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Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent's evenings are next week - we look forward to giving you an update as to how well your child has settled this term and an overview of their progress so far.

Diary Dates 2026/2027

Saturday 17th October	Craft Fair – 11:00am – 4:00pm
Monday 19th October	Seasonal Flu Vaccination
21st & 22nd October	Parents Evening
Friday 23rd October	Pyjama Day Bring a bottle for the PTA
Friday 23rd October	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM (3:00PM)
Monday 2nd November	SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8:30AM
Monday 2nd November	Christmas Jumper Donations start
Monday 2nd November	Y4 – Savio Residential Parent Presentation at 3:00pm
Thursday 5th November	Y5&6 Mixed Tag Rugby Competition – Middlewich High School
Monday 16th November	Y6 Robinwood Residential Parent Presentation – 3:00pm
Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th November	Y4 residential at Savio House
Friday 27th November	PTA Christmas Wreath Making
Friday 4th December	Rock Steady Christmas Concert
Monday 7th December	ELF Run
Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th December	Y6 Residential - Robinwood
Monday 14th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December	Whole school Christmas Production
Thursday 17th December	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS (1:30PM)
Tuesday 5th January	SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8:30AM

October half-term holiday club



There's still time to book!! To secure your place or for any enquiries please email sportscoach@stmrc.uk[1]

[1] mailto:sportscoach@stmrc.uk

Cross Country Competition



On Thursday 8th October, we took a team of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children to Cledford for the annual cross-country competition. We have performed very well in previous years and so hopes were high. Our children certainly tried their very best and did incredibly well once again. In the combined Year 3/4 boys' and girls' race, we had four finish in the top 10 and we achieved second place. In the Year 5 race, we had three children place in the top 10 which resulted in St. Mary's coming first for this age group. And in the Year 6 race, Faith was our sole representative and she won which meant that we gained second place. With no boys in the Year 6 race, we finished with an overall third out of the five schools that took part. As you can imagine, we were all very proud of our achievements and hopefully next year, we'll have a full squad so that we can compete in each of the races.

Y3 Tatton Park - Stone, Bronze & Iron Age Experience

Year 3 had a fantastic time yesterday at Tatton Park taking part in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age Experience.

Throughout the day, the children discovered what life was like thousands of years ago, learning about the homes people lived in, the food they ate and the different ways they survived. They enjoyed a range of hands-on activities, including helping to build ancient homes, grinding grain to make bread flour, creating sparks using flint and steel, and taking part in experimental archaeology.

The experience brought their classroom learning to life and gave the children a real insight into how people lived during these fascinating periods of history. They represented St Mary's brilliantly and were a credit to the school throughout the visit. Well done, Year 3! ⭐🏺🔥











Would your child like to be a Mini Vinnie?

Interviews for Mini Vinnie positions will take place on Thursday 5th November.

Mrs McKinlay will be meeting with Year 5 children next week to explain the application process and ask interested pupils to create a PowerPoint presentation of at least 5 slides.

During the meeting, she will also confirm what information should be included in their presentation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to demonstrate how they can live out our school values and make a positive difference within our school community.

We look forward to seeing the children's presentations and wish all applicants the very best of luck!

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.



Parent Teacher Association (PTA)





Scholastic Book Club



Your child will be bringing home a Scholastic Book Club leaflet today, packed with exciting books to inspire a love of reading!

If you choose to place an order, you'll also help our school earn free books. Simply add our school at checkout using our postcode: **CW10 9DH**.

Thank you for supporting reading both at home and in school.

Happy reading! 📖✨

GDPR Consent - **ACTION REQUIRED**

Thank you to all parents and carers who have already completed their child's annual consent form. Your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, despite several reminders and communications, we still have over **50 forms outstanding**. This form is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and is required for **all pupils**, so it is essential that we receive a completed form for every child.

