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St Mary's Newsletter 01.03.2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had great half term break, it was lovely to see all the children back to school on Monday.

There have been some great achievements this week so well done to all the stars of the week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Janet McKinlay

Headteacher

Diary Date Reminders

Tuesday 5 th March	2024 World Book Day
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 4 Swimming instead of Year 5 – Please bring in your swimming kit
Thursday 7 th March	Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Competition - See ParentPay message for details and to give permission
Wednesday 6 th to Friday 8 th March	Year 5 Redridge Residential
Monday 11 th March	Parents Evening bookings open on ParentPay
Monday 18 th March	Year 4 Pyjama day
Thursday 21 st March	2024 Gingerbread Sock Biscuit Campaign
Thursday 21 st March	St Nicholas Catholic High School Year 4 Activity Day – See ParentPay message for details and to give permission
Monday 25 th March	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability
Thursday 28 th March	School finishes at 3.00pm
Spring Break	Friday 29 th March to Friday 5 th April
Monday 8 th April	School opens 8.30am
Wednesday 10 th April & Thursday 11 th April	Parents Evening in Hall
Wednesday 24 th April	School Photographs for Reception and Year 6 leavers

Fish Tank

After the pupils voted unanimously to have a fish tank for their well being, it has finally been installed. The children love it.



School Trip Reminders

Please pay on ParentPay

Cost	Place	Year Group	Date
£219.00 due 1 st March 2024	Redridge	5	6th to 8th March 2024
£105.50 due 15 th March 2024	Petty Pool	3	16th May to 17th May 2024
£295.00 due 28 th April 2024	Abernant Lake	6	26th June to 28th June 2024

Sporting Triumphs

Jamie Kay took part in the Regional 2 Trampoline Qualifier at Wigan Park on Saturday.

Jamie did really well and took home a 3rd place medal in her Club 3 Women's 11-12 years category



Ben Hughes has become a mini-martial arts expert setting a record for becoming the youngest red-belt holder in the entire British Aikido Association.





PE & Swimming Timetable

Children are to wear their PE kit on their PE day & swimming day.

Please note Y6 PE days are going back to Tuesday and Wednesday again from next week.

Day of week	PE	Swimming
Monday	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3,Y4, Y5	
Tuesday	Y6	
Wednesday	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5, Y6	Year 4
Thursday	Reception	
Friday		

Stars of the Week

Reception	Callan Taylor
Year 1	Keeva O'Brien
Year 2	Isaac Pountney
Year 3	Oliver Price
Year 4	Richie Devaney
Year 5	Catherine Bethel
Year 6	Evie Preston
After School Club	Macey - Leigh Richardson

Well done to you all!

Ash Wednesday



Thank you to all those that attended Mass with Father Peter to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass. We hope you all enjoyed the service.







Chapel group and Weekly Mass

I look forward meeting children in the Chapel at 8.00 am on Tuesday mornings for a time of discovery and reflection. Please encourage your child to come along.

The weekly Thursday Mass is a wonderful opportunity to take time to be still and quiet before God and celebrate Mass (it is Year 5 next week) with one of the junior classes – the Chapel corridor door is open for easy access.

Year 1 & Year 2 End of Theme Assembly 27th February

Well done to all the children in Year 1 & 2 it was a fantastic performance, we hope you all enjoyed it!

Digital Inclusion

FREE IT SESSIONS

**DO YOU LACK CONFIDENCE IN
FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND YOUR
PHONE, LAPTOP OR DEVICE?**

**If so, please come along to St Mary's Catholic
Primary School (Manor Lane, Middlewich) on:**

Saturday 20th January,
Saturday 17th February
Saturday 23rd March

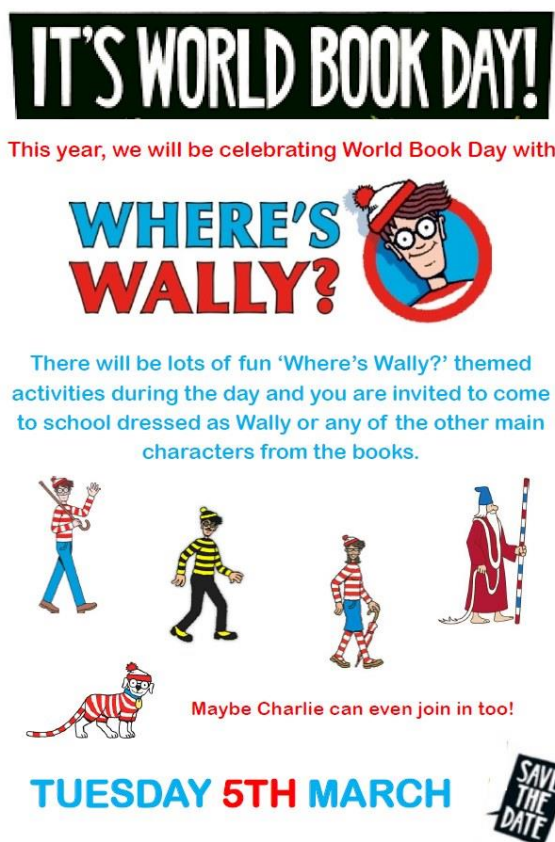
10—10.45am—Help with phones and tablets
11—11.45am—Help with using Word, Excel etc.

