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St Mary's Newsletter 12.07.2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the School Summer Fair, it was such a nice evening with great stalls, entertainment and food. It was a celebration of St Mary's community.

Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in organising a great event for the school and to all the staff and parents that volunteered their time to support it.

As this is our final newsletter for this term, I would like to wish you all a lovely summer break.

Mrs Janet McKinlay

Headteacher

Diary Date Reminders

In addition to the Diary Date Reminders, please note the following:

All clubs with the exception of Breakfast and After School Club finish today at 4pm.

There will be no Chapel Group on Tuesday 16th July 2024, it will begin on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 8am to 8.30am.

There will be no Kids with Bricks session on Wednesday 17th July 2024 and sessions will be refunded.

The last Breakfast Club will be Thursday 18th July 7.30am to 8.30am.

On Thursday 18th July 2024 School finishes at 1.30pm so there will be NO After School Club. If your child is in Year 5 & 6, please see ParentPay to give permission for them to walk home from school at this time.

From September:

The PE timetable for September 2024 will be circulated the first week of September prior to school starting on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

Breakfast Club and After School Club will commence on Wednesday 4th September 2024. 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.

Other After School & Sports Clubs will commence on Monday 9th September 2024, bookings will be available on ParentPay the week before.

Friday 12 th July	ALL AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS FINISH FOR SUMMER
Monday 15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 1.45 pm to 2.45pm – School Hall
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 1 and Year 2 Wheelock Farm Trip – Please see ParentPay for permission and payment details Year 6 Young Driver Experience in school
Wednesday 17 th July	THERE WILL BE NO KIDS WITH BRICKS LEGO CLUB TODAY LAST AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TODAY
Thursday 18 th July	LAST BREAKFAST CLUB TODAY School finishes at 1.30pm NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TODAY
Friday 19th July to 3rd September	School Closed for Summer Holidays
Saturday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Party 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Royal British Legion
Wednesday 4 th September	School Opens at 8.30am Breakfast Club and After School Club begin. 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. Kids with Bricks Lego Club 3-4pm Years 1- 6 www.kidswithbricks.com to book your child's place. Club will run from Wednesday 4 th September 2024 to Wednesday 16 th October 2024.
Monday 9 th September	Other after school & sports clubs will commence Bookings will be available on Parent Pay the week before.

End of Year Reports

End of Year Report are now available on School Spider.

Parents will be able to view their child's report under the Parents Area Dashboard, under Awards & Report section

Click on the 3 dashes

Select Awards & Reports

Year 6 Leavers Performance

What can I say except the Year 6 pupils and staff involved with the production excelled themselves! Fantastic end to a fantastic year!



Music for Life

Learning a musical instrument brings so many benefits to a child's overall development as well as developing a skill and interest that a child can have for life. Music for Life is a not-for-profit music service working in partnership with schools which currently arranges lessons for more than 3,500 young people across our area. **If you do wish to start lessons in September, bookings are now open via the Music for Life website: www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now¹**

PTA

Please can you complete the survey on School Spider by 9am Monday 15th July 2024.

¹<http://www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now>



To the children, teachers, families
and the local community.

THANK YOU
for supporting **St Mary's PTA**
this year.

We would love to get your feedback on this
year and get ideas for next. Please
complete the short survey that will be in
this weeks newsletter.

Residential Trips Survey

Thank you all those who completed the online survey regarding school residentials. The overwhelming majority wanted things to continue with the four residentials. However, we do want to have more day trips linked to the curriculum. We are looking at ways the day trips might be subsidised in some way to support parents.

Here are the results:

Would you like the residential in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to continue?

Yes - 85%

Would you prefer one residential in Years 3, 4 and 6 and at least 2 day trips in Year 5 linked to the curriculum?

No - 77.5%

Would you prefer one residential in Year 4 and 6 and at least 2 day trips in Year 3 and Year 5 linked to the curriculum?

No - 67.5%

Would you prefer one residential in Year 6 and at least 2 day trips in Years 3, 4 and 5 linked to the curriculum?

No - 77.5%

Would you rather there were no residential trips but at least 2 day trips in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 linked to the curriculum?

No - 95%

Year 6 Leaver's Party

YEAR 6 LEAVERS PARTY

Saturday, 20th July 2024
5:30pm to 7:30pm
at the Royal British Legion

Tickets available from Gemma Dillon (07803 264453)

Tickets are £15 each by cash or bank transfer

The ticket price includes food, disco, and a keepsake.

We would love for the whole class to attend so if the ticket price is an issue for anyone, please let Gemma know.

Year 6 only. We will not be able to accommodate siblings.
Parents/guardians are expected to attend and the bar will be open!

Farewell To Father Peter

Father Peter retires this August and we are bereft that he will no longer be our parish priest. On the other hand, he deserves to down tools and enjoy life to the full!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Peter for all that he has done over the years; supporting the school and being a strong advocate for all of us. We know many of you would like to show your gratitude to him for his commitment and dedication. Anyone who wishes to make a donation to his birthday collection, or to add a personal comment to his card, should contact finance via finance@stmrc.uk²

²<mailto:finance@stmrc.uk>



Holiday Club



The School Sports Company Professional Sports Coaching

**MONDAY 22ND JULY
TO FRIDAY 23RD
AUGUST 2024**

THE SCHOOL SPORTS COMPANY, 40 Windmill Rd,
Walkden, Manchester, M283BP. 07572 553 362
garyssc@hotmail.co.uk

SUMMER HOLIDAY MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

The School Sports Company are pleased to confirm that coaches Gary, Jack and George will be running a white term holiday activity camp at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Walkden for all school pupils. As School Sports Company is the no. 1 sports coaching company in the Northwest, your child can enjoy the following:

OUTDOOR SPORTS, ADVENTURING, INDOOR ACTIVITIES, CLIMB, ARTS & CRAFTS, INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES AND MUCH MORE!

