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St Mary's Newsletter 11.10.2024

Dear Parents / Carer's,

The children have worked really hard these past few weeks in school and have made some lovely efforts in the community, we hope you enjoy reading about them.

I am sure parents, children and all the staff will join with me to wish Miss Woolley a peaceful and restful maternity leave as you prepare for the arrival of your little one.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Janet McKinlay

Headteacher

Nursery Proposal & Donations

Thank you to those who have expressed their interest so far and completed application forms.

Our aim is to run nursery provision here at St Mary's. The consultation is currently being handled by Cheshire East and the final decision will go to the November Children and Families Committee meeting.

Please register your interest at schooloffice@stmrc.uk. We hope to offer nursery places from January 2025.

We are in the process of sourcing outdoor equipment for our school nursery and would be very grateful if any local trade contractors could spare any cable wheels, UPVC pipes, tree stumps, an ex display shed for our children's outdoor area in return for free advertising in our school newsletter and on our school Facebook page





Kindness Challenge

The school council would like to do a Kindness Challenge. They would like to ask all the children to take part in a two week challenge (from Monday 14th October) where the children record down on a bucket template their acts of kindness, with the aim of filling their bucket with kindness.

They introduced the challenge at praise assembly on Friday.

Diary Date Reminders

Wednesday 16 th October 2024	St Nicholas Music Festival		
	It has been announced that Sandbach Leisure Centre will be undergoing some essential maintenance resulting in a full pool closure from Monday 14 th October – Sunday 20 th October. Therefore, there will be no school swimming for Year 5 on Wednesday 16 th October 2024.		
Thursday 24 th October 2024	PTA Autumn Disco see flyer for details		
Friday 25 th October 2024	Pyjama Appeal 2024 – Pyjama day/dress down in exchange for donation of PJ's for Children's Hospital Pyjamas. See flyer for details		
Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November 2024	Half term school closed		
Monday 4 th November 2024	School opens 8.30am		
Wednesday 13 th November to Thursday 14 th November 2024	Parents' evenings bookings will be open on School Spider from 21st October 2024 and will close on 8th November at 9am.		
20 th November 2024 to 22 nd November 2024	Year 4 Savio House Trip		
Friday 29 th November 2024	Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip 9am to 12pm		
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	Elf Run		
Tuesday 10 th and Wednesday 11 th December 2024	School Christmas Performances.		
Friday 20 th December 2024	Rocksteady Christmas Music Concert		
Monday 23 rd December to Monday 6 th January 2025	School Christmas Holiday		
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	School opens at 8.30am		

Academy Photographs Return

Please note the deadline for returning your photograph orders forms is Monday 14th October 2024.

Parents Helpers

Year 3 are doing a Geography Field Trip on Thursday 17th October from 8.45am to 10.15am around Middlewich, we would like 3 parent helpers, if you are able to assist, please can you contact Miss Meachin at the school office on email: schooloffice@stmrc.uk¹

¹mailto:schooloffice@stmrc.uk

Residentials and Trips

Savio House Information evening for parents/carers on Monday 21st October at 3pm in year 4 classroom.

Our Year 4 residential to Savio House is coming round again. This particular residential is a chance for pupils to spend a few days away from their normal surroundings with the opportunity to reflect on their lives and experiences, learning more about their gifts and qualities, and discovering a little of the reality of God in their lives. It's great fun especially the disco on the second night!

Year 6 will be going to Crucial Crew on 29th November. Crucial Crew is an innovative and interactive way of delivering health and well-being messages to Year 6 children in preparation for their migration to secondary school. The event encourages model behaviour and good citizenship through active participation in a range of health and safety activities.

Please see ParentPay for payment details.

PE Timetable

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Monday - Rec, Yr 2, Yr 3, Yr 5,

Tuesday - Yr 1, Y4,

Wed - Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5 (Swimming), Yr 6

Thurs – Rec, Yr 6

Children are to wear their PE Kit's on their PE day and swimming day.

Sporting Events

The enhanced role of Coach Gary and Coach George is improving school performance at sporting events. Additional practices before performances at events during lunchtimes has ensured our pupils are prepared, ready and primed for upcoming competitions. Well done to all those pupils who are taking part!

Cross Country Competition



Congratulations to the St Mary's Cross Country Team on coming 3rd in the Cross Country Competition last week.

