

STMARY'S

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/carers

What an exciting week! We had a visit from Cheshire's Silk Radio 106.9 and several children were interviewed. Please take the time to switch on the radio at 4.30 pm from Tuesday, 2nd May to 5th May and catch our school broadcast.

Also please see the feedback at the end of this newsletter from the parental survey.

**I AM THE GOOD
SHEPHERD. I KNOW MY
SHEEP AND MY SHEEP
KNOW ME,
- JOHN 10:14**

MERIT WINNERS OF THE WEEK

Reception	Weronika Siwa
Year 1	Emmie Thomson
Year 2	Lily Howell
Year 3	Phoebe Fry Clare
Year 4	Kieran Calvert
Year 5	Jemima Riddell
Year 6	Harriet Tench
After School Club	Kitty Stewart

**Well done
to you all!**



See link address for Air Quality Awareness - May 2023

May is national walking month. Walking is one of the easiest ways to improve physical and mental health and stay connected to our community, helping us feel less lonely and isolated. By swapping a short drive for a short walk, you can also help reduce air pollution, congestion and road danger – save yourself some money and keep active in the process!

ParentPay

Communication is key. Sometimes, we need to send an urgent communication to parents and it may be that not all parents have time to check their emails. We have the option of sending a text via ParentPay (although it costs the school extra) however, only 68 parents have provided a mobile number on ParentPay. If you haven't provided your mobile number, could you add it as soon as possible.

Link address: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/national-walking-month>

Young Language Learner Award 2023

Children aged 6-11 are invited to enter this year's small Young Language Learner Award.

To take part they need to **produce a comic strip in French** (or another foreign language which is NOT their mother tongue) on the theme of 'Celebrations'. To participate they must draw the comic strip on templates which can be collected from the office.

The deadline to hand in the entries is Wednesday

Sponsored Swim for Cheshire Wildlife Trust

School would like to congratulate Kitty Stewart for her marvellous fundraising activities. She is passionate about helping our local wildlife and took it upon herself to help by doing a sponsored swim to raise money for Cheshire Wild Life Trust. She wanted to do 101 lengths and gave herself 3 months to get it done but she started on Tuesday, 18th April and completed her 101st length four days later doing it in just 4 sessions. She has managed to raise over £275 which has spurred her to raise even more for the charity.



Coronation Event on 5th May

Blank boxes will be sent home for children to decorate a few days before our coronation event. We are asking parents to assemble the boxes at home then return them on Friday 5th May filled with coronation snacks your child will enjoy. This can be a combination of savoury and sweet items. School will provide drinks. We have arranged a fun-filled day for our pupils to ensure our children have fond memories of the event. Parents from Year 1 and Year 2 may see children in the area just outside of school (properly supervised of course!) as part of our Coronation celebration in keeping with King Charles' wish to make it a day of volunteering and community.



EXCITING NEWS— THE CHICKS ARE HATCHING!



CHAPEL GROUP TUESDAYS



YEAR 6 SATS BREAKFAST CLUB

The week beginning 9th May, Year 6 are going to have an extra busy time— its SATs again! Make sure that Year 6 children have plenty of fresh air the weekend before and early nights to help them through the week. We have been very proud with how hard they have been working and know that they are all trying their very best.

As we have done in the past, we will be running a separate breakfast club to the one in the hall – toast, croissants, brioches, breakfast bars, waffles and fruit will be available. Children may come into the Year 6 classroom from 8.00 am. This gives them the chance to relax with friends and start the day in a clear



Culmington Manor

Year 6 residential – Culmington Manor

Thank you for signing up to the trip on ParentPay. There was an information evening held on Tuesday, 25th April followed by an email giving further information. There will be an second information evening scheduled for 9th May at 5.45 pm in Year 6 classroom. More information to follow regarding kit lists. Please see the activity programme on the right to give you a flavour of the type of activities the children will enjoy.

Extra-curricular

- ⇒ Abseiling
- ⇒ Blind trail
- ⇒ Raft building
- ⇒ Low ropes
- ⇒ Rifles
- ⇒ Archery
- ⇒ Climbing
- ⇒ Obstacle course

Extra-curricular



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John Harding & Sons Ltd

The above company have taken over our Grounds Maintenance and are absolutely amazing. They have already made a huge difference. Have a look outside Year 2 classroom.



SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE

CLASS OF THE WEEK:	YEAR 6
WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK:	93.3%
RECEPTION	94.0%
YEAR 1	92.9%
YEAR 2	93.0%
YEAR 3	94.3%
YEAR 4	93.5%
YEAR 5	94.8%
YEAR 6	94.2%



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

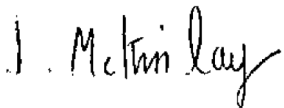
1st May	Bank Holiday
5th May 2023	Coronation Celebration
8th May	Bank Holiday
9th May—12th May	SATs Week
22nd May—24th May	Y6 residential at Culmington Manor
24th May—25th May	Level 2 Year 5 Bikeability
26th May	Break up for half term 3 pm
12th June	School opens
26th June	Sports Day (advance notice)

OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Vigil Mass Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday Mass 9am St Margaret Ward, Holmes Chapel
11am St Mary's, Middlewich

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

God bless always,



Mrs Janet McKinlay
Headteacher



Parent Survey

Thank you to all those who managed to find the time to fill in the March parental questionnaire. The comments were overwhelmingly positive and I have shared some of these below and will put some of the kind things parents and carers have said on the website.

