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## St Mary's Newsletter 06.10.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In school the last couple of weeks have included; Whole School Mass Assembly, School Photographs, World Animal Day and School Open Day.

Year 5 had a really enjoyable and informative trip to the Bird Sanctuary and Year 6 went on the Crucial Crewe trip.

Fundraising in school has got off to a fabulous start for the new school year, we have raised £108.00 from the Macmillan Coffee morning and £80.00 for the Libyan Flood Appeal.

Thank you all for your help in raising funds and for your donations of cakes and food for these worthy causes!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Janet McKinlay

Headteacher

## Harvest Festival



This year, St Mary's is celebrating its Harvest Festival on Wednesday 11th October. We would be very grateful if parents and carers could donate some food items to help those who are struggling to put enough food on the table. Middlewich Food Bank has experienced a huge increase in demand over the last 12 months - in fact a 240% increase. We are always overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of our parents and local community - even one tin would be appreciated. Above is a picture from last year. The food will be collected by our Mini -Vinnies and a display created in the hall before donations are taken down to the Food Bank.

Items can be dropped off at classroom doors from Monday or handed to the office.

## World Animal Day 4th October 2023 and Open Day

The Open Day and World Animal Day were a huge success. Thank you to all that attended and a big thank you to Mrs Dellapiana and staff who organised various activities in school to celebrate World Animal Day.

Raising the status of animals to improve welfare standards around the globe and make the world a better place for all animals is the focus of our global partnership initiative this term.

Thank you to Cheshire Reptile Rescue for coming in on Wednesday and again on Friday to let the children see and handle a range of reptiles.























## Mixed Football Match 28th September at St Nicholas High School



St Mary's mixed football team had a great game, brilliant skills and teamwork, they came 3rd out of 8, well done St Mary's!

## Crucial Crew

Crucial Crew is a multi-agency safety event aimed at Year 6 children designed to provide children with life skills that will enable them to keep themselves and others safe. The aim of our Crucial Crew event is to raise each participant's awareness of changes in their lives and potential threats and dangers, in a fun and interactive way.

## Facebook

Please follow the below social media pages on Facebook to support the School and the PTA

St Mary's Primary School Middlewich

(Green) School Forum Middlewich

St. Mary's PTA Charity Shop



## 2023 Children's Hospital Pyjama Appeal



# PYJAMA APPEAL!

CHARITY NUMBER: 1185739

Please donate a brand new pair of pyjamas  
for a poorly child in your  
**LOCAL HOSPITAL OR  
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE**

Each year, we collect donations of brand new pyjamas from new-born to age 18, which are then gifted to children in hospital on Christmas morning.

In reality, they are also used in other situations where children may have had their clothes cut off in A&E or in an emergency situation where there hasn't been time to pack essentials.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please donate a brand new pair of non-fleece pyjamas (as hospitals are cosy enough). Have a collection at work, through family & friends or even your local school could have a PJ Day or simply donate a pair yourself.

**LOOK ONLINE AT**  
[www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk](http://www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk)  
**FOR YOUR NEAREST PYJAMA DROP OFF POINT**

Or order via Amazon with free delivery to Co-ordinator  
<https://amzn.eu/acJOv8t>

**WHY?** Because no child wants to be in hospital at Christmas and if they have to be they want to be wearing brand new cosy PJs to make their stay as comfortable as possible at such a fearful time.

**OUR APPEAL IS FROM  
1ST SEPTEMBER  
TO 31ST OCTOBER  
2023**



Follow us on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages  
'Children's Hospital Pyjamas' to see me delivering your PJ'S x

Lisa, Area Coordinator | 07835 660083



On Friday 20th October, in support of the Pyjama Appeal, school will be holding a non uniform day in return for pyjama donations, please can you help support this wonderful cause by using the below Amazon Wish List to donate, or if you wish to purchase your own pyjama's, please do so and bring them into the school office before the 20th October 2023.

<https://amzn.eu/acJOv8t>

## Savio House



Year 4 Savio House Trip Date: 22 Nov 2023 £115.00

Reminder you can pay instalments from now until the balance is due on ParentPay.

Balance Due Date is: 16 Nov 2023

There is a small shop which sells religious items such as rosary beads. Nativity items, pens, pencils – children may bring £5 -10 to spend. Please be aware there often isn't a lot of choice.

