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Newsletter 12th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had an exciting Whit holiday and the children seem rested and ready to get back to work. There are lots of exciting events coming up this half term so it's going to be a busy time.

Class Organisation

Due to budgetary constraints, there will be some changes next academic year. Please join me in congratulating Mrs Dziemarski who is expecting and is due in the autumn term. She will be out of class for the first three weeks of term in order to dedicate her time to all matters relating to SEN before her maternity leave. Mr Philo is taking over the SENCO role whilst she is away from school. Mr Philo has already attended various training events and handover sessions will be arranged so he can assume the role with a comprehensive overview of systems, processes, agencies and resources.

Another change will be the introduction of a mixed age class in Key Stage 1. Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will form one year group under the direction of Miss Cook assisted by Mrs McKinlay in the mornings. The Y1/2 classroom base will be in the current year 3 and 4 classrooms but the folding partition doors will be open between both rooms.

Year 3 will move into the Year 1 classroom and Year 4 will occupy the Year 2 classroom.

The Haven is being enhanced to accommodate Resourced Provision and Alternative Provision and will be used to support all pupils within the school. Many children access the Haven at lunchtime when seeking a quieter space/environment.

Fortunately, pupil numbers are increasing with 25 Reception starters in September.

ALTAR SERVERS

PLEASE SEE THE MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH ABOUT ALTAR SERVING

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are inviting pupils in **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** to consider joining our parish team of altar servers. This is a valuable opportunity for children to take an active role in the liturgy and to deepen their understanding of the Mass.

While many children are very enthusiastic about serving, the ministry does require regular attendance at weekend Masses. We therefore ask parents and carers to consider whether they are able to support this important commitment.

A **practice session will take place in church on Friday 26th June at 4.00pm**, finishing at **5.30pm**. This introductory session will help new servers become familiar with what is involved.

We would be pleased to welcome any interested pupils.

God bless you, Fr Vijay

Best regards

Dave Collins

HAF Club Summer 2026

Coach Gary will be running our HAF Club for the first **4 weeks** of summer. He will be sending home flyers on Monday with your children for more information.

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER SURVEY

The Children's Commissioner feels that it is crucial to hear from children in every school and college, in every community, across the country. Without hearing from all students and hearing about their experiences, views and aspirations, he cannot get an accurate national picture that will help shape future policy. The commissioner is asking us to share the survey directly with pupils via our email systems, as well as with parents and carers across our wider school community. Please see the link below:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Dates for the diary 25-26

Wednesday 17 th June	Y5 Activities' Day at St Nicholas High School
Thursday 18 th and Friday 19 th June	Y6 Transition Days at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School
Friday 19 th June	Y3 – Trentham Gardens Trip
Wednesday 24 th June	KS2 Town Sports 3:30 – 5:30pm MPS
Thursday 25 th and Friday 26 th June	Y6 Transition Days at Sandbach Boys School
Friday 26 th June	PTA Non uniform day – Bring a bottle
Tuesday 30 th June	Y1 and 2 trip to Chester Zoo – waiting for confirmation from the coach company.
Wednesday 1 st and Thursday 2 nd July	Y6 Transition Days at Middlewich High School
Monday 6 th July	Whole School Sports Day Monday morning from 9:30 am. Seating will be available on the field.
Tuesday 7 th & Wednesday 8 th July	Y6 Transition Days at St Nicholas High School
Friday 3 rd July	Summer fair 3pm onwards (CHANGE OF DATE)
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 production 6pm (advance notice)
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers Mass in the morning
Friday 17 th July	School closes for Summer at 13:30