Overall results

1st Middlewich Primary

2nd Cledford

3rd St Mary's

Well done, you represented St. Mary's brilliantly and we are very proud of you!

Year 6 did particularly well in the Mixed boys/girls race.

Four of our St Mary's runners were placed in top 10!

- -1st Rowan
- 4th Nikola
- 8th Jamie
- 10th Lizzie

Yr 6 school winner: St Mary's!

Harvest Festival Competition



Well done to all our competition entries you all made an amazing effort with your artwork and prayers, it was a very tough competition. We are pleased to announce the winners as follows:

Pippa Hough

Ella Preston

Charlotte Galdes

A big thank you to the Faith in Action Group for encouraging children to bring in harvest donations and collecting it all ready to transport to the Middlewich Food Bank.



Book Bus Visit Education Library - RY1-6



National Poetry Day

On Thursday 3rd October we celebrated National Poetry Day by taking each class out into the community to share our love of poetry with our neighbours. The Reception and KS1 children visited Newton Court to perform poetry to the residents. The KS2 children hand delivered letters to houses in the local area containing poems that they had chosen themselves, handwritten and decorated, it was a lovely day and we have had some beautiful feedback from local residents on how the poems had made their day.







Tuesday Chapel Group & Mass



Chapel Group is every Tuesday at 8 am - 8.30 am - all year groups are welcome. We share a reflection together and do some art and craft activities relating to the piece of scripture shared. It's a great opportunity to come together to pray and have fun.

Mass is every Thursday in the Chapel from 9.00am and parishioners are all welcome to attend, access is through the doors at the side of the Chapel corridor.



Whole School Mass

Thank you to everyone that attended the Whole School Mass on Tuesday 1st October, it was a lovely service.



PTA Events

PTA fundraisers - Autumn term







Class Fundratisting

TEACHER'S GUIDE

Writing too close to the edge...



Use firm pressure with coloured pencils



Make sure artwork is central...



Block colour designs should fill the space



Sticking artwork to the template



NEED HELP?

Class Fundratisting

TEACHER'S GUIDE

It's time to get creative!

But first, here is a guide to get the best results...

- Provide each child with an artwork template, ask your fundraiser if you need more. **DO NOT PHOTOCOPY.**
- Read through our handy tips so that you can guide the children on what they can and cannot do.
- Have the children draw and create their artwork on the template. Check out the inspiration poster for ideas!
- Make sure that each child's design has their full name & class name in block capital letters at the top of the template. This should be completed by a teacher.
- Collect all the completed templates and pop them into the envelope. Then, fill out the details on the front and have them ready for your fundraiser to collect by your agreed collection date.

✓ PLEASE USE: ✓ Felt tip pens ✓ Coloured pencils (Matt and time presents to modification) ✓ Paints ✓ Wax Crayons ✓ Ink

- **Ø** DO NOT USE:
- Metallic paper & stickers
- ⊗ Glitter
- Fluorescent colours
- 3D objects
- ⊗ Photos printed on glossy paper
- ⊗ Folds or creases
- **⊗** Sellotape & staples
- ⊗ White paint
- ⊗ Paper collage

NEED HELP? visit www.classfundraising.co.ul

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First Name Last Name Class			
	PHOTOCOPY To plates? Please contact your	HIS TEMPLATE project organiser.	Class Fundralisting

PTA personalised Christmas cards & gifts













YOUR CHILD MIGHT HAVE ALREADY CREATED A
DESIGN, HOWEVER, IF THEY HAVNT, THE CHILDREN
WILL BE WORKING ON DESIGNS IN CLASS.
ORDER FORMS WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL CHILDREN
IN NOVEMBER FOR YOU TO HAVE THE OPTION TO
PURCHASE CHRISTMAS CARDS OR GIFTS











PTA Class Fundraising Christmas Card Project.

Each class has been invited to take part in this lovely fundraising idea and provided with an artwork template to complete in class. Any that have been completed at home will also be entered. Christmas cards will be completed in school before Friday 25th October 2024.

Once artwork has been completed, every child will receive a personalised order form to allow parents to order their personalised Christmas cards online in time for December.

