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Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now into October already. How time flies!

The Mini Vinnie applications will be going out next week for pupils in Year 5 to consider whether they want to support the catholic life of the school. This year's focus will be on:

- A Culture of Care vs. Throwaway Culture: The Pope urges a transition away from consumerism and waste, replacing a "throwaway culture" with a holistic culture of care that values products, human labor, and people.
- Ecology: Following the path of *Laudato Si'*, he stresses that the "cry of the Earth is linked to the cry of the poor," meaning environmental degradation directly harms the most vulnerable populations.
- Emphasis on caring for our common home.

This year we hope to give the Mini Vinnies the opportunity to work closely with School Council members to have an impact on our school and local environment - a place for everyone to thrive.

On another note, congratulations to St Mary's community for their unfailing generosity to those in need or suffering in any way. You raised £190 for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

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Thank
You!

A huge thank you to all
of our children for
purchasing a gold ribbon
and supporting
Childhood Cancer Awareness.



We raised an amazing

£190.00

for this incredible cause!

Diary Dates 2026/2027

Saturday 3 rd October	Phone, Computer, Device support network in school hall 10am
Monday 5 th October	RSHE consultation at 4.30pm
Tuesday 6 th October	PTA Autumn Disco, Rec & KS1 5:00pm – 6:00pm, KS2 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Thursday 8 th October	Y6 trip to Crucial Crew
Thursday 8 th October	St Nicholas Music Festival
Thursday 8 th October	KS2 Cross Country Competition – Cledford Primary School
Friday 9 th October	Hello Yellow Day – Wear Yellow to school
Wednesday 14 th October	Photo order deadline 9:00am
Thursday 15 th October	Y3 – Stone, Bronze & Iron Age Experience – Tatton Park
Monday 19 th October	Seasonal Flu Vaccination
21 st & 22 nd October	Parents Evening
Friday 23 rd October	Pyjama Day Bring a bottle for the PTA
Friday 23 rd October	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM (3:00PM)
Monday 2 nd November	SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8:30AM
Monday 2 nd November	Christmas Jumper Donations start
Monday 2 nd November	Y4 – Savio Residential Parent Presentation at 3:00pm
Thursday 5 th November	Y5&6 Mixed Tag Rugby Competition – Middlewich High School
Monday 16 th November	Y6 Robinwood Residential Parent Presentation – 3:00pm
Wednesday 25 th to Friday 27 th November	Y4 residential at Savio House
Friday 4 th December	Rock Steady Christmas Concert
Monday 7 th December	ELF Run
Wednesday 9 th – Friday 11 th December	Y6 Residential - Robinwood
Monday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 15 th and Wednesday 16 th December	Whole school Christmas Production
Thursday 17 th December	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS (1:30PM)
Tuesday 5 th January	SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8:30AM

October half-term holiday club



To book or for any enquiries please email sportscoach@stmrc.uk¹

Year 6 Mini Vinnies Raffle for Caritas

In the last week before half term, the Year 6 Mini Vinnies will be selling raffle tickets for the most adorable squishy toys ever. Tickets: £1 Profits Proceeds will go to Bishop Mark's Caritas at Christmas Appeal.

Sports Competition

A huge congratulations to our Netball team on winning their first competition of the year at St. Nic's! The team demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and skill throughout the tournament. Their impressive movement around the court, accurate passing and fantastic shooting helped secure a well-deserved victory. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the positive sporting attitude they showed throughout the competition. Well done, team! 🏆 🎉

¹<mailto:sportscoach@stmrc.uk>



Arbor App



Please ensure you have downloaded and are using the Arbor app rather than the website.

The Arbor app is available from both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store and provides a more user-friendly experience than the web version.

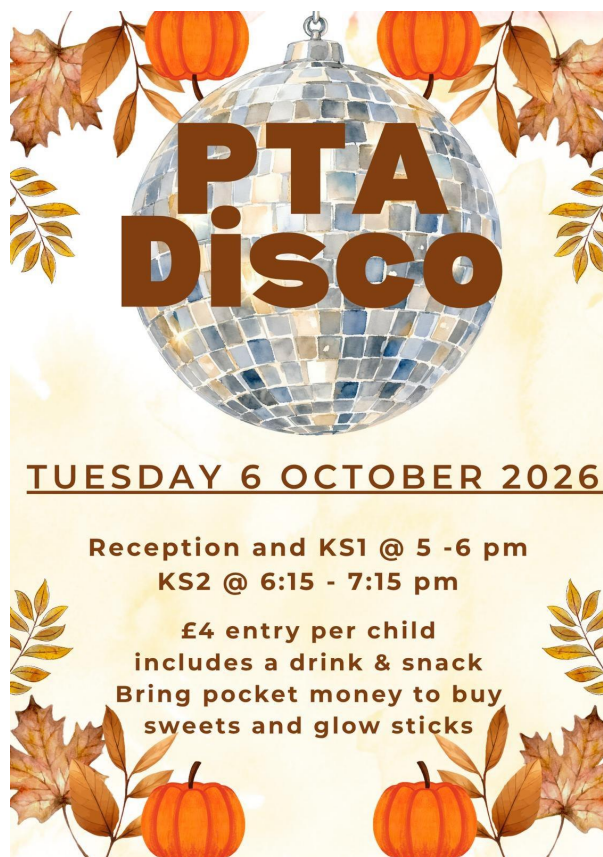
The app can be used to:

