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Year 6 Leavers Newsletter

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This week we have been saying goodbye to our **year 6 students** as they begin their transition to high school soon. They had a great time learning to drive with The Young Drivers Company albeit in the rain. It has also been lovely seeing them rehearse and perform the End of Year Production, The Wizard of Oz, which was amazing! The Leaver's Mass was very touching and was accompanied by lots of sad tears as thoughts of leaving finally sunk in. We do appreciate that this can be an anxious time for some but also the first steps to new friends, new learning and lots of new opportunities. We wish them good luck!





































Summer Reading Challenge

The summer holidays are nearly here and it's important that our pupils don't lose the momentum they've built for their reading habits whilst they're out of school. A great way to keep encouraging their love of reading is to get involved with the Cheshire public libraries summer reading challenges.

Children age 0-12 can take part in the Summer Reading Challenge by signing up in any local library. They will be given a challenge pack and collect stickers along the way. If they complete the challenge (to read six books in any format), they will be rewarded with a medal and a certificate.

Staying healthy on your summer holiday

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have drafted a letter for parents and carers before children break up for the summer holidays which has been sent by ParentPay.

The letter reminds families who are planning to travel abroad for holidays or to visit relatives, to check if they need any vaccinations before they go, in particular, MMR, Hep A and Typhoid, and includes general advice on how to keep safe and well.

This is particularly important with the current rise in measles cases in the Cheshire and Merseyside region.

Thank you to PTA

We are extremely grateful for the contribution and support of all the members of the PTA and for the parents' engagement with their fundraising efforts. Teachers have really appreciated receiving a £200 class budget this year. In addition, the PTA paid for the Nursery equipment as our newly created Nursery goes from strength to strength and are helping us buy more IPADs.

Holiday Clubs

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.uk.

Please be aware that payment must be made to ensure a place is allocated as last year, parents reserved places but then didn't turn up which meant places could have been offered to other parents who had requested a place.

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.

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.

HAF Provision St Mary's

This holiday provision is for school aged children from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Benefits-related free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils if their parents are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, and have a claim verified by their school or local authority.

Further information on eligibility for free school meals is available¹.

Local authorities are asked to ensure that the offer of free holiday club provision is available for all children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals in their area, though this does not mean we expect all to attend as the provision is voluntary.

We also encourage local authorities to make the holiday clubs available to any children not receiving free school meals who can pay to attend. This might be through operating:

- bespoke provision
- as part of already existing holiday provision in the area
- a mixed arrangement depending on the local supply and demand for provision

HAF link

<https://www.eequ.org/book/st-marys-the-school-sports-company-with-st-marys-catholic-primary-school-18027>

Community Events

Household Support Fund - The Household Support Fund (HSF) team would like to let you know that a new referral opportunity for food and energy support opened on 1 July 2025. This support is available to financially vulnerable adults and families living in Cheshire East. Please be aware that only one referral can be accepted per individual or household, and referrals cannot be backdated to previous opportunities. If additional referral opportunities become available in the future, this information will be updated on the Household Support Fund webpage.

¹<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If you are struggling with the cost of food or energy, you are encouraged to speak with a trusted professional who is familiar with your current situation. If appropriate, they can make a referral on your behalf. Trusted professionals are individuals working in organisations that support adults and families, such as those in health, education, housing, advice services, faith groups, or the voluntary and community sector. If a professional is unsure whether they are eligible to make a referral, they can contact the HSF Family Team by emailing HSFFamily@cheshireeast.gov.uk². Please click on the link for more information about the HSF - Household Support Fund³



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**

²<mailto:HSFFamily@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

³https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/financial-support/household-support-fund.aspx

Modern Foreign Language Offer



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1. Register a new account
2. Go to 'Settings' and tap 'Promo Code'
3. Enter the offer code: **LAOFR25**

ON MOBILE? CLICK HERE

School New Website and Migration to Arbor from September 2025

Please can parents ensure all their payments are up to date on ParentPay there are to be NO ARREARS going into September 2025.

We are excited to announce that we will be moving our MIS to Arbor in September 2005 and the school is developing a new website.

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

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.

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

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

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.com⁵ 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.

⁵<http://www.kidswithbricks.com/>

To book please visit www.llamalanguages.co.uk⁶

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

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.

⁶<http://www.llamalanguages.co.uk/>

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.uk⁷

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.uk⁸

To contact the headteacher Mrs Janet McKinlay, please email head@stmrc.uk⁹

To contact our school SENCO Miss Laura Dziamarski, please email ldziamarski@stmrc.uk¹⁰

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

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

⁷<mailto:schooloffice@stmrc.uk>

⁸<mailto:admin@stmrc.uk>

⁹<mailto:head@stmrc.uk>

¹⁰<mailto:ldziamarski@stmrc.uk>