Pyjama Appeal 2024 Friday 25th October 2024



On Friday 24th 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 Friday 24th October.

https://amzn.eu/acJOv8t

Churches Together Glow Party Oct 31st 2024



Half-term Holiday Club





There will be a holiday club running at St Mary's for the week of half-term from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024 run by Coach Gary and Coach George.

October holiday club forms are available from the school office or please contact Gary via email to secure a place for your child garyssc@hotmail.co.uk²

Coach Gary is running holiday clubs for the entirety of the academic year including the summer holidays. Flyers have been sent out via Parentpay. Please sign up as soon as possible to secure your place.

'Rock and Pop' Music Lessons!



We welcomed Rocksteady Music School last Friday. It's an incredible opportunity for the children to be in their very own bands with a choice of drums, keyboards, electric guitar, bass guitar or vocals.

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 term, the bands will perform a concert for the school and their families on Friday 20th December in the morning. More information to follow.

If you wish to sign up for lessons online, visit www.rocksteadymusicschool.com³.

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).

²mailto:garyssc@hotmail.co.uk

³http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com



St Nicholas Music Festival 16th October 2024

For Key Stage 2 Children that have joined the Choir

Children who have joined the choir are invited to participate in our Partner Primary School's Music Festival event. St Nicholas Catholic High School will arrange transport for the children from St Mary's to the High School, arriving at 2.45 pm. Students will then practice their performances (songs they have learnt as part of the choir) and will be served a light tea at approximately 5 pm (please inform us of dietary requirements as requested by your primary school.) At 6 pm parents and carers are invited to attend the performance free of charge at St Nicholas Catholic High School. The performance will last approximately one hour. Students will need transport for leaving the High School at the end of the evening.

Digital Inclusion



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 14th September Saturday 5th October Saturday 23rd November Saturday 14th December

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

> Refreshments provided by Able Together

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



Attendance



As we start a new academic year in supporting your child's education, we want to inform you of important changes to the law regarding school attendance as attached letter. These changes, are effective from 19th August 2024, are part of a new National Framework for Penalty Notices, including those for unauthorised holiday absences.

We understand that these new regulations might bring up some questions or concerns, and we want to assure you that we are here to support you through this transition.



2nd September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

IMPORTANT NOTICE: CHANGES TO ATTENDANCE LAWS

We hope this message finds you and your family well and that you have had a restful summer. As we start a new academic year in supporting your child's education, we want to inform you of important changes to the law regarding school attendance. These changes, are effective from 15th August 2024, are part of a new National Framework for Penalty Notices, including those for unauthorised holiday absences.

We understand that these new regulations might bring up some questions or concerns, and we want to assure you that we are here to support you through this transition.

What Are the Changes?

National Threshold for Unauthorised Absences: Beginning 19th August 2024, a penalty notice will be considered if your child accumulates 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10-week school period, for any reason.

 Holiday Absences:
 We understand the importance of family time, but under the new rules, taking your child out of school for a week's holiday during term time will now result in a penalty notice being issued.

Increased Penalty Fines:
 The fine for unauthorised absences will increase from £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days. If not paid within this period, the fine will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days.

4. Repeat Offenses:

If a second penalty notice is issued for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, the fine will automatically be £160, with no option to pay the lower rate. Should further absences occur, the local authority may consider additional enforcement

Additional Enforcement Options:
 In the case of a third offence within a 3-year period, the local authority will consider further steps to address the attendance issues.

We're Here to Support You:

We understand that these changes may seem challenging, and that life can sometimes make regular attendance difficult. If you have any concerns about how these new rules might impact your family, we encourage you to reach out to your child's Education Family Support Worker. They are available to discuss your situation and provide support, whether it's offering advice, resources, or helping to find solutions that work for your family.



I'm Kelly Gooch and I work as an 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.

Kelly Gooch Education Family Support Worker

Attendance and Children Out of School Service

Children & Families | Cheshire East Council Floor 5 Delamere House | c/o Municipal Buildings | Crewe CW1 2BJ 07881037622

Concerns about a child – <u>Cheshire East Consultation Service</u> (CHECS) 0300 123 5012 (opt 3), <u>Out of Hours</u> 0300 123 5022

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Q: If I have already booked a holiday for next year, could I receive a penalty fine at the

new higher rate?

At Yes, if the absence is not authorised by the Head Teacher. However, if you have concerns or special circumstances, please discuss them with your child's Education Family Support Worker or Headteacher as soon as possible.

