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## St Mary's Newsletter 14.02.2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a busy term with lots happening in school, the children have worked really hard and it has been lovely to see. They certainly deserve a break!

We return to school 8.30am on Monday 24th February and the school menu will be week 1.

Have a wonderful half term!

Mrs Janet McKinlay

Headteacher

## Fond farewell to Mrs Davies



Mrs Davies shocked us all by announcing her intention to retire not too long ago and the time has rapidly come upon us. She is leaving us today! We are going to be lost without her. She has worked here since 2003 and has had a massive impact on the school as a whole and the children who have been in her care. We have benefitted from her expertise and dedication over the years and she will be sorely missed by all.

Please join us in wishing her every happiness and we look forward to hearing about her adventures and travels.

Mrs McKinlay and all the staff

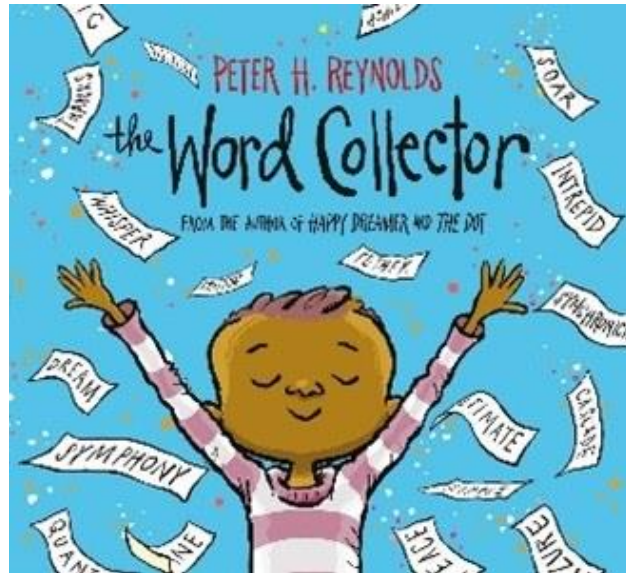
## Worry Dolls Workshop - 11th February 2025

This was a full day cross curricular workshop commissioned by the school which combined MFL (Spanish), Art, global and cultural dimensions and well-being and was delivered by Madame Dellapiana! Pupils learnt about the origin of the dolls and their use. In traditional and modern times, worry dolls were given to anxious children. They would tell the doll their fears, worries or

sorrows, then hide the dolls under their pillow before going to sleep at night. It was very interesting for the children to learn about other cultures and of course lovely to have Madame Dellapiana back in school for the day with us.



## World Book Day 6th March 2025



This year's theme for World Book Day is to dress up as a word, which is inspired by the book 'The Word Collector' by Peter H. Reynolds.



## Chosen series evenings

Chosen series evenings which will be commencing after Easter.

Remember when we ran the ALPHA programme in school, well we are doing something similar based on the Chosen series. It will be held at St Mary's in the school hall on Tuesday evenings for 45 minutes to an hour starting at 7 pm. Refreshments provided.

Watch the pilot episode:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVt14Ug-GOs>

## Holiday Clubs

Sadly due to low uptake there will be **NO HOLIDAY CLUB** running at St Mary's from Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025.



Depending on numbers, Coach Gary intends to run future holiday clubs during our holiday periods. If this would be of interest to you, please contact Coach Gary directly on [garyssc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:garyssc@hotmail.co.uk)<sup>1</sup> or pick up the booking forms from the office.



**The School Sports Company**  
Professional Sports Coaching

THE SCHOOL SPORTS COMPANY, 40 Windmill Rd,  
Walkden, Manchester, M283RP. 07572 553 362  
[garyssc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:garyssc@hotmail.co.uk)

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY MULTI ACTIVITY CAMPS

The School Sports Company are pleased to confirm that coaches will be running activity camps during school holidays at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Middlewich 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

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BOOKING FORM

**TO BOOK A PLACE:** Please tick which days you wish your child/ren to attend in the boxes below.  
Places must be booked by the Friday prior to the holiday club starting the following week.  
Refunds will not be given for cancellations, however where possible days can be swapped.