In addition, children will learn about the skills of various sports and enjoy indoor & outdoor activities by participating in fun based coaching sessions.

AGE: 4 – 11 years old Times: 08:15am to 5.30pm (pick up from 3.30pm)

All sessions will take place indoor / outdoors weather permitting

PACKED LUNCH / DRINKS REQUIRED

COST: £25 per day, or £100.00 for the whole week (5 days)
Reduced rate for siblings of £80.00 per week (£20 per day)

ALL STAFF ARE:
FULLY QUALIFIED
Experienced professional sports coaches
DBS checked
Fully insured
1st Aid Qualified

There will be a holiday club running at St Mary's for 5 weeks from Monday 22nd July to Friday 23rd August 2024 run by Coach Gary, Coach Jack and Coach George. Please contact Coach Gary directly on garyssc@hotmail.co.uk³ to book a place or pick a form up from the school office.

³<mailto:garyssc@hotmail.co.uk>

Summer Reading Challenge

Your child is invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library this summer!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.¹

Why should my child sign up?

They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.

The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.

Becoming more independent in their reading **boosts children's confidence and self-esteem**.

The library provides **free access to books and fun family activities** all through the summer. Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

How can my child take part?

Visit your local library and sign up. It's completely free and all you need is a library card. If your child doesn't have a library card, it's quick and free to join, just visit the library with some ID with your name and address on.

At the library your child will set a reading goal for the summer, borrow books, and receive a challenge poster to fill in. Keep visiting the library over the summer for your child to collect stickers and talk about what they have been reading. All children who complete the challenge receive a medal and a certificate.

Your child can also take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

When?

The Challenge launches in Cheshire East Libraries on 6 July.

Unsure where your closest library is? [Find your nearest Cheshire East Library](#) online. For more information contact your local library

Head to your local library this summer and sign up!

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge



Marvellous Makers
Summer Reading Challenge

Join the Summer Reading Challenge at Cheshire East Libraries this Summer!

- Sign up at your local library from Saturday 6th July
- Read six books over the summer
- Visit the library to collect stickers and talk about what you've been reading
- Finish the challenge and earn a medal and certificate!

It's completely free to take part, all you need is a library card. Ask your library for more information and find out about the fun events going on all summer

THE READING AGENCY Celebrating creativity **CREATE!**

your Library Cheshire East Council

Language Day





St Mary's Cricket Cup 30th June

The children all played really well and worked fantastic as a team against some tough competition, well done St Mary's cricket team!





Coming soon 'Rock and Pop' Music Lessons!

From **Friday 6th September** we will be welcoming Rocksteady Music School to school. It's an incredible opportunity for the children to learn to play their favourite songs in their very own bands with a choice of drums, keyboards, electric guitar, bass guitar or vocals.

As well as learning new musical skills, lessons also boost children's confidence, well-being, social skills, and teamwork. Lessons take place every week during school time.

These fun and inclusive lessons are taught by highly trained professional musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of music. At the end of each term, the bands perform a concert for the school and their families, so you can see how far they have come!

Here's what you need to know:

- All instruments are provided.
- No musical experience necessary.
- Suitable for all ages.
- Lessons take place in school.
- All involved work towards an Ofqual qualification in Music.
- Your child will learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills.
- You'll receive regular online parent timeline updates.
- There's a money-back guarantee for the first month.

- You can cancel at any time.

You can sign up for lessons online, please look out for a letter from Rocksteady, which your child will bring home with them after their workshop or visit www.rocksteadymusicschool.com⁴.

If you have any questions about Rocksteady lessons, you can call 0330 113 0330 (local rate, office hours are Mon –Thurs 8am – 8pm, Fridays 8am – 6pm).

Attendance



Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know

From **August 2024**, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**, please read the below government guidance.

Fines for parent taking children out of School⁵

Reporting School Absences

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.

From September 2024 when your child starts school, if they are absent the parent / carer will need to report the absence to the school by 9am, if the absence is not reported by 9am then the school will make contact with the parent / carer to establish the reason, if there is no answer from the parent / carer then your child will be marked as unauthorised on the school register. If there are 10 unauthorised absences over two half terms then these absences will count towards a school fine.

⁴<http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com>

⁵<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

Stars of The Term!



Well done to all the children, they have all been Stars this term!

ParentPay Accounts

School Meal monies should be paid in advance of the following week.

After School, Breakfast Club and Sport's Club accounts should be cleared by the end of each week.

Please can you check your ParentPay accounts for each child are up to date by the end of term.

School Meal Price from September 2024

As per our Parent Pay communication on the 23rd May 2024, Cheshire East Catering Services school meal price's will increase from September 2024 to £3.20 per meal.

After School & Breakfast Club bookings

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

£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

Morning Registration & End of Day Release

Morning registration takes place at 8.30am each morning. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time and has everything for the day ahead.

To ensure a smooth end of day release for children, please can Parent's / Carer's ensure any messages regarding alternative collection arrangements are relayed to the teacher first thing in a morning or to the office by 2pm latest and if your child is not booked into a club, please ensure they are collected on time at 3pm.

Contacting the School

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.uk⁶ for:

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

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