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St Mary's Newsletter 25.10.2024

Dear Parents / Carer's,

We have reached the end of term and all the children, staff and volunteers have worked really hard, I am sure you are all ready for a well earned break!

The children attended the PTA Autumn Disco last night and there was lots of fun and laughter, a lovely way to end the term so a huge thank you to all the volunteers, staff and the PTA for making this event happen and raising money for our school.

Lastly, I would like to say that it is with great sadness that we will be losing Miss Lucy Smith and Mrs Hannah Clarke, they are moving on to pastures new. They will be greatly missed by us all at St Mary's and we wish them all the very best in their new roles.

We hope you have an enjoyable half term break and thank you for your support.

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 did a Kindness Challenge. We would like to thank all the children that took part in the two week challenge where the children recorded on a bucket template their acts of kindness, with the aim of filling their bucket with kindness.

They introduced the challenge at praise assembly last Friday.

Diary Date Reminders

Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November 2024	Half term school closed
Monday 4 th November 2024	School opens 8.30am
Wednesday 6 th November 2024	Kids with Bricks commences for 6 weeks Just go to www.kidswithbricks.com to book your child's place.
Wednesday 13 th November to Thursday 14 th November 2024	Parents' evening's bookings will be open on School Spider from 21 st October 2024 and will close on 8 th November at 9am.
Friday 15 th November 2024	Children to wear school uniform with a purple accessory, either socks or hair bobble or purple top/t-shirt on Friday 15 th November in support of World Prematurity Day Please donate via the below link direct to Leighton Hospital https://mchcharity.org/appeals/neonatal-unit-leighton-fund/#donate-llo
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.
Wednesday 11 th December 2024	Last session of Kids with Bricks 3-4pm
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

Residentials and Trips

Our Year 4 residential to Savio House is nearly here. we are looking forward to our November retreat in Bollington.

Year 6 will be going to Crucial Crew on 29th November. 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 Kits on their PE day and swimming day.

Netball Competition



Congratulations to the St Mary's Cross Netball Team on coming 2nd!

Well done, you represented St. Mary's brilliantly and we are very proud of you, we would also like to thank Coach George for all his effort and support with the sports teams and we would also like to thank Theresa Kay and Jen Proctor again for sourcing and arranging the funding for the St Mary's sports kits, they really do look the part!

Wild Cats Girls Football

	<p>Every Tuesday 6-7pm Middlewich Town Football Club 4G Pitch</p> <p>Open to all girls aged 5 – 11 Just turn up ready to play!</p> <p>Gain football skills , meet new friends, build confidence.</p> <p>Any questions/more information contact Andy on 07738 203486 or Jordan on 07765 401075</p>	
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Faith in Action



Thank you to the Faith in Action Group for helping to load up all the donations for the food bank and for collecting the pyjamas for the pyjama appeal. Thank you to everyone that has donated Pyjama's for the Pyjama Appeal, it was a fun day in school for a worthwhile cause.

We are blessed to have access to our very own chapel. Please encourage your child to attend the faith in art work group who meet in the chapel of Tuesdays at 8 am. All welcome!





PTA Events

Thank you to the PTA for organising this fundraiser and to all the children that have completed the card templates at home and in class. It really is a lovely idea to raise money for the school and we are sure the children that have completed them will be pleased with the results.

Churches Together Glow Party Oct 31st 2024



Middlewich library poster - 'Check it out' children's book group



Leighton Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit



Leighton hospital neonatal intensive care are raising donations to forever improve the service they provide for the local community and mainly premature babies.

This is a cause close to the schools heart so we will be asking children to wear school uniform with a purple accessory, either socks or hair bobble or purple top/t-shirt on **Friday 15th November** in support of World Prematurity Day.

If you wish to donate, please use the link below. This goes straight to Leighton Hospital.

Link¹

¹<https://mchcharity.org/appeals/neonatal-unit-leighton-fund/#donate-llo>

Half-term Holiday Club Cancelled

Coach Gary of The School Sports Company has unfortunately advised he will have to cancel the running of the Holiday Club during half October term because of low uptake in numbers which means it would not be cost effective to run the holiday club. Sadly this will mean there will be no holiday provision from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024. If you have any queries regarding bookings please direct them to garyssc@hotmail.co.uk

'Rock and Pop' Music Lessons!