	October - Half Term	February - Half Term	April - Easter	May - Whit	
	28/10/24 - 01/11/24	17/02/25 - 21/02/25	14/04/25 - 17/04/25	27/05/25 - 30/05/25	03/06/25 - 06/06/25
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					

July - Summer holidays					
	22/07/25 - 25/07/25	26/07/25 - 01/08/25	04/08/25 - 08/08/25	11/08/25 - 15/08/25	18/08/25 - 22/08/25
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					

**TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE, PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE.**

Childs Name: ..... DOB: .....

Medical Details / Allergies: .....

Address: .....

**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:**

Name: ..... Telephone no: .....

Email: .....

PAYMENT: Bank Transfer ☐ CASH ☐

I understand that The School Sports Company or it's employees cannot be held responsible for any loss or injury except those caused by the negligence of its employees whilst attending the holiday club sessions.

Signed Parent/Guardian: ..... Date: .....

## Return to School Reminder dates

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	8.30am School Opens 8.30am
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Lent begins this year's Lenten fundraising will take the form of the Big Walk and individual class & pupil initiatives
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day  Smile for a mile cross country competition at St Nicks Catholic High School on their school field at 3.45 - 4.30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 1 British Farming Visit
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	World Down Syndrome Day 2025 Gingerbread Sock Biscuit Campaign
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Level 1 Bikeability Year 4
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Mixed Netball Competition at Middlewich High School 3.30-5pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 4 Activity Day St Nicholas High School
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Whole school House of Dance Workshop 9.00am to 2.45pm in School Hall
1 <sup>st</sup> April to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Limb Loss Awareness Month 2025
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Year 5 & 6 Netball Competition at Middlewich High School 3.30-5pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Academy Photos Class Groups and Leavers -Reception and Year 6
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Parents Evening School Hall – Bookings will be on ParentPay nearer the time

### School Trip Reminders

**Please pay on ParentPay**

**Green are school residentials**

**Red are school day trips**



Cost	Place	Year Group	Date
£110.00	Petty Pool	3	6 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
£190.00	Redridge	5	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025
£26.00	Tatton Park	4	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025
£19.00	Weaver Hall and Workhouse	1	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
£20.00	Trentham Gardens	3	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
£20.50	Jodrell Bank	5	12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
£304.00	Robinwood Activity Centre	6	18 <sup>th</sup> June to 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
FREE	Ranger Day Delamere	KS1	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 9.30am to 2.30pm
£24.00	Jodrell Bank	Reception & Nursery	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
TBA	Llandudno	2	TBA
£128.00	Savio House	4	19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025

## PE & Swimming Timetable from 07.01.2025

Day of week	PE	Swimming
Monday	Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5	
Tuesday	Year 1, Year 4	
Wednesday	Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 6	Year 4 will run until 02.04.2025
Thursday	Year 6	
Friday	Year 5	

**Children are to now wear their school uniform each day and bring their PE and swimming kit on their PE/Swimming day.**

## Other School Clubs

Monday KS1 & KS2 health & fitness, & smile for a mile training

Tuesday Chapel Group 8 am/KS2 netball & hockey pm

Wednesday KS2 football/Kids with Bricks

Thursday KS1 & KS2 forest school & outdoor activities/French Club

Friday KS1 & KS2 dance & gym

Monday to Friday - Sports Clubs 3 - 4pm £4.00 per session details are on ParentPay for parents that have signed up. **These will run until Friday 28th March 2025 and re-commence after April 2025 half term Tuesday 22nd April 2025.**

Kids with Bricks After School Club commences from Wednesday 26th February 2025 until Wednesday 9th April 2025. The club costs £3.99 +VAT per child per session and is paid for termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to [www.kidswithbricks.com](http://www.kidswithbricks.com)<sup>2</sup> to book your child's place

