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Newsletter 6th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had some really busy weeks here at St Mary's and the children have been troopers especially in the last few weeks with the extreme temperatures.

The School Book Fair has been a real success and there are many exciting events still to take place this term. Thank you to all who attended and purchased books last week.

Gentle reminder: School finishes for the summer on **Friday 17th July at 1.30pm**. There will be no ASC on Friday after school.

Class Teachers 2026-2027

Class teachers for the next academic year are as follows:

Nursery / Reception	- Miss Whelan
Years 1 and 2 Mixed Age class	- Miss Cook and Mrs McKinlay
Year 3	- Mrs Martin and Mrs Reed
Year 4	- Mr Philo
Year 5	- Miss Woolley and Mrs Walker

Year 6

- Mrs Hughes

SENCO

- Miss Dziemarski and Mr Philo

Reports

Reports will be sent out on Friday 10th July. However, Year 6 reports will go out on 17th July so the SATS results information can be included.

HAF Club Summer 2026

Coach Gary will be running our HAF Club for the first **4 weeks** of summer.

Flyers went home in children's bags, however please contact the office if you would like another copy.

After School Club

Mrs Appleton is stepping down from the After School Club position from September. Miss Lofthouse will fill her role and we are pleased to welcome Miss Lupton to the ASC Team. Mrs Quilliam and Mrs Turnbull will continue to be part of the team.

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

Monday 6 th July	Art & DT Gallery Exhibition 3 – 4pm
Tuesday 7 th & Wednesday 8 th July	Y6 Transition Days at St Nicholas High School
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 production 6pm
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers Mass in the morning
Friday 17th July	School closes for Summer at 13:30

St Mary's Art & DT Gallery Exhibition

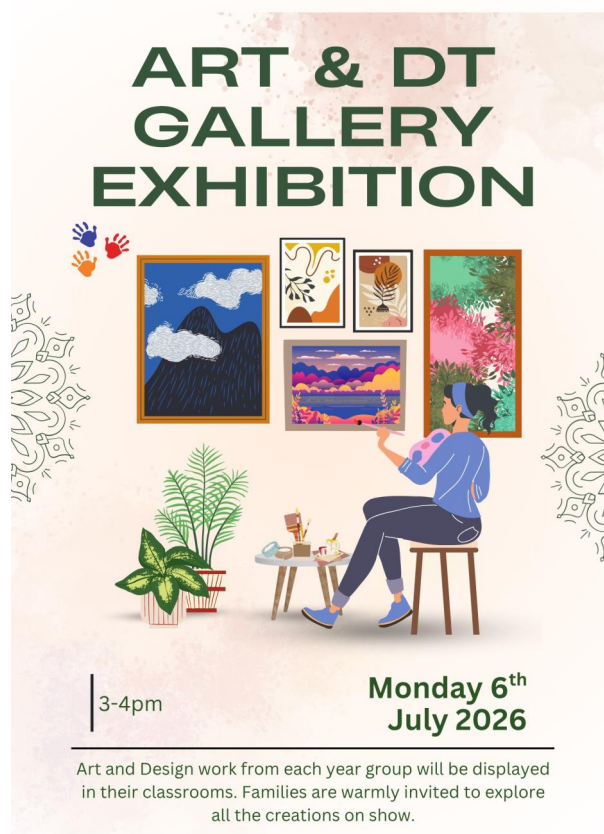
We are delighted to showcase the creativity, talent and hard work of our students at the St Mary's Art & DT Exhibition 2026.

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

The children had a fantastic sports day today, displaying teamwork, support and school spirit whilst having fun   .

We even managed to cheer on some parents for the parent races. All children will take home a medal.  **Please be aware** that the medals do **not** have safety breakaway lanyards, so we

kindly ask parents and carers to supervise their use appropriately. They are a keepsake and a photo opportunity and **are not to be worn** after capturing their sports day success.

Well done all! 🙌









Lolly Ices for Sale

 **Lolly Ices Are Back!** 

With the warmer weather arriving, we're pleased to let you know that our **Mini Vinnies** will have a selection of Lolly ices   available to purchase at the front of school on Fridays.

