



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

The Holy Spirit keeps faith ever young. He does not bind Himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings the relevance of Jesus, risen and living, into our world today.

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



Week Commencing 5th June & 12th June 2023:

Mon 5th and Mon 12th June: Yr3 Swimming

Thu 8th: Olympian Visit

Thu 8th: Yr 3 & 4 Class Mass 2.45pm School Hall

Thu 15th: Yr4 Parish Mass 9.15am

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our celebration assemblies. Thank you so much for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 5th June

Have a wonderful half term

Warm Regards

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

OLYMPIAN VISIT THURSDAY 8TH JUNE 2023:



**Sports For
Champions UK[®]**
Community Interest Company

Thank you so much for all of your sponsorship, we had a wonderful afternoon with Pierre on 16th May.

We are very lucky to be having a 2nd visit from Pierre the Basketball Olympian on 8th June 2023. Pierre will spend time with each of the classes doing activities.

JOB VACANCIES:

- Effective from September 2023, Admin Assistant

£21,190- £21,968 pro rata, Part Time 23 hours per week, 38 weeks per year

Monday and Tuesday 8am to 17.30pm and Wednesday 8am to 1pm

Closing Date - Monday 5th June 2023, Interviews - WC 12th June 2023

All applications will be assessed upon receipt and we reserve the right to interview and appoint prior to the closing date. An early application is therefore recommended.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com/page/?title=Admin+Assistant&pid=429>

- Effective as soon as possible, we have vacancies in school for midday supervisors to help with our busy lunchtimes during term time.

The hours are 11.40am – 12.50pm (70mins per day); five days per week

The current hourly rate is £10.98 (subject to pay rise in negotiation) for 38 weeks per year (plus 5 weeks paid holiday)

This is an excellent opportunity to get paid experience of working in a school.

If you would like to know more or know of someone who would like this role, please email:

lindsey.ling@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk



YEAR 4 & 5 POETRY COMPETITION:

BT Adastral Park would like to invite schools

from the local area to take part in a

SUSTAINABILITY POETRY COMPETITION

to support our upcoming Sustainability
Festival.



The competition is for students currently in Year 4 or Year 5 to write and illustrate a poem on the theme of sustainability.

You could choose saving the rain forests, turning lights off, recycling or any other sustainability topic which is important to you. We are looking for the most inspiring and creative poems and will be displaying ALL entries at our Sustainability Festival in September.

This festival will see over 1,000 people from many different companies, government and universities coming to Adastral Park to help shape the future and ensure that we are doing everything we can to help save our amazing planet.

The winning entry will receive a £20 book voucher, plus £100 in book vouchers for their school. Runners up will be awarded a £10 book voucher and £70 book voucher for their school.

Paper entries can be dropped at Adastral Park Reception or posted to Lisa Ford, Orion pp5/5, Adastral Park, Ipswich. IP5 3RE (please mark clearly POETRY COMPETITION)

Electronic entries in PDF format can be emailed to computerscience@bt.com

Please ensure entries are **no bigger than A4** in size and that they have the **name of the student, their year group and school** on the back. Please do not include names on the front.

Entries will close on 15th July 2023, with winners announced after the event which is taking place in the 13th September 2023.



SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 6

Year 6 have had a very busy term; please see below for some insights into what we have been up to.

SAT'S WEEK

During SATs week, the children were absolutely amazing. They were calm and collected and did their best. When they weren't being tested, they had fun outside, making lasting memories. Speaking of memories, it wouldn't be St Mary's if the children left without making their memory boxes. This was done with great fun and enjoyment this week too.



MARKING THE KING'S CORONATION

We enjoyed celebrating together and making our own headwear for the occasion!