Starting from 27th February 2025 there will be a KS2 French Club on a Thursday. To book please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1231459351069?aff=oddtcreator> The link is also available to click from the main page of [www.llamalanguages.co.uk](http://www.llamalanguages.co.uk)<sup>3</sup>

Rock Steady Music run inclusive rock and band sessions in school on a Friday morning 8.30am to 10.30am to book a place please go to the below link. <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>



## Residentials and Trips

### Up and coming Trips and Residentials

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<sup>2</sup><http://www.kidswithbricks.com/>

<sup>3</sup><http://www.llamalanguages.co.uk/>

Due to annual inflation, the costs for Residentials and travel costs have increased in 2025, to make Residentials more affordable this year to parents but not compromise on the enrichment experience, the school has subsidised them so that where there are increases they are less than £10.00. Providers offer free places to staff who accompany/supervise children on residentials.

#### Costs in 2024

Petty Pool Y3 £105.50

Savio House Y4 £119.00

Redridge Y5 £219.00

Abernant Lake Y6 £295.00

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Savio House Y4 £128.00

Redridge Y5 £190.00

Robinwood Y6 £304.00

Please contact Mrs McKinlay if you missed the presentation evenings as she is happy to answer any queries.

## Upcoming Sporting Events

Please see attached dates of all competitions for St Mary's, which we hope to attend unless it clashes with a residential or event in school.

Notifications are on ParentPay for the Spring term, please can parents ensure they turn their ParentPay notification settings on, so that they don't miss them and let the school office know if they are chosen and cannot attend the event for any reason.

All available event information will be in the ParentPay description and final details will be issued 2 weeks before the event when the school receives them from the event organiser.

The team kit will be issued to each pupil on the event day and they can get changed in school.

#### Sports Competitions 24/25

Who	When	When	Time	Where
Year 5/6	Girls Football	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	3:45-5:15	St. Nick's playing fields
Year 5/6	Mixed Football	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	3:45-5:15	St. Nick's playing fields
Year 3/4	Mixed Football	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	4:00-5:15	St. Nick's playing fields
Year 5/6	Cross Country	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	3:30-5:00	Clelland Primary
Year 5/6	Mixed Netball	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	3:45-5:15	St. Nick's netball courts
Year 3/4	Mixed Football	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	3:30-5:30	Middleton High
Year 5/6	Mixed Basketball	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	3:45-5:15	St. Nick's sports hall
Year 5/6	Dodgeball	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	3:30-5:00	Middleton High
Year 5/6	Mixed Twister Athletics	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	3:45-5:30	St. Nick's sports hall
Year 5/6	Mixed Quidditch Hockey	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	3:45-5:15	St. Nick's sports hall
Year 5/6	Mixed Indoor Hockey	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	3:30-5:00	Middleton High
Year 1-6	Smile for a mile	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	3:45-4:30	St. Nick's playing fields
Year 3/4	Mixed Netball	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30-5:00	Middleton High
Year 5/6	Mixed Netball	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30-5:00	Middleton High
Year 5/6	Mixed Cricket	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	3:00-5:30	Warrington Park CC
Year 5/6	Mixed Dodgeball	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	3:45-5:15	St. Nick's sports hall
Year 5/6	Mixed Football	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	3:30-5:30	Middleton High
Year 5/6	Mixed Tag Rugby	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	3:30-5:00	Middleton High
Year 5/6	Quidditch Athletics	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> June	3:45-5:15	St. Nick's
Year 5/6	Town Sports	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30-5:30	Middleton Primary
Year 5/6	St. Mary's Cup Cricket	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	9-2pm	Middleton Cricket Club
Year 5/6	Rounders	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	3:30-5:00	Middleton Primary

## Hockey Competition

Well done to all those who took part in the hockey competition at MHS last week. They got off to a slow start but soon got into the fray winning their last match! Fabulous effort and team work!



