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Newsletter 11th July 2025

Dear Parents / Carers.

Please see our school website which is regularly updated with our School Dates for your diary¹ this is our last newsletter for the summer term with school ending next Friday 18th July 2025 at 1.30pm

Here are some of the highlights from the past two weeks.

Fond Farwell

We would like to say a fond farewell to Mrs Welsh, Miss Smith and Mrs Grant who sadly leave us this term, we would like to thank them all for their wonderful contribution to St Mary's and wish them all the best in their new chapters.

¹<https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/page/dates-for-your-diary/149986>

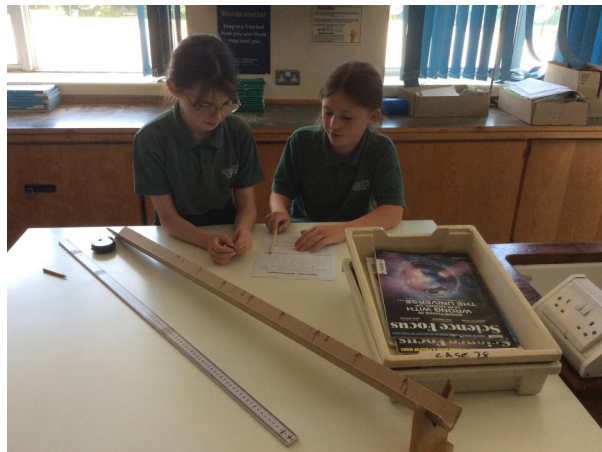
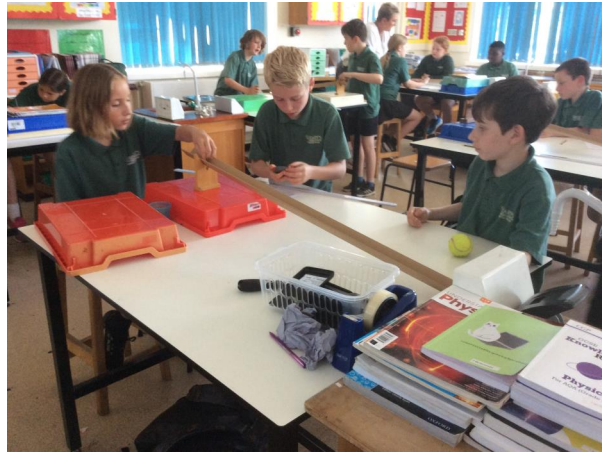
School Sports Day



Thank you to all that attended our School Sports Day, we have had some lovely feedback from the children and parents, it was a wonderful day and all the children were superb!

Year 5 St Nicholas Activity Day





Book Fair

The school book fair was a great success, thank you to all that attended and purchased books, we have raised an amazing £218.92 in rewards to enhance our school book collection.

School Nerf Day

Another great event in school for the end of the summer term which the children really enjoyed.

Message from the PTA - Summer Fair

The School Summer Fair was held on Friday 4th July and was once again a roaring success. Making these events successful relies on a huge commitment from across the whole school community, and the PTA would like to thank all those who volunteered their time and effort to organise activities, plan and run stalls, source and donate raffle prizes etc. etc., and, most importantly, to all of you who came and enjoyed the Fayre and made it an event to

remember for the children. The Summer Fair is such a great event because the children in particular get such enjoyment from it and it also helps us raise funds for the PTA charity which ultimately goes to support and enhance the children's school experience. This year's Summer Fair raised just over £1,000 after all costs were taken into account which reflects a great effort from everyone.

Fundraising Events have been held through the year, including the Nativity shows, School Discos and the Summer Fair. Throughout the year these events have been very well supported, allowing just under £2,600 of net income to be raised for the PTA charity for the year. We can't thank you enough for all the support you continue to give to help these events be successful.

Over the course of the year, the PTA has provided £2,690 of funding to the school which was mostly front loaded to allow the funds to be spent on specific items to support the pupils of the school, including providing a £200 per class budget to enhance learning, and supporting the installation of equipment for the newly established Nursery provision.

On behalf of the PTA, we hope you enjoy a restful and relaxing summer break.

Open Day

On Tuesday, 15th July we will be holding an open day from 10.30am to 11.30am and 1.30pm to 2.30pm with tours of the school. We warmly welcome prospective new pupils/parents starting Reception in September 2025 to have a look around the school.

If you have any family or friends with a child due to start school in September 2025/2026, please encourage them to come along!

There will also be coffee in the hall at 10.30am where there will be the chance to view photographs of all the residential trips that have taken place this year.

To book a place, please contact the school office on 01606 516171 or email schooloffice@stmrc.uk

Forest Schools









The School were lucky enough to win a grant application from West Mercia Energy Social Value Fund 2024 for £1,000 which paid for our Petty Pool Outdoor Educational Forest School visits this term.

Observing the children's participation & feedback from them and the instructors was a pleasure to see that this money had been well spent in contributing to their wider learning and understanding of outdoor learning.

St Mary's Cricket Cup



Well done to the cricket team who played brilliantly on Sunday at St. Mary's Cricket Cup! They faced some strong teams but they never gave up and showed great resilience and determination. They learnt new skills and their cricket improved with each match. Thank you for representing St. Mary's with great sportsmanship, we are very proud of you all!

Transition/Moving up Day Tuesday 15th July

Children will be paying a visit to the classroom they will be in next year.