- Book clubs and activities
- Pay for school lunches
- Make payments for other school activities and trips
- Update your personal details and contact information

We recommend using the app wherever possible for the best user experience.

If you encounter any issues accessing or using the Arbor app, please contact the school office for assistance.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)



Tickets available to purchase via the school shop on Arbor



GDPR Consent

Further to the communication below, if you have not yet completed your child(ren)'s consent form, **please do so as soon as possible using the link provided.**

Thank you to all parents and carers who have already completed and returned the form.

As a reminder, at St Mary's we sometimes take photographs of pupils to celebrate and share their achievements and experiences. These images may be used on the school's website, display boards, weekly newsletter, prospectus, social media channels and in the local press. We also request permission to use your child's name alongside these photographs where appropriate.

We would also like you to confirm your consent to receive electronic communications from the school.

If you are happy for us to do this, please complete the consent form. If you do not wish your child to be photographed or named in this way, we will of course respect your preferences.

Please note that consent, once given, will remain valid until July 2027 and can be withdrawn at any time by emailing schooloffice@stmrc.uk.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Free School Meals



Could You Be Entitled to Free School Meals?

We have attached a poster with information about Free School Meals and recent changes to eligibility.

Many families who have not previously qualified may now be entitled to receive Free School Meals. If you think your circumstances may have changed, or if you have never applied before, we encourage you to check your eligibility.

Applying for Free School Meals not only provides your child with a nutritious meal each school day, but it can also help secure additional funding for the school, which is used to support pupils' learning and wellbeing.

The application process is quick, simple and confidential. Even if you're unsure whether you qualify, it is worth checking.

Please take a moment to read the attached poster for more information on eligibility and how to apply.

²<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=dDue4hulpkaRTmNzHXDfOJ3wvMn8ftplgByTDVHgrvpUM0JLTkk0WVJDTEdXNEVIOE9YQ1kzSzhWSy4u>

Hello Yellow



Come dressed in Yellow on Friday 9th October! No donation - it's to brighten everyone's day.
Cost - just a smile!

Harvest Donations

A colorful poster for St Mary's Middlewich Harvest Donations. The top features the church's name in a green serif font. Below it, the words 'Harvest Donations' are written in large, stylized, multi-colored letters. The background is decorated with autumn leaves, pumpkins, and a basket of food items. A central text box explains the purpose of the donations, and a list of suggested items is provided. The bottom of the poster has a green banner with a thank you message and a heart symbol.

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Harvest Donations

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are collecting donations to support local food banks and those in need within our community.

Please bring in donations
week commencing
Monday 28th September.

Suggested items include:

- Tinned food (fruit, vegetables, soup, beans, pasta, meat)
- Long life milk and juice
- Pasta, rice and cereals
- Tea, coffee and biscuits
- Toiletries and household items

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. ♡

Please ensure donations are made by Tuesday 6th October.

Christmas Jumper Swap



As part of our commitment to sustainability and reducing waste, we are delighted to be holding a **Christmas Jumper Swap** this year. Families are invited to donate any clean, good-quality Christmas jumpers that are no longer needed by bringing them into school during the week beginning **Monday 2nd November**. Our Year 6 pupils will organise the donations by size ready for children to choose a "new-to-them" jumper for their upcoming Christmas celebrations.

Parents and children are invited to come into school on **Monday 9th November 2026 from 3.00pm to 3.30pm** to select a jumper in their child's size, ready to wear for our Christmas Lunch later in the term. There is **no charge or donation required** to take part as this initiative is all about promoting sustainability, reusing clothing and helping our school community reduce unnecessary spending and waste.

We look forward to seeing lots of festive jumpers given a second life!