### Savio House Kit List

- 2 complete changes of clothes that can get dirty
- Underwear/socks
- Pyjamas

- Slippers/indoor pumps
  - Dressing Gown
  - Toothbrush/toothpaste/hair brush
  - Flannel/Soap/deodorant
  - Waterproof Coat/WARM COAT
  - Sensible walking shoes (not ballet pumps) or old trainers
  - Gloves/hat/scarf
  - Towel
  - Teddy
  - Book to Read
  - Sleeping bag & pillow case
- Their Kit Recommendations** Besides a couple of changes of day-to-day clothes you will need outdoor clothes for walking – **waterproof, sturdy shoes, boots or wellies** and trousers you don't mind getting a bit muddy Shoes for wearing indoors – particularly if you're walking shoes get bit muddy or wet
- Do Not Bring**
- Hair straighteners (these are a fire risk!)
  - Spray aerosols
  - Sweets – we will provide treats and cocoa
  - Chewing and bubble gum
  - Expensive items











## Fun Fest Holiday Club

The Fun Fest Holiday Club was a huge success over the summer and we are excited to announce their return for the October half term, Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023.

Please contact Fun Fest to make holiday club bookings

Their priority booking line for St Mary's is live from 9th September for October half term

Contact: 07570270839 or email [Middlewichoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk](mailto:Middlewichoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk)<sup>1</sup>

**Choose fun at**



£20 for Half Day  
£35 for Full Day  
£160 per week

Sibling discount available for  
Full Day bookings

No extra charges for 7:30am  
dropoff or 6pm pickup

Over 30+ activities to choose from including;

Pottery  
Sports Action  
Treasure Quest  
Messy Mayhem  
Cricket Club  
Fun Fit  
Around the World  
Fashion Design  
Wacky Races  
Horrible Histories  
Sports Action  
Playful Painting  
Lego Adventures

Mini Olympics  
Creative Cooks  
Jewellery Making  
Cupcake Heaven  
Escape Room  
Mad About Science  
Water Fights  
Barney Origami  
Fun Festival  
Fun Fest Bootcamp  
Crafty Creations  
Imagineering  
and much much more....

Head to our Facebook page, Instagram page or Website for our  
full timetables  
or call 07570 270 839 for more information



Fun Fest Middlewich



@FunFestMiddlewich

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**Choose fun at**



**HOLIDAY CLUB**



**Childcare  
vouchers  
accepted**

**Ofsted Registered**

**at St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
Open 7:30am-6pm for 3-12year olds**

**Bookings live now at [www.fun-fest.co.uk/middlewich](http://www.fun-fest.co.uk/middlewich)**

## Important Dates

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Nasal Spray (FLUENZ) to all school aged pupils in the autumn term 2023
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Due to Mrs Turnbull being on a course, school is unable to provide Toast on this day. In support of CAFOD Family Fast Day which falls on 6 <sup>th</sup> October, we would welcome Toast money donations for this worthy cause. Please send your child in with a healthy snack on this day to replace Toast.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Pyjama Appeal 2023 – Non uniform Day  Year 5 & Year 6 End Of Theme Assembly  School Closes Half Term 23 <sup>rd</sup> October to 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School Opens
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening – Bookings will go live from Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Savio House Residential  Year 5 to go swimming in place of Year 4 on Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Panto Northwich Memorial Hall
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas – 20 <sup>th</sup> December to 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	School Opens



## Late Attendance



The sign features three cartoon children (two boys and one girl) at the top. Below them is a table with three columns: 'If in a school year, your child is late every day by...', 'Your child would have lost approximately...', and 'or they would have missed approximately...'. The table lists the consequences of late attendance in minutes, days, and lessons. At the bottom, there is a message about not taking children on holiday during term time and a reminder that absence equals lost opportunity.

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**STMARY'S**  Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.  
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.  
**Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity**

Morning registration takes place at 8.30am each morning.

Good attendance is essential for pupils, pupils that are consistently late are disrupting their education and that of others and staff.

Please ensure your child arrives to school on time and has everything for the day ahead to reduce staff and your child being interrupted during the school day.



## Spotlight on Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK:	YEAR 1
WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK:	95.9
RECEPTION	97.6
YEAR 1	98.1
YEAR 2	96.2
YEAR 3	96.1
YEAR 4	95.7
YEAR 5	93.3
YEAR 6	96.0



Well done to Year 1!

