

STMARY'S



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Newsletter 13th March 2026

Dear Parents/carers

The fourth Sunday of Lent is this weekend and falls on Mothering Sunday. The fourth Sunday is sometimes called Laetare Sunday which is a Latin word meaning 'rejoice'. We can now start looking forward to the joy of Easter - the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Remember to share the CAFOD poster [HERE](#)¹ which is full of ideas of things we can do during Lent.

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

World Book Day



Well done to all the children and staff who took part in World Book Day!

Everyone looked amazing in their costumes and really got into the spirit of the day. It was great fun seeing all the characters come to life.

Rock Steady Concert on 13th March





Mini Vinnies and the Big Lent Walk

The Mini Vinnies are holding a mini raffle, thank you to Sweets & Treats Middlewich, who kindly donated to the raffle. They will also be selling beautiful Easter cards between now and Easter. Tickets are 50p.

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. Please see the sponsor form [HERE](#)².

Each class will walk to Jack's park in the final week of this term at different times. They will also be able to have a short play before heading back to school.



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

Yr 5 Redridge

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

Thank you to everyone that has placed clothes into the Collection4clothes box outside the chapel corridor, we've already had to request our first collection as the box was overflowing!

Please bring bags of clothes and any listed items and place them in the recycling unit to continue to raise funds for school.

Diary Dates and School Trip Reminders

Wednesday 18 th to 20 th March	Y5 Residential to Redridge
Thursday 19 th March	Year 5/6 Mixed Netball Competition - Middlewich High
Monday 23 rd March	Y4 Bikeability
Tuesday 24 th & Wednesday 25 th March	Y6 Parents' Evening
Thursday 26 th March	PTA Rainbow Raffle Non-Uniform Day Nursery & Reception - Red Y1 – Orange Y2 – Yellow Y3 – Green Y4 – Blue Y5 – Purple Y6 - Pink
Friday 27 th March	Y4 Pupils visit to St Nicholas High School – Pupils can wear PE kit
Thursday 2 nd April	- Y3 Chester DEVA Roman Museum - School closes for Easter at 13:30
Thursday 23 rd to Friday 24 th April	Y3 Residential to Pettypool
Friday 22 nd May	School closes for Whit
Monday 8 th June	School opens for the summer term
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

Cost	Place	Year Group	Date
£203	Redridge	5	18 th to 20 th March 2026
£25.40	Chester DEVA Roman Museum	3	Thursday 2 nd April 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.

The poster features a green shield-shaped background with a light blue sky and white clouds. At the bottom, there is an illustration of five diverse children holding hands and jumping joyfully on a green hill between two trees.



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

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026


The poster has a light blue background. At the top, it says 'APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR JUNIOR BAKE OFF'. Below that, it asks 'Aged between 9-15 and love to bake? We'd love to hear from you!' and provides the website 'WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK'. At the bottom, it says 'APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026'. The central illustration shows various baking tools like a yellow stand mixer, a whisk, a bowl, a rolling pin, and a scale, set against a backdrop of a festival tent and trees under a blue sky with a string of yellow bunting.

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

THE WYCH CENTRE PRESENTS

BINGO AND BANGERS

FRIDAY 27th MARCH | 6:30PM



Prizes Include:


- Snugburys
- The Bake Box
- Reaseheath Mini Zoo
- Cotebrook Horse Centre
- Chimichangos

The Wych Centre | Civic Way, Middlewich

TICKETS
Adults: £10 | Children: £5 | Under 5's free
includes a meal and 3 bingo cards

Email: thewychcentre@gmail.com to book now!

The Wych Centre Presents



YOUTHIE


Thursdays | 5:45pm - 7:15pm

Arts & Crafts, Dancing,
Sports & Games plus much more...

Come Along and Make some
new Friends!

Ages 8-12
£3 per week

P.S. There's also a Tuck Shop





Explore Nature, Art, Science and Technology across West Cheshire Museums at **Museum Explorers club!**

Come and make some exciting discoveries with us this Spring!

