

STMARY'S



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Newsletter 13th February 2026

Dear Parents/carers,

Have a restful and pleasant half term!

Wednesday, 18th March is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. On our return to school, we will be considering the power of forgiveness; the need to forgive others and forgive ourselves. Wrong choices and the lack of forgiveness can weigh heavily on our minds and hearts and can present a barrier to God's love and the peace.

Craft Fair 28th February



Mini Vinnies

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.

Some of our Mini Vinnies modelled the new hoodies which have finally arrived!





Yr 5 Redridge

Information evening on Monday, 23rd February 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

Robinwood









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. When the container is full, the company will come and collect the recycling. The company will pay the school 40p per KG to run this initiative so please have a root through your wardrobes at

home for any unwanted clothing. Our Recycling Champion, Luna Rozitis, is spearheading this initiative and will be supported by the Mini Vinnies.



Message from Cheshire East

Dear Parents/Carers,

Cheshire East are undertaking a Cheshire Care Assessment. Please see their message:

We want to hear from you! Are you a parent who uses, or wants to use, early years childcare? Or do you have a school-aged child who uses, or may use, a before-school or after-school club or holiday club? Cheshire East wants to hear your thoughts on early years childcare and wraparound childcare for any of your children aged 0-14 years old, or up to 25 years old if they have a special educational need or disability (SEND).

To tell us about your childcare needs the Council would be extremely grateful if you could complete this survey before Friday 20 February 2026.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CheshireEast-CSA2026Parents/>

If you have any questions about the local authorities' responsibility to provide sufficient childcare, or the purpose of this survey, you can contact:

Earlyyearsandchildcareteam@cheshireeast.gov.uk¹ As always, thank you for your valuable feedback!

¹<https://Earlyyearsandchildcareteam@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Diary Dates and School Trip Reminders

Friday 13 th February	School closes for half term at 3pm
Tuesday 17 th February	Shrove Tuesday falls in half term
Wednesday 18 th February	Ash Wednesday falls in half term
Monday 23 rd February	School opens for Spring 2 half term
Monday 23 rd February	Y5 Redridge Parent Presentation – 3pm
Tuesday 24 th February	Y3 Geography Walk
Saturday 28 th February	Craft Fair in school hall
Tuesday 3 rd March	Y5 Wizard of Oz Production at Middlewich High School
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – Non uniform day
Friday 13 th March	Rocksteady Concert
Wednesday 18 th to 20 th March	Y5 Residential to Redridge
Monday 23 rd March	Y4 Bikeability
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

Please pay on Arbor

Green are school residentials

Red are school day trips

Cost	Place	Year Group	Date
N/A	Wizard of Oz – Middlewich High School	5	Tuesday 3 rd March (11:30 – 13:00)
£203	Redridge	5	18 th to 20 th March 2026
£112	Pettypool	3	23 rd to 24 April 2026

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.



KIDS & CARERS
FUN FOR EVERYONE!

AIMED AT KIDS AGE 10 AND UNDER

ONLY £2 PER CHILD

CARERS TO REMAIN ON SITE

OUR ACTIVITIES
CRAFTS * GAMES ROOM
BISCUIT DECORATING * DIVA'S DEN
MUSIC & DANCING * REFRESHMENTS
BABY & TODDLER ROOM
BOUNCY CASTLE

MID-CHESHIRE COMMUNITY CHURCH
36 BROOKS LANE, MIDDLEWICH, CW10 0JG
WWW.MIDDLEWICH.ORG

WEDNESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY

10AM - 12NOON



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

1 - Junior Bake Off - Applications now open!

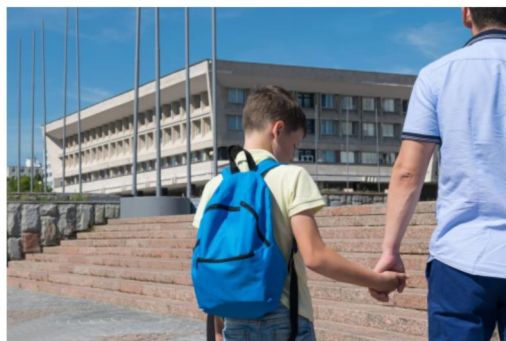
<http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk/>

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

Music For Life

Music for Life have asked us to pass this on to parents.

Instrumental and Singing lessons are available with Music for Life at school, and your child could be part of something amazing.

Here's what you need to know:

- Weekly 20 or 30 minute lessons in school, individual or small group

- Lessons start from just £29.95 per month (pupil premium subsidies available)

Booking is simple: visit our online portal, complete your details, and we'll confirm lesson times with one of our fantastic tutors.

If you have any questions, email us at info@musicforlife.org.uk.

To begin, complete the booking form on their portal (<https://www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now/>) by 30th January to start lessons after February half term.

Household Support Fund Information

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

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Please see the December's newsletter for advice and guidance links such as:

- Mindwell - ²**MindWell's top 10 tips for winter wellbeing**^{3 4}

²<https://www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk/myself/looking-after-your-wellbeing/mindwells-top-ten-tips-for-winter-wellbeing/>

³<https://www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk/myself/looking-after-your-wellbeing/mindwells-top-ten-tips-for-winter-wellbeing/>

⁴<https://www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk/myself/looking-after-your-wellbeing/mindwells-top-ten-tips-for-winter-wellbeing/>



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

Steps to healthier Schools

Please see December's newsletter for links to resources such as the below:

- NHS Guidance for Parents Is my child too ill for school?⁵ – a useful resource to help parents decide when children should stay at home.

Extracurricular Clubs

Monday

- KS1 and KS2 Climbing Frame Fun 3pm to 4pm (£44 per term)

Tuesday

- Chapel Group 8 - 8:30am - all welcome (entrance in the morning through corridor next to year 6)
- KS2 basketball 3pm to 4pm (£48 per term)

Wednesday

⁵<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

- KS1 and KS2 football 3pm to 4pm (£48 per term)
- Mini Vinnies 3pm to 3:45pm
- Yr 6 Maths

Thursday

- Lunchtime Choir
- Reception & KS1 dodgeball 3pm to 4pm (£48 per term)

Friday

- Rock Steady Music - 8.30am to 10.30am (to book click [HERE](#)⁶)
- Lunchtime Choir
- KS2 Drama 3pm to 4pm (no charge)
- Homework Club (whilst in ASC)

School Nursery



Please see our nursery page for more information on our school website - Nursery⁷

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.uk⁸

⁶<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

⁷<https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Nursery&pid=15>

⁸<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.uk⁹

To contact the headteacher Mrs Janet McKinlay, please email head@stmrc.uk¹⁰

To contact our school SENCO Miss Laura Dziamarski, please email ldziamarski@stmrc.uk¹¹

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/>

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Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm

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