



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 22nd November 2024

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

Another action packed week in school with lots of learning and a real wintry feel with our first frosts and even snowflakes!!

Christmas Events

It is that busy time of the year..... Counting down to Christmas lots of exciting events coming up

2.12.24 – Christmas Light Switch on and FOSM Christmas Fayre – Join us for Carols around the tree followed by an action packed Christmas Fayre...with a special visitor!!!!

6.12.24 – Santa Dash – Monies Raised to School Funds

Our super Santa Dash is back again and promises to be lots of fun!!

Children will tackle obstacles, run around school and dodge snowballs in this wonderful event. EVERY child taking part receives a Santa Hat and Medal!

Your child will have brought home a sponsor form (minimum sponsor of £2.50) please return these forms to School with monies as soon as possible!



12.12.24 – Breakfast with Santa -£5

This includes a delicious breakfast, chocolate treat and a story with Santa! This must be pre booked by 2.12.24

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for your continued support with attendance and punctuality.

Our School day starts at 08.45 prompt and Staff will always greet Pupils on the yard prior to this time. Pupils should be ready to commence learning time promptly and as such we will bring Pupils in to school and close our school door.

Pupils arriving late MUST be signed in by an adult.

We do need to keep records and we have signing in books for Health and Safety reasons. We record minutes late, and as a School we are legally obligated to monitor attendance and punctuality of all pupils.

We will share with families, on a termly basis, our Coloured Attendance Traffic Light letter. Look out for these just before Christmas.

We will also share Minutes Late Reports, where relevant, and will ask you to work with us to ensure punctuality.

I share some information below....

To highlight even just **being 5 minutes late per day is the equivalent of missing 3.5 days of school which has a HUGE impact.**

As a school, we have tightly focused sessions within our mornings starting from 08.45 and we stream phonics and spelling. Lateness means that your child may miss out on these crucial elements of their education.



Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

900 x 334

Requests for Leave are only granted in Exceptional circumstances and families taking leave/ holidays within term time will incur a fine.

Our School has an Attendance Target of 95% or above.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

St. Mary's Church Christmas Raffle Tickets

Your Child was given a Raffle Ticket booklet for the Annual St. Mary's Christmas Raffle. Thank you to all who have bought and returned them to School so far. We are very lucky that the Parish of St. Mary's kindly gives half of all the monies raised to School. This year we hope to use the monies raised towards our Helping Hands and to buy additional Reading books for School. We are so grateful of your support.

If you do not wish to purchase the raffle ticket please return the books to school.

All the additional Raffle tickets have now been sold.

Staff contacts

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FOSM

26.11.24 - Own Clothes Day- Bring a Chocolate item for our Chocolate Tombola



The FOSM elves have been working hard and we are so excited for our Christmas Fayre 2024 in just over a week's time.

We have some AMAZING prizes for you; beauty vouchers, Ribby Hall family passes, £150 vehicle repair voucher, Breakfast With Santa tickets, after school club passes, champagne, chocolates and so much more...

We are so lucky to announce that we will be hosting the debut performance of Mrs Ellis's Singing Club!!

We also have our big prize lucky dip tombola, chocolate tombola, raffle, Mr C's famous lucky dip, Hot Chocolate bar (kindly sponsored by Staite Motors and Stephen Phoenix), Greggs Sausage Rolls, FOSM cafe and tuck shop, crafting activities, silent auction, reindeer food and of course a visit from Father Christmas himself in his festive grotto!

Make sure to join us with your friends and family on **Monday 2nd December** after the Christmas Tree Light switch on, EVERYONE is welcome.

With your support, this year we have been able to provide the buses to the pantomime!

Please continue to help us raise as much as we can for our school; towards our long term goal of an outside classroom and smaller goals such as playground and classroom equipment. We couldn't do it without you.

If anyone is able to, we could still do with some help on 2/12 afternoon setting up for the fayre and tidying up afterwards. If anyone wants to help during the fayre we'd appreciate it even if you can just give us an hour of your time. We'll also be having a wrapping session next Thursday afternoon from 1pm in school.

We would also appreciate any donations of gift bags (not just Christmas) and festive wrapping paper before then.

Have a great weekend!

Gillian, Michelle and Victoria

Dates for your diary

26.11.24 - Own Clothes Day- Bring a Chocolate item for our Chocolate Tombola
25.11.24 – Key stage one Maths Workshop for families at 8.45am and 2.45pm – All welcome
26.11.24 – Creepy Crawly Roadshow Classes 1 and 3
29.11.24- Bike-A-Bility Class 3 – letters have been sent to Parents.
2.12.24- Christmas Light switch on followed by Christmas Fayre
6.12.24- Santa Dash
9.12.24 - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
11.12.24 – Key stage one Nativity – 10.00 am and 4.00 pm
17.12.24 – Passport for Learning Day

Useful Information

School times

School Start 08.45 am

School Finish time 15.15 pm

Forest School – This commenced w/c 09.09.24

Monday: Class 1 Forest School

Wednesday: Class 3 OR class 4 Forest School – Autumn 1 Class 3 Autumn 2 Class 4

Friday: Class 2

PE Days

Class 1: Wed pm and Fri pm

Class 2: Tue pm and Wed pm

Class 3: Monday pm and Thurs pm

Class 4: Tuesday (Swimming) ** and Thursday pm ** Swimming commenced from 10.9.24

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures is up and running and we have already welcomes lots of new friends. Mrs. Ellis has a Bouncy Bodies fitness theme and we now have Adrian from A Star Spots who leads a fun session too!

Each session runs from 1.15 - 3.00 pm. If you would like your child to attend, please either email or contact the school office to book their place

Helping Hands

With the support of St. Mary's Parish, we have created a '*Helping Hands Fund*' – This means we have a stock of tinned food / non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little '**Helping Hand**' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

Celebration Awards

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Freya Diamond	Curtis Beresford	Molly Walmsley
Class 2	Eli Heslop	Roman Wild	
Class 3	Atonio Qereqeretabua	Edward Stevens	Keon Bruney
Class 4	Joe O'Donnell	Agatha Holmes	