## PTA Disco - 12th February 2025



Thank you to the PTA, staff and volunteers for creating a fun disco experience for the children. It's a wonderful event for the children and another way for the PTA to support the school.

## School Fundraising - We raised £778 for charity!

To all our Friends at St Mary's

Happy New Year to you all. Thank you for being part of our Elf Run 2024, we hope you all had an amazing time at your event. Please pass on our sincere thanks to all the staff, pupils and parents involved for their wonderful generosity and support of us this Christmas. I am thrilled to be able to confirm that you raised **£778.00!** Congratulations on raising such a great amount. The money you have raised will help to support local families on a very difficult journey; it will help to provide medical and nursing care, bereavement support for both adults and children, and care for carers including those living with Dementia.

Thank you all once again for being a part of our Elf Run 2024 campaign and we hope you will consider joining us again this year. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all our latest news throughout the year.

**Mandy Shaw Fundraiser**

[www.slhospice.co.uk](http://www.slhospice.co.uk)<sup>4</sup>

Grosvenor House | Queensway, Winsford | CW7 1BH

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## Community Events



Scan the QR code or visit:  
[cheshireeast.gov.uk/familyhubs](https://cheshireeast.gov.uk/familyhubs)





Cheshire East Family Hubs are a one-stop-shop for families with children and young people aged 0-19 (or up to 25 for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities). We bring the very best of council, health, and community services together.



Our hub journey is broken down into three key steps; Start for life (0-5), Primary (5-11) and Young Persons (11-19).

The Start for Life Journey includes family play sessions which are free of charge and operate on a drop-in basis. Babies Together (0-walking), Stay and Play (0-3yrs) and our Little Stars group for children with additional needs (0-4yrs) run at each of our Hubs. Families can socialise, seek advice from our Start for Life Portage Practitioners and meet with Health Visitors as well as being directed to mental health services.

Our South Locality Hubs can be found at:

- Monks Coppenhall Family Hub and SEND Centre of Excellence – Remer Street, Crewe, CW1 4LY
- Oak Tree Family Hub – Newcastle Street, Crewe, CW1 3LF
- Crewe Family Hub – Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, CW1 2BB (opening January 2025)

If you are unable to visit one of Hubs, our new digital offer is the Family Hub 'in your hand'. The website can be accessed via the link below. It provides a wealth of information and is there to signpost families to the very best of services that are available in your locality. For families with older children our Young Persons offer includes support with money, social media, and mental health as well as coping with exam stress and healthy relationships.



Our 'What's on in your local area' section outlines all of our free-to-attend groups across Cheshire East. On your first visit to a Family Hub, you will be asked to register with the centre so that we can continue to work in line with health and safety policy.

We look forward to meeting you and your family soon!

[Family Hubs \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](http://cheshireeast.gov.uk/familyhubs)

# KIDS & CARERS

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BABY & TODDLER ROOM

**WEDNESDAY  
19TH FEBRUARY  
10AM - 12NOON**

**MIDDLEWICH COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
36 BROOKS LANE, MIDDLEWICH, CW10 0JG  
[WWW.MIDDLEWICH.ORG](http://WWW.MIDDLEWICH.ORG)

## IT & DIGITAL ISSUES TOMORROW AT ST MARY'S

Do you want help setting up parental controls on your child's phone, help with privacy settings or setting up a tracking app to keep your child safe? Come along for 10 minutes on Saturday, 15th February and we have professionals on hand to help. If you can't as you haven't got a babysitter, bring the children as well. this is an important issue.

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 15th February Saturday 15th March**

10—11.30 am—Help with phones and tablets, and using Word, Excel etc.

cake and doughnuts provided and occasionally toast!

