



St Mary's Newsletter

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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4EU

<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>

School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"When experienced with faith, the trials and difficulties of life serve to purify our hearts, making them humbler and thus more and more open to God

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Week Commencing 17th April 2023:

Mon 17th: PD Day School Closed

Tue 18th: Pupils back to school

Wed 19th: Sports Clubs Begin

Dear Parents and Carers,

In assembly this week we heard how Jesus came to show us how to live and how to treat others. This Lent we can look at our own lives and think about changes we can make so that everyone can live their lives to the fullest.

All of our children have worked really hard this term and we are very proud of them all.

We wish you all a wonder Easter break and look we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 18th April.

Warm regards

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

YEAR6 FUNDRAISING:

Year 6 would like to thank you for your generosity and for supporting us, so far we have raised £151! We hope you all enjoy your chocolate eggs, Happy Easter.

Miss Mudd and the Fundraising Committee



SCHOOL MEAL INCREASE:

Please be aware from Monday 1st April 2023 a school meal will be increasing from £2.35 to £2.53. This increase comes direct from Vertas who provide the school meals and is not an increase the school have chosen to make.

SPORTS CLUBS – SUMMER TERM

Monday 3.30pm: Football (Yrs 1 & 2) 24th April - 3rd July

Wednesday 8am: Multisports (Yrs 1, 2 & 3) 26th April - 5th July

Wednesday 3.30pm: Cricket (Yrs 4, 5 & 6) 26th April - 5th July

Thursday 8am: Rounders (Yrs 4, 5 & 6) 27th April - 6th July

Friday 12.10pm: Football (KS2 Girls) 28th April - 7th July

Friday 3.30pm: Football (Yrs 3, 4 & 5 Boys) 28th April - 7th July



SPOTLIGHT ON EASTER

The children in Years 3, 4 and 5 have made beautiful Easter cards using the skills and ideas from their Art work this half term.



The Year 6 worship council ran the stations of the cross for years 3, 4, 5 and 6.
It was a wonderful experience.



On Friday 31st March we held our Easter Liturgy in Church, the children sang beautifully and we now all feel prepared for Easter. It was wonderful to see so many parents.



OLYPIAN VISIT MAY 2023:

We are very lucky to be having a visit in May from an Olympian Athlete. Part of this process involves watching a short video, to view the video please use the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fOFDfPOuPo&feature=youtu.be>

The children have also all been given a sponsor form, please take a moment to read it and if you are able to get some sponsors that would be amazing.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit but **no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work fewer hours per week
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).



To check if your child is eligible, apply online:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

If you have applied for Free School Meals over the last few weeks and received an unsuccessful result we are asking that you retry as we have been told that the system rejected all applications. This error has now been corrected so please try again.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:



Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? If so, becoming a Foundation Governor could be just the thing for you. St Mary's Catholic Primary School is looking to recruit a governor. You must be a Catholic. Foundation Governors play an important part in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our school. This link explains the role of a Foundation Governor and how you can go about applying. [governor Booklet \(catholiceducation.org.uk\)](http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/governor-booklet)

If you know of anyone in the community who may be interested, please share this information.

Governor Booklet: <http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/images/Generic-booklet-1.pdf>

SCHOOLS OUT EASTER 2023:

FREE SPACES THIS EASTER Holiday Activity Fund

School's Out Activities

FOR AGES
4 - 16
(SCHOOL GOING)



Designed by Primary School Teachers to aid in the development of children in Early Years.

- Singing
- Drawing
- Creating
- Building
- Dancing
- Painting
- Baking
- ... and more!



Must be school-going 4 year old Lx. 5 by the 31st Aug 2022



For GIRLS and BOYS to indulge in their creative side, be active, yet have time to chill.

- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Textiles
- Fashion
- Performing
- Singing
- Dancing
- ... and more!



An action-packed week jammed full of 30+ team sports and adventurous activities!

- Nerf Wars
- Roller Racers
- Dodgeball
- KinBall
- Football
- RC Cars
- Mario Kart
- ... and more!



Developing leaders of the future with our '5 Levels to Leadership' programme.

- Working Journal
- Build Confidence
- Work Experience
- Gain Rewards



Choose to assist in any of our courses!

Free School Meals

Calling all parents currently in receipt of 'Benefit Related Free School Meals'... through the HAF programme we are able to offer up to **4 days this Easter**... This is worth over **£170!**

A free lunch is provided, with choices of sandwiches, snacks, and drinks.

Dates

CHOOSE ANY 4 DAYS FROM...

**Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th and
Tuesday 11th – Friday 14th April
2023**

Times

Drop Off 9am-9:30am
Lunchtime 12:30pm-1:30pm
Pick Up 4:30pm-5pm

Early Bird
8am-9am

Extended Fun
5pm-6pm

Early Bird & Extended Fun each charged at £5 per session



**FELIXSTOWE
SCHOOL**

High Street, Felixstowe,
Suffolk, IP11 9QR
Ofsted Number: EY2726195



**COLCHESTER
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Leaden Road, Colchester,
CO3 3ND
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**SOUTH LEE
SCHOOL**

Newton Road, Bury St Edmunds,
IP33 2BT
Ofsted Number: EY2593837



**WOODBIDGE
SCHOOL**

Burkitt Road, Woodbridge
IP12 4JH
Ofsted Number: EY556142



**IPSWICH HIGH
SCHOOL**

Woolverstone, Suffolk
IP9 1AZ
Ofsted Number: EY551272

Learn More

www.schoolsoutactivities.co.uk

Questions? Phone us on: 01473 942990

TEAM IPSWICH SWIMMING TRIALS:



Team Ipswich Swimming Trials

**Nearing the end of swim school?
Does your child want to continue swimming...**

Team Ipswich Swimming is one of the biggest clubs in Suffolk and most successful clubs in the East Region and have had numerous athletes go on and represent the club at county, regional, national and international level and both junior and senior level. We offer many different pathways to all levels of competitive swimming.

If your swimmer has completed or is about to complete level 6 of swim school and if your swimmer wants to continue swimming in a fun, safe and friendly environment then Suffolk's premier swimming club, Team Ipswich Swimming, is definitely for them.

Our training takes place at Crown Pools and Fore Street, both in Ipswich.

For more information, please contact our trials organiser directly at trials@ipswichswimming.org

TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 31st March

Half term: 13th – 17th February

Staff Training day: 3rd January

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April – Thursday 20th July

Bank holiday: 1st May & 8th May

Half term: 29th May – 2nd June

Staff Training days: 17th April, 21st July

Term dates for 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 5th September – Thursday 21st December

Half term: 23rd – 27th October

Staff training days: 4th September & 30th October

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4th January – Thursday 28th March

Half term: 19th – 23rd February

Staff Training day: 3rd January & 26th February

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 19th July

Bank holiday: 6th May

Half term: 27th May – 31st May

Staff Training days: 12th April