I'm very happy about St Mary's in every way.

St Mary's is a welcoming school and I have always been able to approach the teaching staff about concerns.

I think the after-school wrap-around care is an excellent facility and I hope that continues to thrive.

Always time to discuss issues and have provided lots of individual time to my children such as through 1 to 1 nurture sessions. Teachers are very friendly and welcoming making the school a friendly environment for all.

Children both very happy and settled at St Mary's. Teachers very understanding of their different personalities and ways to encourage and support them as individuals.

Staff are very approachable. Attitude to teaching/learning is fabulous.

I don't have any concerns as any issues that arise seem to be dealt with quickly and effectively in school before the end of the day.

Academically school is very strong and also very encouraging to those children who struggle.

Overall I will always recommend the school to others. My child is safe and always eager to attend the school. The teachers are always ready to help and put child's safety and education first above anything else. The headteacher is always welcoming and approachable, helping parents in any way possible.

Culture is excellent. Very positive experience.

Please see the 'Even better If' section on the next page.



You said	We did
Currently, I feel one of the only things that I wished the school would make more effort to do is to bring back the children all being able to play together without being kept in their class groups at play/lunch times.	Years 1, 2 and 3 can now mix on the playground and Years 4, 5 and 6 are now allowed to mix on the field.
I would welcome a wider selection of sports that are offered both in class and out of school.	Football continues twice a week as this club is always popular. School have offered athletics, golf and gymnastics free to parents this term to help with the cost of living crisis.
Parking at school is a nightmare.	School have encouraged parents to park in Jack's old car park, purchased 'No parking' signs and contacted the Highways department to have road markings repainted to protect pedestrians accessing the school near the junction of Long Lane and Shropshire Close.
Communication can sometimes be hit and miss	The school uses ParentPay to send messages to parents but appreciate the need to contact parents more quickly if a club is cancelled, for example, due to circumstances beyond our control. Texts have been used on ParentPay to alert parents more quickly when necessary but only 68 parents have provided a mobile on ParentPay. Information is provided via the newsletter and the website.
With Middlewich being a fairly sheltered and not a diverse community it would be nice to maybe introduce the children to customs from other communities	Before Easter, we had an enlightening talk about Ramadan and last summer, we had a No Outsiders display in the hall celebrating the fact that we are all different yet unique in the eyes of God.
I feel that more needs to be done about friendships.	School uses My Happy Mind, the Way, the Truth and the Life, Journey in Love and the Mark Ten Mission as well as Personal, Social, Health and Economic materials to teach pupils about wholesome relationships. However, we will purchase Ten Resources, a fully-resourced scheme of work in Relationships and Health Education (RHE) for Catholic primary schools next year.
The back pathways need to be lit in the evening.	We purchased solar lamps for the running track.
I feel the playground in the school is looking tired in comparison with the other schools	We have purchased some outdoor gym equipment.
Some consideration for working parents would be appreciated.	Offers to repeat the Year 3 Parents Information Evening about the residential. The Year 6 Parents Information evening is being held twice for parents who could not make the first meeting.
More opportunities to engage in religious activities such as chapel time before or after school.	Chapel Group is back on every Tuesday morning – all pupils welcome.



MIDDLEWICH HUB

FOR YOUR HEALTH & WELLBEING



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
17th May



TIME

15:00 - 17:00



VENUE

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

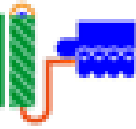


For more information about which organisations will be attending this session please contact:
Lucie Ferneyhough - Community Development Officer
Email: lucie.ferneyhough@cheshireeast.gov.uk

www.smashcc.co.uk



Lend a hand. Make a change.



**MONDAY
8TH MAY**



PICK Plant PAINT

Time: 09:30am - 12:30

Date: Monday 8th May

We have something for all ages!

To volunteer, please email
info@sandbachpartnership.co.uk
or scan the QR code

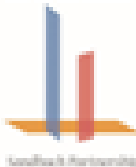


To thank you for your contribution, the event will be followed by refreshments:

Time 12:30

Venue: St Mary's High Street, Sandbach
CW11 1AL

Co-ordinated collaboratively by:



To mark His Majesty The King's Coronation thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities.

We are co-ordinating a 3 hour Big Help Out volunteering event for all local residents.

The ASK

We need your time (together with a paint brush, trowel, dustpan & brush or litter picker) to brighten our town.

The OPPORTUNITY:

- *spring planting and spruce up of the local train station
- *pick weeds and/or litter at the Scotch Common area in the town centre
- *paint the litter bins and cauldrons in the town centre
- * be part of the mini-sweep team on the cobbles OR
- * litter pick in your local neighbourhood and share your pictures

With thanks to:

