

Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Mass Online

Great news for anyone who is enjoying participating in the Mass via live-streaming. Frs Peter and Alan have set up a little 'studio' in the sitting room of the presbytery and are now live-streaming daily Mass.

The web address for the Mass is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCJ4RA2ocNUgNNombaKiy5A>

Press the Subscribe button to add to your list of favourite channels.

The times of the Masses will be as follows:

Each Sunday 10:00 and 11:30

Daily 10:00

Tweet of the Week



In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: Christ is risen and is living by our side.

Safeguarding

Please be reassured that although the school is closed to most children, we are still here to support you and your family. If you have any safeguarding concerns please email admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk and Mrs Berry will contact you directly.

Dear Parents and Carers

We continue to miss seeing you all and it has been lovely to have emails and letters letting us know how you are doing. Please keep these coming, we love seeing what you are up to. It is great to hear that many families have been enjoying bike rides, baking, board games and also most importantly being kind to each other.

I hope that you get an opportunity to celebrate VE day as a family today. Let me know how you have decided to mark the day. Below there are some ideas of things you may like to do to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Remember if you need to call us or get in touch with us then please do, I'm afraid we don't have any answers about when we may potentially open but we can help with any home learning questions.

Be kind to yourself and each other.

God Bless you all,

Mrs Berry



Here are some ideas of things you could do throughout the week, or you might just do one of them!

The 75th anniversary of VE Day is on Friday 8th May 2020.

Many large celebrations of the day have been postponed due to social distancing. Perhaps you could mark the day in some way at home.

This website is a good place to start for an overview of what VE day is.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749>

The English Heritage website has some pictures of the celebrations, suitable for all ages to look at.

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/inspire-me/ve-day/ve-day-in-pictures/>

This video from the time is a good overview for KS2 children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEavcsrMoMw>

Lots of people danced in the streets to celebrate VE day 75 years ago. **Can you make up a celebratory dance?** Choose a piece of music that makes you feel happy. What moves will you include? **Can you write a new celebration song?** Perhaps someone can video you dance or sing.



As you know, Captain Tom Moore, has raised lots of money for 'NHS Charities Together' and is now a chart topper!

What can you find out about Captain Tom Moore and his military career?

Perhaps you can draw a picture of him? If you could

interview him, **what questions would you ask him?**

Perhaps you could **create a timeline of major historical events from the last 100 years.**



Many people decorated their homes and streets during VE day celebrations. **Can you design and create some celebratory bunting or paper chains?** What are your favourite colours to use? You could use paint, crayons, collage, or anything else you have to hand. **Can you make a party hat or crown too?**

For VE Day in 1945, communities joined together for street parties, where they had fancy dress competitions, sang, danced and shared food! What food do you like eating at celebrations? **Can you design a celebration menu?** What ingredients would you need? **Can you write a list of them?** How much would they cost? Perhaps you can even make some of the dishes on your menu!



Explore the video above using these questions.

Was VE day the end of WWII? Explain your findings.

Can you name some of the Landmarks in the video? (3m44s, 3m51s)

From left to right (4m21s) who is on the balcony? Why are two of the people wearing military uniforms? What can you find out about them?

The newspapers and news reporters recorded VE day in special editions.

Can you write...?

- A newspaper article
- A different speech for Winston Churchill
- A diary entry from a child your age at the time. Then choose another person to write a diary entry for, focusing on their different viewpoint...perhaps a parent, a returning soldier, Princess Elizabeth or someone else.



Department for Education

The Department of Education has gathered together some advice for parents during this period of school closure due to the coronavirus This advice can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Remember, no one expects parents to act as teachers, or to provide the activities and feedback that we would at school. If you have any questions and concerns please keep in contact with the school. We are here to help and want to support parents and carers to do their best to help children and support their learning.

Daily Prayers for home

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/daily-prayers-for-home>

Sunday Liturgy for Families

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families>

Free School Meals message to parents from Suffolk County Council facebook page

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Free School Meal Update:

Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, we are receiving a very high volume of applications and emails regarding free school meals. We are processing these as quickly as possible and your patience is greatly appreciated. Please read the following information which may answer your enquiry:

You must be in receipt of income related free school meals in order to qualify for a free school meal whilst the schools are closed due to the Coronavirus crisis. If you are already in receipt of free school meals, you do not need to apply again as nothing has changed, and your child will remain eligible until March 2024.

If you are in receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals only, you will not be entitled to a meal during this crisis. [If you believe you are eligible for a free school meal due to low income please apply here.](#)

If your circumstances have recently changed and you have applied for Universal Credits in recent weeks, please understand that we are unable to process your application until the Department for Education confirms that you are eligible, normally this can take up to six weeks and may take longer due to current circumstances. Be assured we check applications waiting to be confirmed daily and will be in touch as soon as you are eligible for free school meals. We will advise your child's school immediately.

[Please see the government guidance here](#)

If you are self-isolating and unable to leave home, you may find the Home But Not Alone volunteer scheme useful to connect you with community volunteers to collect supplies for you. [You can find further information here](#)

We are all doing our best in very challenging circumstances - thank you for your patience and understanding.