School Nursery



Please see our nursery page for more information

Nursery Page²

Holiday Clubs

Please register your interest with Coach Gary.

Coach Gary will be running a HAF summer holiday club, If this would be of interest to you, please contact Coach Gary directly with your dates on sportscoach@stmrc.uk³.

Week 1 Monday 21st July to Friday 25th July

Week 2 Monday 4th August to Friday 8th August

Week 3 Monday 11th August to Friday 15th August.

²<https://www.stmarysmiddlewich.cheshire.sch.uk/page/nursery-page/155819>

³<mailto:sportscoach@stmrc.uk>

Week 4 Monday 18th August to Friday 22nd August.

There will be a combination of sporting and creative activities on offer. Lunch and snacks provided.


Community Events



east Cheshire Association Primary Headteachers

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Ready Steady School



Join us for our FREE Ready Steady School event. We will have a marketplace with a range of professionals to gain advice and information from as well as lots of fun activities for your child to join in with. Families of children starting school in 2025 & 2026 welcome to attend!

Join Us:

- Tuesday 1st July at Ash Grove Family hub 15:30 - 17:00
- Wednesday 9th July at Congleton Family Hub 15:30 - 17:00
- Tuesday 15th July at Oakencloough Family Hub 15:30 - 17:00



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 6th September

Saturday 11th October

Saturday 8th November

Saturday 6th December

10 — 11.30am

Help with phones and tablets

Refreshments provided

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

Rascal Reflections



Jodi from Rascal Reflections joined us at this years Summer Fair and her face paintings were amazing! You can find her details here if you would like to invite her along to any of your own parties or events!

Holmes Chapel Zoo

Please find attached a flyer from Holmes Chapel Zoo. Many of the children really enjoyed interacting with the animals at last weeks Summer Fair - the attached gives details of where the Zoo are located and what they offer! You can find more details on their website or their Facebook page where they post frequent updates of what's happening at the zoo!

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Work Books

From next week, the children will begin to bring home some of their completed work books from this year. In order to be more environmentally friendly, we are trialling carrying forward some uncompleted subject books to the next year. These books will stay in school and be used in September in their next class. This also helps their new teacher to see their previously completed level of work.

Please provide a couple of bags from Monday onwards. They may not bring all their books home on the same day.

End of Year Reports

If you are unable to access School Spider it will be because you have not yet re-registered your school spider account since our migration change from SIMS to ARBOR.

The relevant parents will have just received a invite email from School Spider. Please follow the steps in the email you receive.

Your child's report is now available to view on School Spider under awards and reports.

Year 6 will bring a copy of their report home this evening including their SATS results.

School New Website and Migration to Arbor from September 2025

Please can parents ensure all their payments are up to date on ParentPay by the end of term next Friday, there are to be NO ARREARS.

We are excited to announce that we will be moving our MIS to Arbor in September 2025 and the school is developing a new website.

Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system it will replace our School Spider and ParentPay platforms.

We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App⁴

⁴<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Getting-started-Log-into-the-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App>

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of! These can all be found here⁵.

We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register during the first week of September, please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature and the new school website once it is up and running as much as we are.

September clubs

Other School Clubs after half term from w/c 9th September 2025

Sports Clubs

Monday to Friday - Sports Clubs 3 - 4pm £4.00 per session.

Coach Gary and Coach Mike will be running sports clubs from Monday to Friday from Monday 9th September 2025 and these will be available on Arbor from the first week in September 2025.

Monday - KS1 multi sports

Tuesday - KS2 basketball/netball

Wednesday - KS1 and KS2 football

Thursday - KS2 dodgeball and hockey

Friday - KS1 and KS2 gymnastics/fitness (wall apparatus)

Weight Lifting Club

Wednesday 3pm to 4pm running for 6 weeks. To register your place, please contact the school office.

Kids with Bricks Wednesday Club 3pm to 4pm

⁵<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/sections/201716749-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App-as-a-parent>

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.com⁶ to book your child's place

Autumn 1- 7 weeks from 10th September 2025 (Wednesday)

Autumn 2- 7 weeks from 5th November 2025 (Wednesday)

Spanish Language Club Thursday 3pm to 4pm

Open to all year groups. Prices are £5 per session.

To book please visit www.llamalanguages.co.uk⁷

Bookable in groups of 5 sessions

Here are the dates for Autumn 1

18/09/2025

25/09/2025

2/10/2025

9/10/2025

16/10/2025

Rock Steady Music Friday 8.30am to 10.30am

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/>

House of Dance

We are excited to announce that from Wednesday 10th September 2025 House of Dance will hold a regular dance class at St Mary's from 3pm to 4.15pm, running for the whole summer term.

Below is the booking link

<https://house-of-dance-chester.classforkids.io/info/604>

It will be £5.50 per session

⁶<http://www.kidswithbricks.com/>

⁷<http://www.llamalanguages.co.uk/>

It is super easy, just click the link above, which takes you to the booking page, fill in all details and pay.

Homework Club

For those attending ASC on a Friday 3pm to 4pm there is an opportunity to complete homework with support from staff.

Contacting the School Office

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.uk⁸

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.uk⁹

To contact the headteacher Mrs Janet McKinlay, please email head@stmrc.uk¹⁰

To contact our school SENCO Miss Laura Dziamarski, please email ldziamarski@stmrc.uk¹¹

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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Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm

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