St Mary's Art & DT Gallery Exhibition

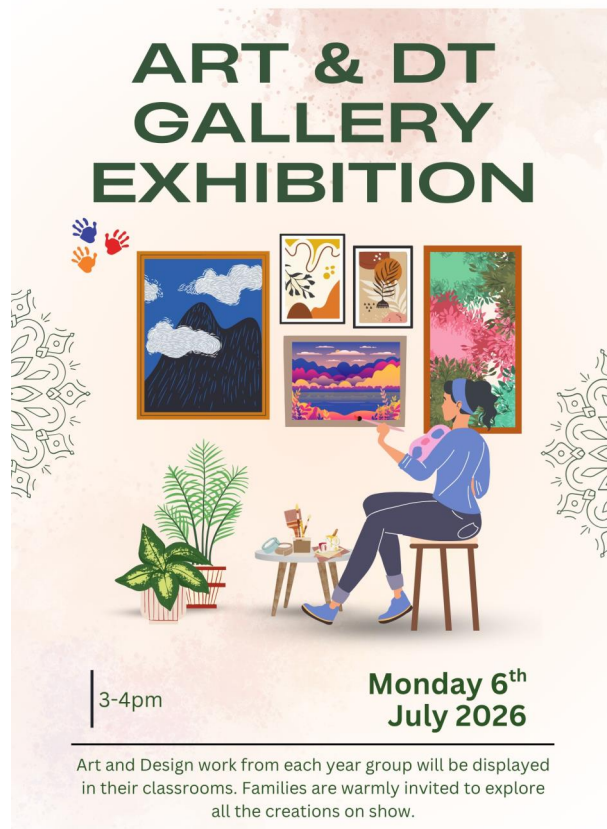
We are delighted to showcase the creativity, talent and hard work of our students at the St Mary's Art & DT Exhibition 2026.

Join us to view an inspiring collection of Art & Design work from each year group, celebrating the achievements of our young artists.

Monday 6th July 2026

3:00pm – 4:00pm

We look forward to welcoming students, families and friends to this special exhibition.



Sports Day 2026

We are pleased to let you know that **Sports Day 2026** will take place on **Monday 6th July**, starting at **9:30am** .

This is always a fantastic event filled with fun, teamwork, and school spirit     , and we would love for families to come along to support and cheer on the children  .

Please mark the date in your calendar - we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible! .

Ice Lollies for Sale

 **Ice Lollies Are Back!** 

With the warmer weather arriving , we're pleased to let you know that from **Friday 12th June** until the end of term, our **Mini Vinnies** will have a selection of **ice lollies**   available to purchase at the front of school.

We hope everyone enjoys this refreshing treat during the hot weather! 🧘💧🌈

Music for Life

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

New for 2026 and from September, pupils can unleash their rhythm with brand-new drum kit lessons in school, using the innovative NUVO Zip-Kit for a fun, portable and exciting start on drums!

At Music for Life, we believe music should be inspiring, accessible and fun. That's why we provide outstanding tutors who deliver weekly lessons, individually or in small groups, to help your child discover the joy of music and develop a lifelong passion. Your child can choose from a wide range of instruments (including voice) and, when they join Music for Life, they'll unlock incredible opportunities: ensembles, theory classes, workshops, performances and more!

Booking is simple: visit our Online Portal¹, complete your details, and we'll confirm lesson times with one of our fantastic tutors. For more info, check out our website² for advice on choosing an instrument, up-to-date fees, and all the extra Music for Life magic.



PTA SUMMER FAIR

The PTA have kindly arranged for bouncy castles to be part of this year's Summer Fair. As this is a significant cost, we will be giving each class the opportunity to enjoy some time on the bouncy castles ahead of the fair.

¹<https://www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now/>

²<https://www.musicforlife.org.uk/>

This will help the PTA to recoup some of the costs while giving the children a fun experience to look forward to!

The cost will be **£3.00 per child**, and tickets will be available to purchase via **Arbor** in due course.



Community Notices

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



Wildcats Girls' Football.
Every Tuesday 6-7pm at Middlewich Town Football Club

Open to all girls aged 5 – 11, just turn up ready to play!
Gain football skills, meet new friends, build confidence.

If you've got any questions or want more information, contact:
Andy on 07738 203486 or Sarah on 07858 002672





ARMED FORCES DAY

★ SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026 ★

WHARTON RECREATION GROUND
EAST DUDLEY ST, WINSFORD CW7 3AQ

11AM – 2PM

MILITARY VEHICLES ★ MILITARY ITEMS FROM WWII
BRASS BAND ★ CHOIR ★ FAIR RIDES
BIRDS OF PREY DISPLAY ★ FOOD ★ BAR ★ LIVE MUSIC

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SANDBACH HOCKEY CLUB

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Junior SUMMER Training
Thursdays in June & July
6.00-7.00pm

Join us at Sandbach for summer hockey. The fun starts from **Year 1 to Year 7**. If you're wanting to give this a try, our **3 free sessions** for new players are perfect for you. The season then begins in Sept with weekly training until March!