As a reminder, the consent form covers permissions relating to the use of photographs and videos to celebrate and share pupils' achievements and experiences. Images may be used on the school website, display boards, newsletters, prospectus, social media channels and, where appropriate, in the local press. The form also seeks consent for electronic communications from the school.

If you have not yet completed the form, please make this a priority and do so as soon as possible HERE[2]**.**

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 support and cooperation in helping us maintain accurate records and fulfil our safeguarding responsibilities.

[2]https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=dDue4huIpkaRTmNzHXDfOJ3wvMn8ftpIgByTDVHqrvpUM0JLTkk0WVJDTEdXNEVIOE9YQ1kzSzhWSy4u

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.

Hello Yellow



Thank you to all our children and staff for coming to school wearing yellow for hello yellow. It certainly brightened up the school and made for a wonderfully cheerful day!

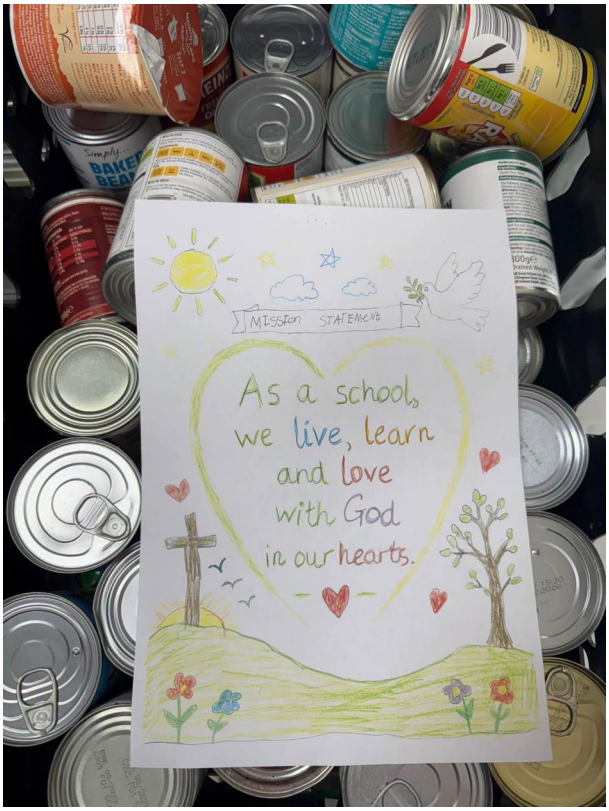
We loved seeing everyone join in and show their support. The sea of yellow around school brought lots of smiles and created a real sense of togetherness. Thank you to all our families for helping the children take part and make the day such a success. 🌼💛

Harvest Donations

A huge thank you to all of our pupils and families for their generous Harvest donations. As always, we have been overwhelmed by your kindness and support.

All donations were collected by **Chance Changing Lives** and will now go on to help local people and families within our community who need support. Your contributions will make a real difference and demonstrate the caring values that our school community is so proud of.

Thank you once again for your generosity and for helping us make a positive impact on the lives of others. 🌾💛


MISSION STATEMENT
As a school, we live, learn and love with God in our hearts.


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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.uk[3] 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.uk[4]



[3] mailto:schooloffice@stmrc.uk
[4] mailto:info@musicforlife.org.uk

Starting Primary School in September 2027



Applications are now open for children starting primary school.

Parents with a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2027. Parents are strongly advised to apply for three preferences.

Applications must be submitted to the child's home local authority by:

- 15 January 2027 for pupils starting primary in September 2027.

Parents still need to apply even if the child has a brother or sister already at the school or the child is attending a nursery/preschool attached to the school. Some faith schools may also require parents and carers to submit a supplementary information form/confirmation of baptism. Further information about this will be available on the school's website.

Parents should consider how their child will travel to school when making preferences. Parents can find out about school transport at support for home to school transport (cheshireeast.gov.uk)[5].