Q: Who can be issued with a penalty notice?

At Each parent can receive a fine for each child who has unauthorised absences. This includes anyone who lives with the child and is involved in their day-to-day care, such as step-parents or partners.

 \mathbf{Q} : Do the new rules only apply to holidays during term time? A: No, they apply to all unauthorised absences, including truancy, arriving late after 9:15 am, and falling to provide reasons for absence.

Q: How do I request leave for my child during term time?

A: If you need to request leave, please submit a written request to the Head Teacher at least 20 days before the proposed absence. We understand that there may be exceptional circumstances, and your child's Education Family Support Worker can help you navigate this process.

Q: Do the 10 sessions of unauthorised absence need to be consecutive? A: No, the 10 sessions can occur at any time within a rolling 10-week period, either consecutively or non-consecutively.

Q: What should I do if I am worried about my child's attendance?
A: If you're concerned about your child's attendance, we encourage you to reach out to your child's Education Family Support Worker. They are dedicated to working with you to improve the situation and ensure your child receives the support they need.

We sincerely appreciate your co-operation and understanding as we work together to ensure the best possible educational experience for your child. Please do not he sitate to reach out to us for any assistance you may need.

Yours faithfully.

Mrs Janet McKinlay Headteacher

> ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MANOR LANE, MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE, CW10 9DH https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/

Nut Free School



As our schools have pupils who suffer from a serious nut allergy, we therefore request that parents and carers do **not** send food to **school** that contains **nuts**.

Well done Stars of The Week!

DONNELLY Orlagh	Year 4	STAR OF THE WEEK	04 October 2024
Hughes Kyra	Year 3	STAR OF THE WEEK	04 October 2024
Neild Sienna-Mae	Reception	STAR OF THE WEEK	04 October 2024
Nixon Elijah	Year 2	STAR OF THE WEEK	04 October 2024
Potts Lucy	Year 6	STAR OF THE WEEK	04 October 2024
Preston Ella	Year 5	STAR OF THE WEEK	04 October 2024
Styles Jude	Year 2	ASC STAR OF THE WEEK	04 October 2024
Whelan Rory	Year 1	STAR OF THE WEEK	04 October 2024
Webster Naomi	Year 1	STAR OF THE WEEK	11 October 2024
Birkenhead Jack	Year 4	STAR OF THE WEEK	11 October 2024
Bogoslaw-Shard Emil	Reception	STAR OF THE WEEK	11 October 2024
Calvert Kieran	Year 6	STAR OF THE WEEK	11 October 2024
Doherty Arthur	Year 3	STAR OF THE WEEK	11 October 2024
Sharrock Isla	Year 2	STAR OF THE WEEK	11 October 2024
Wakeley Helena	Year 5	STAR OF THE WEEK	11 October 2024
Wakeley Miriam	Reception	ASC STAR OF THE WEEK	11 October 2024

ParentPay Accounts

Please can you check your ParentPay accounts for each child are up to date for the week ahead.

The school operates a **NO DEBT** rule relating to the provision of school meals so please ensure your school meal account is in credit for the week ahead.

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

We would like to thank all parents / carers that pay promptly, as this ensures that all money that is for children's learning is available.

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

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

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 Office New Email Address

When contacting the school office for parent queries relating to clubs, medical appointments or school payment items, please contact the new school office email which is: schooloffice@stmrc.uk⁴

If you have a general enquiry or a query regarding admissions or paper copies of any information published on our website, please contact the School Business Manager at: admin@stmrc.uk⁵

To contact the headteacher Mrs Janet McKinlay, please email head@stmrc.uk6

To contact our school SENCO Miss Laura Dziamarski, please email ldziamarski@stmrc.uk⁷

If you have a query or concern regarding your child please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

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

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

⁴mailto:schooloffice@stmrc.uk

⁵mailto:admin@stmrc.uk

⁶mailto:head@stmrc.uk

⁷mailto:ldziamarski@stmrc.uk

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Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm

Visit us on the web at https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/

Lost Property

If you have an item of lost property or your child has mislaid their lunch box please contact the school Site Manager Mrs Anne Turnbull so that she can look into locating it aturnbull@stmrc.uk⁸

⁸mailto:aturnbull@stmrc.uk