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

PARISH 100 CLUB

The parish are launching the St Mary's RC Church 100 Club fundraiser and would like to invite parents from St Mary's to take part as well. If you sign up, you'll be entered into a monthly draw with four prizes up for grabs. Each person is assigned a number. Four numbers

are drawn using a random number app once a month. If your number is selected, you win a prize:

1st Prize: £200

2nd Prize: £100

3rd Prize: £50

4th Prize: £50

The cost is £10 a month, to be paid by standing order. Forms are at the back of church and will be available in the school office.



Launching the St Mary's 100 Club!

We're delighted to announce the launch of the St Mary's 100 Club – a simple, fun and effective way to support our parish while giving yourself the chance to win a monthly cash prize.

By joining the 100 Club, you'll be helping us raise much needed funds for the running of the parish. At the same time, you'll be entered into a monthly draw with four prizes up for grabs.

How it works.

Each person is allocated a number for the duration they remain in the club.

Once a month four numbers are drawn using a random number app.

If your number is selected, you win a prize:

- o 1st prize: £200
- o 2nd prize: £100
- o 3rd prize: £50
- o 4th prize: £50

(Prize amounts are based on 100 people in the draw, prize values may differ with fewer participants)

The cost is £10 per month, to be paid by standing order to the parish on the 1st of the month.

Participants must be 16 plus.

How to join.

Please complete the form at the back of Church with your name, address, telephone and email.

Set up a standing order for £10 per month, dated to start on the 1st of the month (commencing July), using the bank details below:

Account name: St Mary's Middlewich
Account number: 54643068
Sort code: 301552
Reference: 100 Club - Your Name

When does it start?

The first draw will take place in July after 11am

Mass: The winning numbers will be advertised in the newsletter. Please consider joining – it's a small monthly amount that makes a big difference to the life of our parish.

Please send completed forms to the parish email or leave in the box at the back of church. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.

Dave Collins, PPT Chair

CHAPEL GROUP

There are no more Chapel Group meetings this term. Chapel Group will resume next year.

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

🌟 Thank you to our PTA for putting on a fantastic Summer Fair! 🌟

They managed to raise **over £1,700!** 🍌🍌

It was very well received, and it was lovely to see so many members of our school community out supporting them. ❤️

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

²<https://www.musicforlife.org.uk/>

The bouncy castles were a welcome addition, and the children enjoyed an early bounce on them throughout the school day. 😊

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise, volunteer, donate and attend the event.



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

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



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



Sport activity days

For 8-15 year olds

Middlewich
Alsager
Nantwich
Sandbach
Crewe

**Scan the QR Code for dates
and to sign up**



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

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SPORTS CLUBS ON THE LAST WEEK OF TERM (13TH - 17TH JULY)

Monday

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

Tuesday

- 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*

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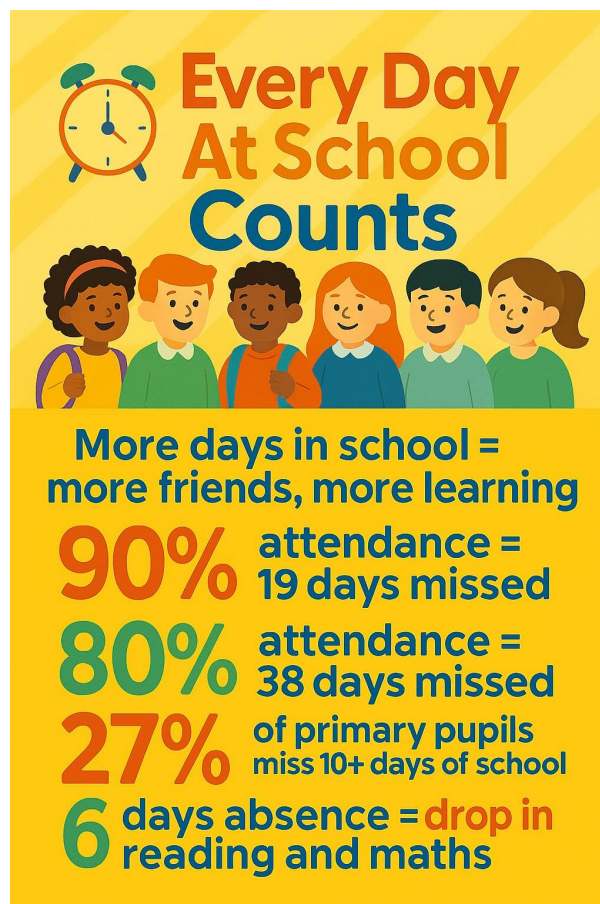
³<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

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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