Rock Steady fun and inclusive lessons are taught by highly trained professional musicians. 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.com².

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).

²<http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com>

**ROCK
STEADY**

IGNITE THEIR INNER SPARK!



Inclusive rock and pop band lessons at your school

With Rocksteady Music School, your child can learn to play an instrument in their own band with no experience necessary. Our inclusive band lessons tune into children's creativity, amplifying their self-belief and igniting a sense of confidence that carries far beyond the classroom!

**BOOK YOUR
CHILD'S PLACE
ONLINE!**



0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicschool.com

St Nicholas Music Festival 16th October 2024



On Wednesday 16th October St Mary's choir had the pleasure of attending St Nicholas' High School to perform in their annual music festival. St Mary's did a fantastic job, they should all be very proud! There are still spaces to join the choir on a Friday lunch time in the year 1 classroom from 12.15. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to over the next year and it would be great to welcome more to the choir!

Mrs Kate Reed

Face Family Advice



OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS	24 OCT 25 NOV
Introduction to Facing Defiance Decreasing Depression	
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



November 2024

Newsletter

Monday
25th Nov

19:00 - 20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION

Decreasing Depression

A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.

Thursday
7th Nov

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
12th Nov

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Monday
18th Nov

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!

What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?

Thursday
21st Nov

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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 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 19th August 2024, are part of a new National Framework for Penalty Notices, including those for unauthorised holiday absences.

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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.
- 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 actions.
- 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 – [Cheshire East Consultation Service](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/consultation-service) (CHECS) 0300 123 5012 (opt 3), [Out of Hours](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/out-of-hours) 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?

A: 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?

A: 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.

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 failing 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 hesitate 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!

Name	Reg	Type	Date	Recorded By
Lear Ethan	Reception	STAR OF THE WEEK	18 October 2024	Mrs Charlotte Ashley
Thathapuddy Adriel	Reception	STAR OF THE WEEK	25 October 2024	Mrs Charlotte Ashley
Taylor Callan	Year 1	STAR OF THE WEEK	18 October 2024	Mrs Kate Reed
McLean Connor	Year 1	ASC STAR OF THE WEEK	18 October 2024	Mrs Andrea Appleton
Taylor Callan	Year 1	STAR OF THE WEEK	24 October 2024	Mrs Kate Reed
Spann Ethan	Year 2	STAR OF THE WEEK	18 October 2024	Miss Clare Cook
Ward Wesley	Year 2	STAR OF THE WEEK	25 October 2024	Miss Clare Cook
Maddocks Isaac	Year 3	STAR OF THE WEEK	18 October 2024	Miss Laura Dziarnarski
Martin Autumn	Year 3	STAR OF THE WEEK	25 October 2024	Miss Laura Dziarnarski
DONNELLY Orlagh	Year 4	STAR OF THE WEEK	18 October 2024	Miss Eve Smith
Nixon Nancy	Year 4	STAR OF THE WEEK	24 October 2024	Miss Eve Smith
Richardson Savannah	Year 5	STAR OF THE WEEK	18 October 2024	Mr Daniel Philo
Ward Jensen	Year 5	STAR OF THE WEEK	24 October 2024	Mr Daniel Philo
Buckley Blake	Year 6	STAR OF THE WEEK	18 October 2024	Mrs Shelley Hughes
Proctor Joseph	Year 6	STAR OF THE WEEK	25 October 2024	Mrs Shelley Hughes
Toro Ava	Year 6	ASC STAR OF THE WEEK	25 October 2024	Mrs Andrea Appleton

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.uk³

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.uk⁴

To contact the headteacher Mrs Janet McKinlay, please email head@stmrc.uk⁵

To contact our school SENCO Miss Laura Dziamarski, please email ldziamarski@stmrc.uk⁶

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

³<mailto:schooloffice@stmrc.uk>

⁴<mailto:admin@stmrc.uk>

⁵<mailto:head@stmrc.uk>

⁶<mailto:ldziamarski@stmrc.uk>

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

Manor Lane, Middlewich. CW10 9DH

01606 516 171

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.uk⁷

⁷<mailto:aturnbull@stmrc.uk>