Music for Life - Piano Lessons

We have a 'Music for Life' tutor who visits our school every Friday to give piano lessons during the school day. If learning the Piano is something your child is interested in doing, she

is offering some free 15 minute lessons, for students to experience what learning the instrument with her might be like. If you would like to book a trial lesson, please email the school office schooloffice@stmrc.uk³ and we can arrange this for you.

More about Music for Life and lessons

- Lessons are weekly and last 20 or 30 minutes
- Pupil premium subsidies may be available
- Potential to play music with others: musicforlife.org.uk/ensembles
- Lesson booking is simple through the Music for Life website
- There is lots of information on the website: musicforlife.org.uk
- If you have any questions, you can ask at info@musicforlife.org.uk⁴



Attendance

The Importance of Good Attendance

³<mailto:schooloffice@stmrc.uk>

⁴<mailto:info@musicforlife.org.uk>

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 HERE⁵.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance.

Absence

- Reporting an absence, please ring 01606 516 171 & select option 1, **by 9am 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/>

%	W/C 31/08	W/C 7/9	W/C 14/9	W/C 21/9	W/C 28/9
Reception	100%	99.60%	100%	97.40%	98.30%
Year 1	100%	97.10%	93.60%	97.90%	97.90%
Year 2	88.90%	94.40%	90.60%	94.40%	94.40%
Year 3	100%	100%	94.20%	98.90%	98.30%
Year 4	95.70%	99.10%	96.60%	97.90%	98.30%
Year 5	95.80%	95.40%	95.80%	95.00%	94.20%
Year 6	95.20%	95.80%	91.60%	97.40%	98.70%
Whole school	96.50%	97.30%	95%	97.40%	96.60%

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

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 5th September

Saturday 3rd October

Saturday 14th November

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**



**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**



MIDDLEWICH JUDO CLUB

READY STEADY JUDO

TUESDAY
18:15PM - 19:15PM
AT MIDDLEWICH VICTORIA HALL

Want to be a Judo Superstar? ★

Come and join the fun at Middlewich Judo Club where you can jump, roll, balance, and learn awesome moves!

No experience needed! Just bring energy and a big smile!

★ **Come and Have a go!**
Wear comfy clothes, bring a drink, and get ready to have LOTS of fun!

Looking for a fun, active, and confidence-building activity for your 5-7 year old child?
Come and try JUDO! A fantastic way to learn new skills, make friends, and burn off energy! Judo helps children grow in confidence, improve coordination, and learn respect, all in a safe, structured environment with fully qualified, DBS-checked coaches.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

- Learn cool judo throws & rolls (safely, of course!)
- Play fun games while getting stronger
- Earn belts & badges
- Make new friends every week
- Feel like a real-life ninja!

FIRST SESSION FREE
LESS THAN £5 PER SESSION

CALL JARED: +44 7949 922795
MIDDLEWICHJUDOCLUB2@OUTLOOK.COM
WWW.MIDDLEWICHJUDOCLUB.CO.UK

TRY JUDO... YOU MIGHT JUST LOVE IT!

Creative Crafters Fair

17th October 2026
11 am-4 pm

**St Mary's Primary School,
Manor Lane
Middlewich, Cheshire
CW10 9DJ**

Bringing small businesses and crafters together to showcase their makes

Email: creativecraftersfairs@gmail.com

SUPPORT LOCAL

HAND MADE

FUN TIMES

SHOP SMALL



Extracurricular Clubs

Monday

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

Tuesday

- KS1 & KS2 **Cross Country** and **Rugby**, 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

Thursday

- KS2 **Netball/Basketball**, 3pm to 4pm - pay per session now available on Arbor

Friday

- KS1 and KS2 **Archery**, 3pm to 4pm - pay per session now available on Arbor

All extracurricular clubs must be booked, and payment completed via Arbor, no later than **1:00pm on the day of the club.**

Only pupils with a confirmed booking and payment will be permitted to attend.

Where this deadline has not been met, pupils will be unable to participate in the activity. Parents/carers will be contacted and asked to arrange collection of their child.

This procedure ensures that attendance registers remain accurate and enables the school to manage attendance numbers and staffing requirements effectively.

School Nursery



Please see our nursery page for more information on our school website - Nursery⁶

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.uk⁷

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.uk⁸

To contact the headteacher Mrs Janet McKinlay, please email head@stmrc.uk⁹

To contact our school SENCO, please email senco@stmrc.uk¹⁰

⁶<https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Nursery&pid=15>

⁷<mailto:schooloffice@stmrc.uk>

⁸<mailto:admin@stmrc.uk>

⁹<mailto:head@stmrc.uk>

¹⁰<mailto:senco@stmrc.uk>

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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Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm

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