Victorian Toys: 8th April
Aboriginal Art: 15th April
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm



Outstanding Owls: 9th April
Art Discover Day: 16th April
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm



Eggy Experiments: 10th April
Investigating Seasons: 17th April
11am-12pm & 12pm-1pm



Booking necessary, £5 per session. To book, pop in to see us or call:

Weaver Hall Museum: 01606 271646

Lion Salt Works: 01606 275066

Grosvenor Museum: 01244 972197



CHILDRENS FREE CRAFTS

THIS SPRING BREAK!



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th - Owl Masks @ Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th - Easter baskets @ Lion Salt Works, Northwich

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th - Miniature hobby horse @ Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th - Story Cubes @ Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th - Rainbows @ Lion Salt Works, Northwich

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th - Spring wreaths @ Weaver Hall Museum & Workhouse, Northwich

Stories the Earth Told



Friends of Fountain Fields presents 'Stories the Earth Told'

Sunday 22nd March, 11am - 2pm

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

Decreasing Depression



FREE online talk by

Jane Keyworth

FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

23rd April 7-8pm



Book online www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Parents - Live Talks page

Household Support Fund Information

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-information/financial-support/household-support-fund.aspx>

Middlewich & District Foodbank



**We're
here
to
help.**

**Middlewich & District
Foodbank is here to support
your school community.**



EMERGENCY FOOD

Parcels are available with essentials like milk, tinned foods, cereals, pasta, rice, biscuits.

REFERRAL

Your school can facilitate a confidential referral to ensure you receive the help you need.

NEXT STEP

Get in touch with the Food Bank via the details below, through your school office, doctor's surgery or social worker.

Telephone

0771 227 9949

Email info@middlewichdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

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.

School Nursery

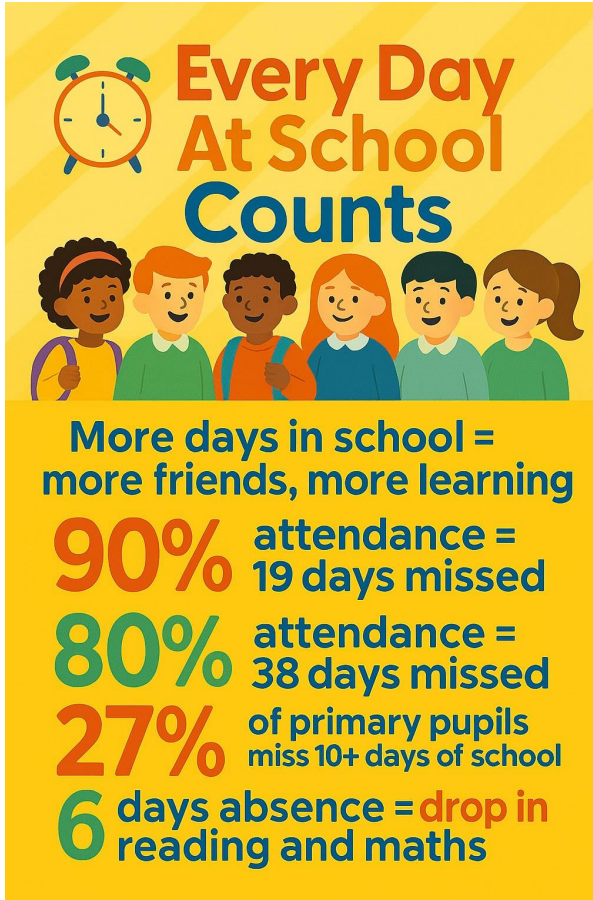


Please see our nursery page for more information on our school website - Nursery⁴

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

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

Attendance



**Every Day
At School
Counts**

More days in school =
more friends, more learning

90% attendance =
19 days missed

80% attendance =
38 days missed

27% of primary pupils
miss 10+ days of school

6 days absence = **drop in**
reading and maths

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 [Here](#)⁵
- useful information for parents - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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.uk⁶

⁵<https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=30>

⁶<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.uk⁷

To contact the headteacher Mrs Janet McKinlay, please email head@stmrc.uk⁸

To contact our school SENCO Miss Laura Dziamarski, please email ldziamarski@stmrc.uk⁹

If you have a query or concern regarding your child please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

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