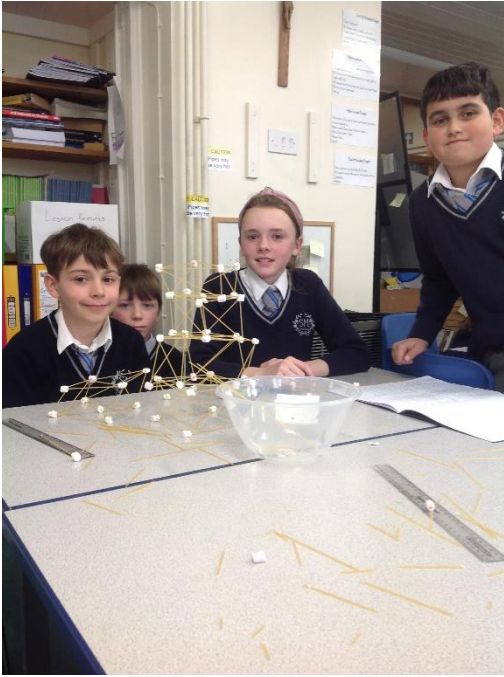


LAMB VISIT

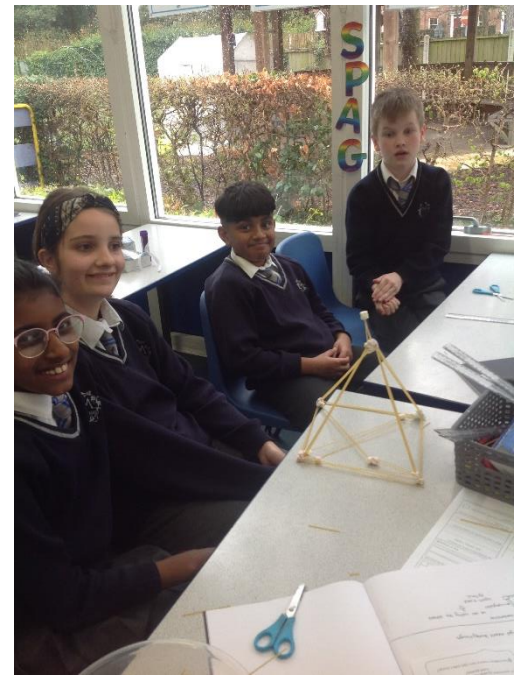
The children were delighted by a visit by a local shepherdess and her two lambs. The children learned a lot about how lambs were cared for and identified. We even had to use the crook when one of the more mischievous lambs tried to make an escape!



D.T



In D.T, Year 6 were looking at structures and how to adapt them so they could make strong towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows. This also tested their collaboration skills – there was a lot of discussion and, at times, light disagreements but they worked really well on this.



And finally, look out for our performance of Aladdin... coming soon to the school hall near you! The children are working really hard and are excited about the prospect of sharing this with you.

FOSM SUMMER FAIR PLANNING:

We are busy planning for our Summer Fair on Saturday 8th July to make it a great event for families and raise some much-needed funds for the school.

However, we can't run this event without your help!

There are lots of volunteering opportunities to help out on the day, whether it's setting up beforehand, being on a stall, or helping to clear up, we would really appreciate your support.

To make it easier for you, we've created an online sign-up sheet so you can see which job you'd like to do and put your name by it. Or if you don't mind and just want to offer an hour of your time, we can allocate you a task.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:
volunteersignup.org/4W3KC

Thank you for volunteering!

Also, if you are having a clear out during the half term holiday, we would love donations of the following;

- Soft toys
- Books
- Bottles of wine or similar
- Small unwanted gift items
- Games – for ages 5-12
- Small trinkets and party bag toys
- Packaged sweets

We are really looking forward to the event, which we are sure, with your help, will be a great success!

Friends of St Marys.



ARTS WEEK:

DATES:

Just some dates for Artsweek as we remember 'Music feeds the soul'

Tuesday 27th June 3.15pm KS2 singing to parents/friends on the front (10 mins) - all welcome

Tuesday 27th June 6pm, Orchestra children and Mrs Snowden's Little Movers group (approximately finish 7pm)

Thursday 29th June 9am, Music Share by Reception, year 1 2 and 3 to parents and friends (30mins)

Friday 30th June 2pm - Musicians performing to the school - we welcome anyone who would like to share their skills with us. Last year this was an absolute joy, we had mums, dads and even former pupils!



RESOURCES:

-plastic bottles - 1 or 2 litre squash, water or fizzy pop type. We will need lots of these so please raid your blue bins for recycling treasure. Rinsed bottles please.

-empty picture frames (no glass or backing needed, the bigger the better)

-unwanted wool and/or fabric eg samples, swatches and cotton sheeting

-plant pots (plastic pots not trays, any size)



VOLUNTEERS:

Could you come and help us with our Mash-Up Morning on Tuesday 27th June? The whole school will be doing workshops in mixed age groups of 14+ or so, learning new skills in two sessions over the course of the morning. Wonderful madness, made much easier with the help of many hands. If you would like to come in from 9-12 that morning that would be FANTASTIC. Please let the office know you are available a.s.a.p.





Working towards a
brighter future for
Suffolk's children
and young people!

Who are Suffolk Parent Carer Forum?

We are a group of parent carers who have come together to build the forum so that we can help shape the provisions and services our children and young people with special/additional needs and/or disabilities access. We do this through participation, consultation and co-production.

What are our aims & objectives?

