

Newsletter

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Key Dates w/c: 16th December

17th December: Year 6 Class Mass

18th December: Christmas Ensemble
in Church at 1.45pm

18th December: Last day of term
School closes at 2.45pm



Tweet of the Week



"The word Advent means coming. The Lord is coming. This is the root of our hope: the certainty that God's consolation comes to us amidst the troubles of the world. Not a consolation of words, but of His presence among us."

[Pope Francis \(@Pontifex\)](#)

Welcome to this week's newsletter:

Please note that school closes at 2.45pm on 18th December.

RECEPTION 2020/21

If you are applying for a Reception place starting in September 2020, please send your application to Suffolk County Council before midnight on 15th January 2020.

We require a completed Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to be in school by 15th January 2020.

This form is important and is part of the process when the governors are considering your application to St Mary's School.

If the SIF is not in school by the deadline date, the application will be classed as 'late'.

St Mary's Nativities

St Mary's have produced three wonderful nativities enjoyed by parents, friends and, most importantly, the children. They all worked very hard and the results were clear to see.

Thank you for your compliments and thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD which amounted to £163.28.

Staff changes

As you may be aware Mrs Ryland has not been in the office for the past few weeks due to a change in personal circumstances. Unfortunately she has decided to leave St Mary's and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her valuable contribution to our school, we will miss her greatly.

Messy Messiah

The children and their families experienced a performance of Messy Messiah last Saturday at St John's church accompanied by a live orchestra and choir. They had the opportunity to sing and dance with children from other schools as well as learn music from the baroque era which most have not heard before, therefore enabling the school's ethos in promoting cultural capital. Mrs DN and I were very proud of them all and a big thank you to the wonderful support we had from their families.



Ipswich Town Football Club:

We have been chosen to be Ipswich Town's 'School of the day' for their match against Bristol Rovers on Saturday. We hope our Year 2 and Year 3's enjoy the match! Thank you to Ipswich Town FC for this opportunity! - Mr Cook

Year 5/6 Boys Football Friendly: St John's B 0-6 St Mary's B

A comprehensive win for the boys in this friendly match, for many a first opportunity this school year of playing in a football match for the school and they didn't disappoint. Great team spirit and smiles all round throughout the game. Well done boys.



Suffolk School Games Boys Futsal County Finals:

Following our success in the Ipswich tournament the boys were competing in the county finals. A great start getting a 2-0 win over Cedarwood following that up with a close 3-2 win over Red Oak. In our third game we suffered a 1-0 loss to Horringer Court which took things out of our hands. However we were given another chance at success when Cedarwood beat Horringer Court, allowing us a chance to get level on points with them. The boys delivered in their final game and beat Wells Hall 4-1. Meaning we finished top on goal difference!! County Champions!! Great achievement and now the team progress to Regional Finals.



WW2 DAY – YEAR 6

Year 6 enjoyed dressing up for WW2 day and looked fantastic. We had a day of planning our suitcases if we were to be evacuated; designing a shelter; working out what meal we could eat during the rationing and developing our sewing skills and making our aprons. Well done Year 6; it was a wonderful day. Please take a look at photos from our day on our class and curriculum pages of the website. Mrs DN.



SOUP KITCHEN (WW2 day)

A HUGE thank you to all of you that came to Year 6's Soup Kitchen. The atmosphere was wonderful and the children really enjoyed the afternoon. We managed to raise £58.00 for Cafod. Thank you for your donations and supporting such a wonderful charity.

Mrs D-N

Safeguarding your children/Parking:

May I remind you not to park on the pavement in front of the pedestrian entrance to the school or, indeed, opposite the entrance outside the private garage.

This ongoing issue is a danger to your children's safety which is of paramount importance to us.

Please help us to ensure everyone's safety by parking in the designated spaces in the school and church car parks. Thank you. Mrs Jo Berry (Head of School)

Important : Snacks and Allergies

May we remind parents that due to a child being severely allergic, please **do not give your child Nutella/chocolate spread sandwiches or any nut items to bring into school**. Thank you. Also, if you are supplying your child with a morning snack item, please ensure that it is **fruit only**. Sweets are not allowed in school (and not in packed lunches please).

Dates for your Diary

- 17th Dec: Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
18th Dec: Christmas Ensemble - 1.45pm in Church
18th Dec: Last day of Autumn Term – **pick up at 2.45pm please**

Spring Term 2020

- 6th Jan: First day back to school
14th Jan: Beginning of Term Mass – Church at 2.30pm
16th Jan: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
23rd Jan: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
30th Jan: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
31st Jan: Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm

4th Feb: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
7th Feb: Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

17th–21st Feb: HALF TERM

27th Feb: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
28th Feb: Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm

5th Mar: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
6th Mar: Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm
12th Mar: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
13th Mar: Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
17th Mar: Parents evening 3.30-6pm
19th Mar: Parents evening 4.30-7pm
26th Mar: KS1 Lenten Service 9am (Parents welcome)
31st Mar: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am

3rd Apr: Easter Liturgy – Church 1.30pm (Parents welcome)
3rd Apr: Last day of term. **School ends at 2.45pm**

Term dates for 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September to Wednesday 18th December 2019

Half Term: 21st – 25th October 2019

Staff Training Days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term 17th – 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020

Friday 8th May – Bank holiday (school open as usual Monday 4th May)

Half Term 25th - 29th May 2020

2020/21

School starts again on 3rd September 2020

Staff Training Days: 1st & 2nd September