## Education Family Support Worker



I'm Kelly Gooch and I work as a Education Family Support Worker in the Attendance and Children out of School Team at Cheshire East Council. Data analysis shows that every minute counts in school, and those with higher attendance achieve higher scores both academically and socially as a result. I'm very pleased to be working with St Mary's Catholic Primary School, and becoming part of your local school community, to increase attendance and to help achieve the best outcomes for your children.

## Stars of the week



Well done to you all!

Reception	Lennon Blease
Year 1	Ellis Stevens
Year 2	Noah Phoenix
Year 3	Lacey Smith
Year 4	Harry Connor
Year 5	Oliver Sharrock
Year 6	Scarlett Taylor
After School Club	Mae Conlon



## PTA News



Please can parents remember there is a uniform exchange stand outside school to encourage parents to bring in old uniform and to pop it on the stand for parents who are short of uniform to help themselves. The container next to the rack is full of unclaimed uniform.

## Parent Contact Details

Please can you ensure the school has your up to date mobile number and email address, when urgent messages need to be sent out on ParentPay we like to send text messages rather than email so that they are seen.

## Important Reminder - ParentPay Accounts

As we start a new term, please ensure your ParentPay accounts are in credit by the end of each week.

If you are in arrears with your school meals, you will be required to bring in a packed lunch for your child.

## School Clubs

Please see below our club poster update



**ParentPay online booking system for St Mary's Breakfast & After School Club is now live.**

The cut-off date for Breakfast Club bookings is 11am the day before the booking.

The cut-off date for After School Club bookings is 11am on the day.

This is so that staffing and numbers can be set and managed.

Users will be able to cancel and make changes to their booking up until the booking cut off time.

If a child is picked up late from After School Club a charge of £5 will be made for every 15 minutes beyond the collection time.

After the cut off time, if a child is booked into a club and does not attend, the fee will still apply as the charge relates to the place being held not the actual attendance.

#### **Clubs prices**

Breakfast Club	£4.00 7.30am to 8.30am
After School Club	£4.00 3pm to 4pm Fruit & drink provided
	£6.50 4pm to 6pm Snack & drink provided
	at 4pm
	£10.50 3pm to 6pm - Sibling's price is £8.50

The Breakfast Club and After School Club number for emergencies operates whilst the club is running  
0777 4496 483

Clubs provided by other agencies at the school - Sports / other clubs, when running, are charged at £4.00 3pm to 4pm and can also be booked by Parent Pay.

## Termly Pledge

Please can you help support us with termly pledge money from September. **This is £15.** Each year every Catholic school is asked to contribute to the Diocesan Build Fund, this fund supports the building projects of all Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Shrewsbury, as we do not receive full funding for builds and refurbishments from the government. Since 2021 it has supported our school at St Mary's with a new hatch in the foyer, sky lights, replacement gutters, resurfacing of the pathways, new boiler, garage repair, new dishwasher, steamer and CCTV and new gates.

The money you provide is also used to provide extra outstanding provision for our children throughout the year.

We would like to thank all those parents who are able to donate, especially in the current climate, it is extremely appreciated by the school. If you would like to donate please email the school office [admin@stmrc.uk](mailto:admin@stmrc.uk)<sup>2</sup> for further details.

## 42 Bus

St Mary's have been in contact with Cheshire East towards the end of the last academic year about the lack of Catholic schools in Holmes Chapel and the fact that schools in Holmes Chapel are oversubscribed. We were waiting for an official start date at the end of the summer holidays but did not receive any communication to that effect. However, sightings of the bus were relayed to me and I have been in contact with the authority trying to ascertain an accurate picture, so we could inform parents/carers and advertise this service on our Facebook page.

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<sup>2</sup><mailto:admin@stmrc.uk>



Andrew Barnett, Cheshire East Operations Assistant for Transport Contracts has been reviewing the timings of the service with the Highways Team but at the moment, it seems the 42 bus arrives at 08.03am in the morning and at 15.12pm at the end of the day.

I will keep parents updated of any developments. School already has a Vehicles Risk Assessment (dated June 2023) which was shared with Cheshire East on 6th September 2023 as part of our annual Health and Safety Inspection. This was updated in September 2023 due to developments.

## Contact Us

### Absence

- 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.

### Email [finance@stmrc.uk](mailto:finance@stmrc.uk)<sup>3</sup> for:

- ParentPay & School Club queries
- Medical appointments & Absence Requests

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