[5] https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school_transport/home-to-school-travel-support-for-reception-to-year-11.aspx

To apply online and for further information please go to Application process for starting school in September (cheshireeast.gov.uk)[6] or call 0300 123 5012.

For up to date information please direct parents to follow The Family Information Service – @FISCheshireEast or Family Information Service (Cheshire East Council) - Home | Facebook[7]

Community News



[6] https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx
[7] https://www.facebook.com/FISCheshireEast/


Creative Crafters Fair
17th October 2026
11 am-4 pm
St Mary's Primary School,
Manor Lane
Middlewich , Cheshire
CW1 0 9DH
Bringing small businesses and crafters together to showcase their makes
Email: creativecraftersfairs@gmail.com
SUPPORT LOCAL
HAND MADE
FUN TIMES
SHOP SMALL


WILD CATS
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
MIDDLEWICH TOWN FC


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.
FIRST SESSION FREE
LESS THAN £5 PER SESSION
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!
CALL JARED: +44 7949 922795
MIDDLEWICHJUDOCLUB2@OUTLOOK.COM
WWW.MIDDLEWICHJUDOCLUB.CO.UK
TRY JUDO... YOU MIGHT JUST LOVE IT!


Middlewich Churches Together
GLOW PARTY
Disco * Prizes * Games * Cafe
Craft Room *Toddler Zone
#Food & glow sticks for sale
31st October
5.30pm-7.30pm
Aimed at kids up to 11 years old
CARERS TO REMAIN ON SITE
Dress up
(No scary costumes)
FREE ENTRY
Foodbank donations appreciated
@ Mid-Cheshire Community Church
34-36 Brooks Lane, CW10 0JG
Organised by
CHURCHES TOGETHER
MIDDLEWICH
Celebrating the light

FREE talk for parents

22 October 7-8pm If you don't have time to listen Just book online and receive a link to the recording available for 48 hours.



ADHD & Homework

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FACE

November Timetable

All regular 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

Introduction to OCD	2 Nov 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	2 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	9 Nov 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 Nov 7pm
What is ACT?	10 Nov 10am
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	16 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 Nov 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 Nov 10am
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 7pm
FREE - Responding to Stress & Anxiety	19 Nov 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	23 Nov 10am
Facing Defiance	23 Nov 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
School Anxiety	24 Nov 7pm

Extracurricular Clubs



Monday

- KS1 and KS2 **Dodgeball** and **Climbing Frame Fun**

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- KS1 and KS2 **Football**

Thursday

- KS2 **Netball/Basketball**

Friday

- KS1 and KS2 **Archery**

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.

Attendance

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[8] .

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	W/C 5/10	/C 12/10
Reception	100%	99.60%	100%	97.40%	98.30%	95.70%	81.70%
Year 1	100%	97.10%	93.60%	97.90%	97.90%	90.70%	91.40%
Year 2	88.90%	94.40%	90.60%	94.40%	94.40%	95.30%	96.50%
Year 3	100%	100%	94.20%	98.90%	98.30%	96.80%	99.50%
Year 4	95.70%	99.10%	96.60%	97.90%	98.30%	95.90%	95.00%
Year 5	95.80%	95.40%	95.80%	95.00%	94.20%	99.50%	100%
Year 6	95.20%	95.80%	91.60%	97.40%	98.70%	93.20%	98.40%
Whole school	96.50%	97.30%	95%	97.40%	96.60%	95.10%	94.90%

[8] https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=30

School Nursery



Please see our nursery page for more information on our school website - Nursery[9]

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.uk[10]

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.uk[11]

To contact the headteacher Mrs Janet McKinlay, please email head@stmrc.uk[12]

To contact our school SENCO, please email senco@stmrc.uk[13]

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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Manor Lane, Middlewich. CW10 9DH

01606 516 171

Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm

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[9] https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Nursery&pid=15
[10] mailto:schooloffice@stmrc.uk
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[12] mailto:head@stmrc.uk
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