term! Out of 117 girls in the whole North West, Emily came 24th overall and was in the top 10 for her range and

²https://assets.ctfassets.net/vy3axnuecuwi/f79547b3e30672327da721cdab64f51bf3cd69e5ee7dc31a7e1ee84e36d15f7b/942d28af57fc13392eada495224c5d05/TBLW_Sponsorship_form_A4_v2.pdf

conditioning (which shows flexibility, strength and control). We're delighted for her after a lot of hard work on her part!



Yr 5 Redridge

Information evening on **Monday, 2nd March at 3pm** in Year 5 classroom. Any parents who can't attend, please contact the office and arrangements will be made to supply you with the information.

Please see below for the kit list for Year 5's residential trip to Redridge from 18th to 20th March 2026.

Sleeping bag

pyjamas or nightdress

dressing gown

personal washing kit

towel

small light rucksack or bag (optional)

drinks bottle

plastic bags for wet clothing

3 x old jumpers or fleeces

3 x old trousers, (preferably not denim jeans)

3 x shirts/t-shirts

underwear and socks

warm waterproof/windproof jacket and trousers

HIKING BOOTS (waterproof)

Hiking socks x 2

1 - 2 pairs of old trainers

indoor shoes or slippers

woolly hat, SCARF, gloves, torch.

A few pairs of gloves in case it snows

Collection4clothes

A small recycle unit has been placed outside near the chapel corridor to encourage our pupils to fundraise for our school.

Please bring bags of clothes and any listed items and place them in the recycling unit. Our Recycling Champion, Luna Rozitis, is spearheading this initiative and will be supported by the Mini Vinnies.



Football Tournament

Well done to all the girls who took part in the football tournament at Middlewich High School on Thursday, 26th February.





Diary Dates and School Trip Reminders

Please pay on Arbor

Green are school residentials

Red are school day trips

School Trip Reminders

Saturday 28 th February	Craft Fair in school hall
Monday 2 nd March	Redridge Parents' information evening
Tuesday 3 rd March	Y5 Wizard of Oz Production at Middlewich High School
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – Non uniform day for the rainbow raffle again. It was a great success last year. Please bring in a coloured item based on the colour assigned to your class. The PTA will be selling raffle tickets to win hampers – a nice treat for the family for Easter. R - red Y1 – orange Y2 – yellow Y3 – green Y4 – blue Y5 – purple Y6 - pink
Friday 13 th March	Rocksteady Concert
Wednesday 18 th to 20 th March	Y5 Residential to Redridge
Monday 23 rd March	Y4 Bikeability
Tuesday 24 th & Wednesday 25 th March	Y6 Parents' Evening
Friday 27 th March	Y4 Pupils visit to St Nicholas High School
Thursday 23 rd to Friday 24 th April	Y3 Residential to Pettypool
Wednesday 17 th June	Y5 Activities' Day at St Nicholas High School
Tuesday 7 th & Wednesday 8 th July	Y6 Transition Days to St Nicholas High School
Friday 10 th July	Summer fair 3pm onwards
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 production 6pm (advance notice)
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers Mass

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Community Notices

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY
Middlewich

... **SEN** ...
Coffee
morning

24/1/26, 7/3/26, 18/4/26
Manor Lane, CW10 9DH

Opportunity to chat!
10 - 11am

Come and talk to other parents about SEN.



Middlewich Rose Fete & Children's Festival

Royal Selection Day
Sunday 1st March
1.00pm
Middlewich British Legion

to register
please scan and complete the form



Eligibility
Children must be aged 5-16 years
Only children who live in Middlewich may be considered for a Royal Role
Attendance at the selection day required.

Non residents who attend a Middlewich school may register as an Attendant Only
Not required to attend selection day. Please email middlewichrosefete@gmail.com to register.

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
JUNIOR BAKE OFF
Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

2 - Junior Bake Off - Applications now open!

<http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk/>

Anxiety Based School Avoidance



Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth

March 26th 7-8pm



Book online
www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to PARENTS - Live Talks page

All 16 parent talks **FREE** with our School Membership

Household Support Fund Information

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/financial-support/household-support-fund.aspx



FEBRUARY 2026 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)

Autism - Improving Communication	2 Feb 10am
Improving Family Communication	2 Feb 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	3 Feb 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Feb 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Feb 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Feb 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Feb 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Feb 10am
Introduction to OCD	17 Feb 7pm
FREE - Reducing the Harm from Screens	19 Feb 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	23 Feb 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Feb 7pm
Decreasing Depression	24 Feb 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Feb 7pm
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm

Middlewich IT Sessions



FREE IT SESSIONS

DO YOU LACK CONFIDENCE IN FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND YOUR PHONE OR TABLET?

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

Saturday 24th January
Saturday 7th March
Saturday 18th April

10.00 — 11.30am

Help with Smartphones and Tablets

Refreshments provided

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

Extracurricular Clubs

Monday

- KS1 and KS2 Climbing Frame Fun 3pm to 4pm - pay per session now available on Arbor

Tuesday

- Chapel Group 8 - 8:30am - all welcome (entrance in the morning through corridor next to year 6)
- KS2 basketball 3pm to 4pm - pay per session now available on Arbor

Wednesday

- KS1 and KS2 football 3pm to 4pm - pay per session now available on Arbor
- Mini Vinnies 3pm to 3:45pm
- Yr 6 Maths

Thursday

- Lunchtime Choir
- Reception & KS1 dodgeball 3pm to 4pm - pay per session now available on Arbor

Friday

- Rock Steady Music - 8.30am to 10.30am (to book click [HERE](#)³)
- Lunchtime Choir
- KS2 Drama 3pm to 4pm (no charge)
- Homework Club (whilst in ASC)

After Easter - free Yoga classes. More information to follow.

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School Nursery



Please see our nursery page for more information on our school website - Nursery⁴

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.uk⁵

³<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

⁴<https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Nursery&pid=15>

⁵<mailto:schooloffice@stmrc.uk>

If you have a general enquiry or a query regarding admissions or paper copies of any information published on our website, or assistance with Arbor please contact the School Office Manager at: admin@stmrc.uk⁶

To contact the headteacher Mrs Janet McKinlay, please email head@stmrc.uk⁷

To contact our school SENCO Miss Laura Dziamarski, please email ldziamarski@stmrc.uk⁸

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
- Please refer to the school's absence policy and Cheshire East Councils Penalty Notice via the school's website Here⁹
- useful information for parents - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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⁹<https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=30>