CONTACT US AT

-  **Sandbach Hockey Club**
 **Sandbach Hockey Club**
 **sbhockeyjuniors@gmail.com**
SIGN UP AT
 **www.sandbachhockeyclub.co.uk**
/home/membership



ATTENTION
YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR



SUMMER

PRAISE

EVERYONE'S WELCOME

SUN 21 JUNE @ 10.30am





VENUE: SALINAE FIELD
MIDDLEWICH
CW10 9DG

FESTIVAL CHOIR

CHURCHES TOGETHER INCLUDES:

- METHODIST CHURCH
- MID-CHESHIRE COMMUNITY CHURCH
- ST MARY'S CHURCH
- ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
- UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Upbeat songs & actions performed by pupils from the local schools

LIVELY CHURCH SERVICE

**STAY AFTERWARDS AT THE
MIDSUMMER MIDDLEWICH FESTIVAL
FOR FOOD, MUSIC, ACTIVITIES
& CRAFT STALLS**



Sport activity days

For 8-15 year olds

Middlewich
Alsager
Nantwich
Sandbach
Crewe

Scan the QR Code for dates
and to sign up



PACKED LUNCHES

The DfE has announced reforms to the requirements for School Food Regulations 2014 (known as the School Food Standards) which provide the legislative framework to ensure schools in England provide children with healthy food and drink, and to make sure that children have the energy and nutrition they need across the school day. Under the reforms, deep-fried and high-sugar items like ice cream are set to be removed from school menus. The changes reflect growing concern within government about children's diets and their long-term impact on public health. Therefore, we ask that packed lunches **do not include**:

- Fizzy or energy drinks
- Sweets or chocolate bars
- Crisps more than once per week
- Nut-containing products (due to allergy risk)

Please remember our school is a **nut-free environment**. Do not include nuts or nut-based products in packed lunches or snacks.

Thank you for helping keep all children safe.



**NO NUTS OR NUT
PRODUCTS ALLOWED
IN SCHOOL**



Mental Health Toolkit

Cheshire East partners have created a practical wellbeing reference tool to help parents strengthen mental health support for their children - using simple, sustainable strategies paired with clear local support pathways.

Please use the link below.

<https://live-chesheast.cloud.contensis.com/pdf/schools/bulletins/documents-for-bulletins-2026/april/parent-carer-version-mental-health-toolkit.pdf>

Extracurricular Clubs - sign up on Arbor

Monday

- KS1 and KS2 Cricket 3pm to 4pm - pay per session now available on Arbor

Tuesday

- Chapel Group 8 - 8:30am - all welcome (entrance in the morning through Chapel corridor next to year 6)
- KS1 and KS2 Athletics 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
- Lunchtime Mini Vinnies

Thursday

- Lunchtime Choir
- KS1 and KS2 Rounders 3pm to 4pm - pay per session now available on Arbor

Friday

- Rock Steady Music - 8.30am to 10.30am (to book click [HERE](#)³)
- Homework Club (whilst in ASC)

ALL SPORTS CLUBS CAN BE BOOKED UNTIL 11AM ON THE DAY *SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY*

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

School Nursery



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

Attendance



Absence

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

- 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/>

The Importance of Good Attendance

Regular school attendance is vital to ensure children make the most of their learning opportunities, build strong friendships and develop positive routines.

Any leave requested during term time must be made in advance by completing a **Request for Leave** form. Please note that leave taken during term time may result in a **fine being issued by the Local Authority**, in line with current regulations. Please refer to chart below for details of the PN process including fines and timelines.

For further information, please refer to the school's **Absence Policy** and **Cheshire East Council's Penalty Notice guidance**, which are available via the school website [HERE](#)⁵.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance.

PENALTY NOTICE AND PROSECUTION	
Penalty Notices may be issued for Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines may be issued for term time leave of 5 or more days (10 sessions) in a 10-week period. 10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. However, school retain the discretion to request a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents/carers are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold.	
Per Parent/Per Child Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent/carer per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent/carer receiving 3 separate fines.	
First Offence The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at: £160 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 21 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)	Second Offence Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent/carer for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at: £160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)
Third Offence On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The Local Authority will decide on appropriate next steps which may include: *Prosecution under s444 (1) or (1a) of the Education Act 1996 which may result in a fine of upto £1000 or £2500 respectively. *Referral to other agencies.	

OFFICIAL

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

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

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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