

# STMARY'S

## NEWSLETTER



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03/03/2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

The second Sunday of lent is coming up this weekend.

### REMINDERS

New times for the school day after Easter:

Start: 8.30 am Registration will close at 9.00 am)

Finish: 3.00 pm

Year 3 are swimming next Wednesday 8th March

*Matthew 17:7*

*Jesus came and  
touched them, saying,  
"Rise, and do not be  
afraid."*

## STARS OF THE WEEK

## WELL DONE TO ALL!

Reception	Keeva O'Brien
Year 1	Jerry Newbury
Year 2	George Collier
Year 3	Helena Wakeley
Year 4	Lucy Potts
Year 5	Aria Capper
Year 6	Hannah Haluska
ASC	Elena Bogoslaw-Shard



Flowers in Bloom  
Donation





### Birthday Treats— Book wish list

One of our parents has made the following suggestion— asking parents to donate a wish list book to school on their child's birthday Instead of bringing in sweets. School would put stickers in the book to say 'donated by' and take a photo of the birthday child with the book (and a party hat) provided the parents gave permission. This photo would go in the newsletter.

### Year 4 Visit to St Nicholas High School

Year 4 Activity Day at St Nicholas on 23rd March 2023.

The day is a fantastic opportunity for children to experience what life would be like at St Nicholas Catholic High School. Children will be working with staff from St Nicholas Catholic High School but will be with St Mary's staff throughout the day.

There will be a range of activities during the day including Creative Art and Sports.

**MIDDLEWICH FLOWERING MEADOWS** is a team of volunteers whose aim is to make Middlewich blossom by planting perennials and wildflowers in various locations around town. There is an opportunity for school to be involved in planting seeds in Brynlow Drive on Friday, 24th March at 10.30am. We hope the Mini Vinnies and the Eco team will be able to get involved.

# Middlewich Flowering Meadows

## Bringing your town into bloom

Supported by Middlewich Town Council






### World Book Day 2023



The children have been producing some beautiful art work this week, here are some pictures from Year 1





## World Book Day 2023

It was World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March 2023, here are some of our wonderful pop up book displays in school.



## School Day Timings

The government's white paper lays out plans for mainstream state-funded schools to provide a 32.5-hour week, or 6.5 hour days, by September 2023. **New school day will start at 8.30 am and finish at 3 pm after Easter 2023.**

The school would welcome comments from parents/carers.

## World Down Syndrome Day

Get ready to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day with us on 21st March 2023. School will be selling their delicious biscuits for £1.00 each.

Children may wear odd socks on 21st March.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th March	Year 3 - Year 6 Cross Country St Nicks Catholic High School 3.45pm sign up via Parent Pay
8th March—10th March	Year 5 Residential to Red Ridge
Wednesday 8th March	Year 3 Swimming
Wednesday 15th March	Year 4 Bike ability Level 1
Thursday 16th March	School Disco
Tuesday 21st March	2023 Gingerbread Sock Biscuit Campaign
Thursday 23rd March	Year 4 Activity Day St Nicholas Catholic High School
19th April	Year 4 Start Swimming Lessons
20th April—21st April	Year 3 Residential to Tattenhall
24th—25th May	Year 5 Bike ability Level 2
24th—26th May	Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle

## OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Vigil Mass Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday Mass 9am St Margaret Ward, Holmes Chapel. 11am St Mary's, Middlewich

### Lenten Programme

Saturdays 4th, 11th & 18th March, Exposition and Lenten reflections, 10.30-11.30am at St Mary's, followed by Reconciliation. Saturday 2nd April Reconciliation at St Margaret's' 11.00am-12.00. Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March, Stations of the Cross, 7.00pm at St Mary's followed by Mass. Stations of the Cross at St Margaret's, Thursday at 2.00pm. Stations of the Cross for Children, Sunday 12th March at 3.00pm at St Mary's, followed by refreshments. Penitential Service at St Mary's. Monday 20th March at 7.30pm.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me,

God bless always,

*J. McKinlay*

Mrs Janet McKinlay  
Headteacher





# MIDDLEWICH HUB

FOR YOUR **HEALTH** & **WELLBEING**



SMASH  
CARE COMMUNITY

## WHAT IS THE MIDDLEWICH HUB?

Middlewich Hub brings together a wide range of organisations to **support members of the local community**.

This session will focus on supporting you with the **increase of cost living**.



### DATE

**Wednesday**  
**22nd March**



### TIME

15:00 - 17:00



### VENUE

Town Hall, Victoria Buildings,  
Lewin St, Middlewich CW10 9ASJ



For more information about which organisations will be attending this session please contact:

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## About Us

The *Royal British Legion* is the best known Armed Forces charity in the UK. On a national basis we provide lifelong support to the Armed Forces Community. Our support starts after one day of service and continues through life, long after service is over.

The *Alsager Branch* has undergone some changes. We want to help the Armed Forces Community in our local area. It could be a referral to a food bank, obtaining household items or just being there to listen. We want Alsager and surrounding areas to know that we are here to help. We hold monthly Coffee Mornings where all food and drink is free so that no-one has to miss out on social interaction due to finances. We provide a safe and friendly space to have a chat, meet new people and be a touchpoint for those that require our services.

**GET IN  
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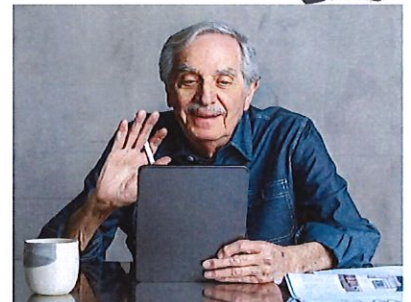


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**Branching  
Out  
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**Digital Inclusion**

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## What is BOD?



- BOD is a brand new, free service that we are offering to the Armed Forces Community in Alsager and surrounding areas.
- We provide a free Portal device which allows the user to be able to participate in meetings and events from the comfort of their own home.
- Video calls can also be made to friends and family.
- No internet? No problem! We can provide it for you.
- Over the coming months, online workshops will be added as well as being able to book GP appointments and much more.

## Why?

Many people are unaware of the support that the RBL can provide. We want those who serve, and have served, to feel a part of the community, to know that they matter. As many as 154 people who live in care homes within Cheshire East, have previously served in the Armed Forces. We want to reach out to these veterans as well as others. Two of the challenges faced by older members of the Armed Forces Community are *isolation* and *technology*. The aim of BOD is to overcome these problems. Isolation can lead to mental health issues so with our project aiding social inclusion and connection, we are hoping to ease this.



## Questions & Answers

**Q** What are the requirements for getting a device?

**A** You need to be serving or have served in the past. Proof will be required.

**Q** What if I'm not very good with technology?

**A** Don't worry you will be shown how to use the device and support will be available.

**Q** What if I decide it's not for me?

**A** You can change your mind at anytime, just let us know