- To be the strategic consultative body within Suffolk and represent the voices of families with children and young people with special/additional needs and/or disabilities.
- Providing a liaison point for Statutory and Voluntary Agencies within Suffolk, by using Experts by Experience to work in co-production with local services.
- To consult with and inform our membership with a view to ensuring that all children and young people in Suffolk with special/additional needs and/or disabilities meet their full potential and achieve the best possible outcomes.

How can you contact us?

Call us: 01473 760933

Find us: www.suffolkpcf.co.uk

Email us: info@suffolkpcf.co.uk

Tweet us: www.twitter.com/suffolkpcf

Like us: www.facebook.com/suffolkpcf





Do you have lived experience of having, or caring for someone with, special or additional needs and/or disabilities?
Do you live in Suffolk or use Suffolk based services?
If so, we want to hear from you.

Suffolk Parent Carer Forum's aim is to ensure that every parent carer or young person's voice, views and experience matter. We use these insights towards developing and improving services through participation, consultation and co-production.

We are reaching out to those with lived experience to be involved in the forum in any way they can. This can be by: joining our free membership, interacting with our social media channels, sharing feedback or experiences with the Forum, attending focus groups or by becoming an Expert by Experience and sharing your expertise with strategic partners, service leads and decision-makers during meetings.

We can't do this without you!



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SUFFOLK COUNTY MUSIC SERVICE:

Applications for our 23-24 season for our County Music Groups (Suffolk Youth Orchestra, Suffolk Youth Wind Orchestra and Suffolk Young Strings) have just opened.

These groups rehearse during the school holidays and members get to attend rehearsal weekends, a residential course and a European music tour as part of the season. Aimed at musicians of grade 4 and above, aged 21 and under, this is a great opportunity for young musicians to take their musical skills to another level and make music with like-minded people and make new friends.

Over the years these groups have produced some incredible musicians who have gone on to professional careers in the music industry. We have received some quotations from them below based on their time in our ensembles:-

- "Playing in SYO gave me some of the most formative and exciting musical experiences in my journey to becoming a professional musician." –

Ben Parry – artistic director and principal conductor of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain and Director of professional choir 'London Voices'

- So much of what I have achieved in music I owe to Suffolk Youth Music, and in particular SYO. As a youngster, the inspirational leadership, fearless programming and hugely positive environment opened the door into this magical world of music and music performance.

David Lale – professional Cellist, composer & London Philharmonic Orchestra musician

- "Being a member of Suffolk Youth Orchestra not only helped me grow as a musician, but also as a person"

Sam Taber – professional Trombonist & South Danish Symphony Orchestra musician

- "The experiences and friendships made whilst playing in SYO have stayed with me for life"

Caroline Clarke – professional violinist

- "Being part of SYO was a great experience for me – I made many lasting friendships and it set me up for my later career!"

Isaac Barrow – Development Assistant at Welsh National Opera

Please take a look at our social media pages:

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/suffolkmusicclub/posts/692614806209719>

Twitter – <https://twitter.com/SuffolkMusicHub/status/1659132869954920452>

Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/p/CsYT-kaMmnu/>



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Applications now open for the 2023-24 CMG season!

County Music Groups are our bespoke programme for Suffolk's finest young musicians. These groups rehearse during the school holidays and members get to attend rehearsal weekends, a residential course and a European music tour as part of the season. Aimed at musicians of grade 4 and above, this is a great opportunity to take your musical skills to another level and make music with like-minded people and make new friends.

Now featuring two new discount schemes – refer a friend and sibling discount, details on our website.

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Suffolk Music Hub
Suffolk County Council

Testimonials from the poster:
- "Suffolk Youth Orchestra was a gamechanger for me!" – David Lale, Professional Cellist, Composer & London Philharmonic Orchestra musician
- "My child had a lovely time!" – Easter 2023
- "I had a fantastic experience, really motivated and inspired by the wonderful staff" – Easter 2023

The poster features three photographs of young musicians performing in their respective groups: Suffolk Youth Orchestra, Suffolk Young Strings, and Suffolk Youth Wind Orchestra.


CHILDRENS PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 30TH MAY 2023:

**CHILDRENS' PILGRIMAGE TO
WALSINGHAM**
TUESDAY 30TH MAY 2023

Led by
Bishop Peter

10.45 am: Walk from the village
12.00: Mass at the Chapel of
Reconciliation

Followed by a picnic and a
fun afternoon at the beach



Contact chrissies18@hotmail.com / 01493 717121 for more details

TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April – Thursday 20th July

Half term: 29th May – 2nd June

Staff Training days: 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