For more information, please contact Lucie Ferneyhough on 07929 717909 or **[lucie.ferneyhough@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:lucie.ferneyhough@cheshireeast.gov.uk)<sup>5</sup> or the school office.**

## Creative Craft Fairs

We are excited to announce that Creative Craft Fairs will be using St Mary's to host their Craft Fairs on the following dates and details will follow nearer the time.

We hope you can support them and the school to raise money for St Mary's.

Saturday 12th April 2025

Saturday 4th October 2025

Saturday 29th November 2025

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<sup>5</sup><mailto:lucie.ferneyhough@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

## Attendance



As we start a new 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, became effective from 19th August 2024, and 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.

17.01.2025

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 Christmas. As we start a new year in supporting your child's education, we want to remind you of important changes to the law regarding school attendance. These changes were effective from 19th August 2024 and have been in place since September 2024 as part of a new National Framework for Penalty Notices, including those for unauthorised holiday absences.

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## What Are the Changes?

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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 actions.
5. **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 is offering advice, resources, or helping to find solutions that work for your family.

## 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

**Concerns about a child** – Cheshire East Consultation Service<sup>6</sup> (CHECS) 0300 123 5012 (opt 3),  
Out of Hours<sup>7</sup> 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?**

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<sup>6</sup>[http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/education\\_and\\_learning/first\\_contact\\_service.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/education_and_learning/first_contact_service.aspx)

<sup>7</sup>[http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/social\\_care\\_and\\_health/adults\\_18\\_social\\_care/contact\\_the\\_social\\_care\\_team/social\\_care\\_out\\_of\\_hours\\_team.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/social_care_and_health/adults_18_social_care/contact_the_social_care_team/social_care_out_of_hours_team.aspx)

**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

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## 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**.

## Important Information about additional funding for your child's school - PLEASE READ

The Council provides two types of free school meals to children attending a school within the Cheshire East Borough.

**Free school meals for infants** - Children at school and in reception class, year 1 or year 2 (key stage 1) can have free school meals. This is called universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You don't need to claim for UIFSM, just contact your child's school.

**Income related free school meals IRFSM** - If your child is in receipt of income related free school meals, they are automatically eligible for the Household Support Fund<sup>8</sup>.

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance

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<sup>8</sup>[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/council\\_information/financial-support/household-support-fund.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/financial-support/household-support-fund.aspx)

- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

We suggest you do make a claim for free school meals even if your child is in key stage 1 as the school can claim additional funding (pupil premium) for new equipment and resources.

You can apply for nursery-age children if they attend before and after lunch sessions at a local authority nursery school, nursery class or an Academy nursery if it has the same Ofsted number as the primary school.

Please see below link

Free school meals<sup>9</sup>

Please check your entitlement by phoning the helpline Free School Meals Helpline - 0300 123 5012

Alternatively you can complete the Free School Meals enquiry form online at [http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx) Cheshire East will assess your claim and if successful will begin the same day. If your claim is not successful or requires further information, they will contact you

If you think you may be eligible it is really important that you apply online or by phone to help make sure St Mary's school is as well funded as possible.

## ParentPay Accounts

**Please can you check your ParentPay accounts for each child are up to date for the week ahead. When paying for items please use the option - Add to Basket - Other Payment Method option as the Pay by One-click payments is causing problems with payments pending.**

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.

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<sup>9</sup>[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx)

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



## 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 school office email which is: [schooloffice@stmrc.uk](mailto:schooloffice@stmrc.uk)<sup>10</sup>

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.uk](mailto:admin@stmrc.uk)<sup>11</sup>

To contact the headteacher Mrs Janet McKinlay, please email [head@stmrc.uk](mailto:head@stmrc.uk)<sup>12</sup>

To contact our school SENCO Miss Laura Dziemarski, please email [ldziemarski@stmrc.uk](mailto:ldziemarski@stmrc.uk)<sup>13</sup>

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

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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.uk](mailto:aturnbull@stmrc.uk)<sup>14</sup>

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