Volunteers from the Cheshire East locality are providing free digital inclusion workshops at St Mary's for anyone struggling with the complexity of features on their mobile phone or for anyone who needs help using their IPAD or laptop. This has been organised by Lucie Ferneyhough, Community Development Officer. The last session will be on Saturday 23rd March.

For more information, please contact Lucie Ferneyhough on 07929 717909 or lucie.ferneyhough@cheshireeast.gov.uk



World Book Day 5th March



Behaving sensibly on digital devices

Please can I ask parents/carers to monitor their child's messages on Whats app and remind them to use kind and considerate language when texting. When pupils fall out at school, this can spill over into conversations on Whats app that can become unpleasant. If any child is worried or upset, they can always talk to a teacher, teaching assistant or even myself. We will support every child and try to resolve any issues sensitively.

Picture News

Each week, Picture News chooses a current news story, provide an image, a thought-provoking question and a variety of teaching resources. This resource helps our pupils become more aware of current topics in the news and encourages them to be active citizens.

ASSEMBLY RESOURCE

Read the information below about the farmers' protests across Europe.

France

Farmers have created blockages in sections of motorways with tractors, leading to a crisis for new Prime Minister Gabriel Attal. Some of their concerns, such as lots of extra paperwork, only apply to farmers in France. Further concerns also affect other countries, including the increasing cost of fuel, and cheaper food coming in from other countries.

What is happening in some of the countries protesting?

Spain

In big cities, such as Bilbao, large numbers of tractors have been heading to town centres, closing down roads. Agriculture unions have complained about some EU policies. Minister Luis Planas said he respects people's right to demonstrate but urged farmers to remain peaceful.

Greece

Farmers have been blocking roads around the country, insisting they need lower electricity prices, tax-free diesel, and subsidised food for animals, as well as other things.

Discuss the reasons why they have decided to take this action.

Picture: Reuters (blocking a highway in France). Source: SAMUEL ARANZA.

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ALL calligram competition



Calligrams Celebration 2024



The judges congratulate

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

on their participation

René Koglbauer
Chair of Management Board of
Association for Language Learning

Steven Fawkes
Trustee and Fellow of
Association for Language Learning

Well done to all the children that took part!

Diversity Calendar 2024

Please look on the school website under school information -equality, diversity and inclusion for the NAHT diversity calendar 2024.

Fun Fest Holiday Club Reminder

Easter bookings are now live for the following dates:

2nd – 5th April 2024

28th – 31st May 2024

Summer holiday dates to be confirmed - the club will run for at least 4 weeks of the holidays.

Please contact Fun Fest to make holiday club bookings ASAP as places will get booked up.

The priority booking line for St Mary's is:

Contact: 07570 270 839

If you have any queries or would like to book for holiday dates in between, please email: middlewichoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk²



fun fest
HOLIDAY CLUB

For children aged
3 - 12 years
St Mary's Catholic Primary
School, Middlewich
7:30am to 6pm

- £35 for a full day
- £32 for a sibling
- £20 per morning or afternoon
- £160 full week (Monday - Friday)

Child Care Vouchers accepted

Booking now open
fun-fest.co.uk

Contact **Fun Fest Cheshire Office**
Email: middlewichoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk
Telephone: 07570270839

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¹https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/22722638

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Year 6 Leavers Party



Attendance



Morning registration takes place at 8.30am each morning and school finishes at 3pm.

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.

We would also appreciate if your child could be collected on time at 3pm, we understand there are occasions when traffic has been congested around Middlewich but so that staff are not delayed in their commitments, please ensure you allow enough time to collect your child from school.

Spotlight on Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK:	YEAR 5
WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK:	95.1
RECEPTION	93.3
YEAR 1	95.4
YEAR 2	94.6
YEAR 3	97.1
YEAR 4	91.3
YEAR 5	97.5
YEAR 6	95.2



1 - Well done to year 5!

Parent Contact Details & Notifications

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.

Can parents also ensure that their notification settings on ParentPay are turned 'ON' so that they do not miss important school messages and updates.

Important Reminder - ParentPay Accounts

Re: Breakfast Club / After School Club / School Meals / Sports Clubs

Please can you check your ParentPay accounts for each child are up to date and in credit by the end of each week.

There are a number of large payment amounts outstanding and the office are spending far too much time in chasing them.

Please note this message does not apply to school trip items which already have payments schedules in place.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

Please book on ParentPay.

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	£4.50 7.30am to 8.30am
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After School Club	£4.00 3pm to 4pm Fruit & drink provided
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	£6.50 4pm to 6pm Snack & drink provided at 4pm
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£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

Extra-Curricular Clubs

After Easter all extra curricular clubs will be ran by Coach Gary and Coach Jack instead of Sports Coaching Group.

Please contact Miss Meachin in the office for all club queries.

School Building Fund

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, CCTV, new gates, upgrades to school lighting.

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 have already donated, especially in the current climate; it is extremely appreciated by the school.

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.uk³ for:

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

³<mailto:finance@stmrc.uk>

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