

Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"During this Lenten season, let us pray by looking at the Crucified Lord. Let us open our hearts to the touching tenderness of God, and in his wounds place our own wounds and those of our world."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



St Mary's School Drivers



Whole Child

Community

Communication

Faith

WC 28th March 2022

Mon 28th Mar: Yr4 Swimming

Wed 30th Mar: KSI & Yr3 Lenten Service 9.15am

Thu 31st Mar: Yr4 Parish Mass 9.15am

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had a visit from CAFOD. We learnt how important all of our fundraising is, to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

We also had a presentation from our fundraising committee who plan and organise all of our events

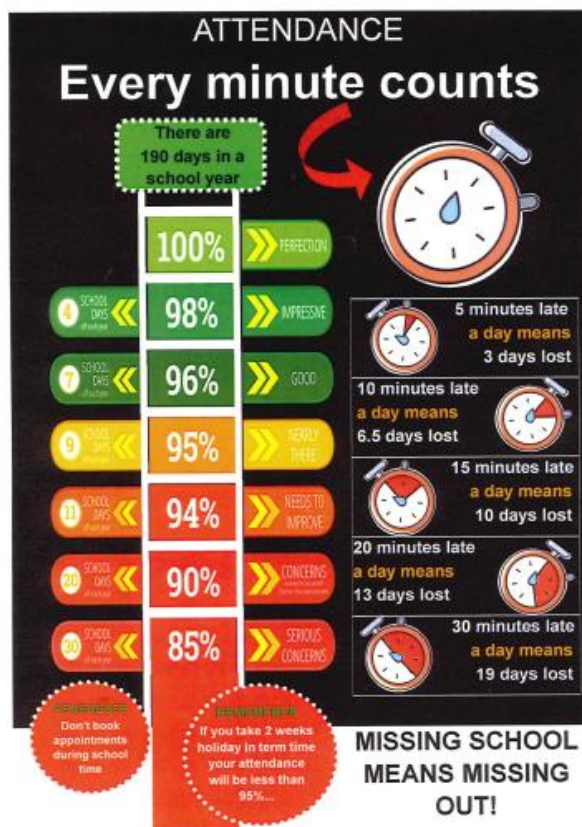
Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham



ATTENDANCE:

Please take the time to read this poster about how every minute counts towards your child's attendance.



FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

30th March:

KSI and Year 3 Lenten Service 2:45 in school – Parents welcome

8th April End of Term:

Whole School Easter Liturgy 9.15 in church – Parents welcome

TRIPS/SWIMMING DATES:

Year 1: Ipswich Transport Museum – 31st March

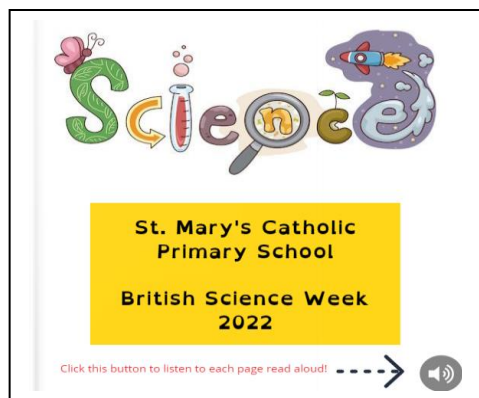
Year 3: Swimming lessons start on Monday 9th May (leaving school at 9.15am)

Rec/Yr 1 & 2: Colchester Zoo – 24th May

RECEPTION, YEAR1 & YEAR2 COLCHESTER ZOO TRIP – 24th May:

Thank you for all of the parents that have volunteered to help on the school trip to the zoo. The teachers will look at confirming this with the volunteers in May 22. If we end up with more volunteers than are needed we will put parents names into a hat to make the process fair.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2022:



We have had so much fun during Science week 2022. Please take time to read our booklet that we have produced.

<https://read.bookcreator.com/HzolQwnlOyQLwlUbQuOGRNEgDiN2/ZydllokUaS7GfeeEa22og6A>

RECEPTION:



On Thursday Reception went on their first school trip! We had a lovely day doing some forest school activities, the children hunted for flowers & plants, made muddy faces, decorated their willow wreaths and got to explore some beautiful woodland and grounds! The children did a fabulous job, well done Reception!

YEAR 1:

This week year 1 have enjoyed hearing bible stories and sharing scriptures with the children from year 4. In RE we learnt about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and learnt some of the ways that Christians around the world say welcome.



YEAR 2:

In Year 2 children thought carefully about our investigation and about how we could keep it a fair test. We came up with some rules for everyone to follow. We measured our legs and jumps in centimetres using a metre stick. After our investigation we presented the results in block diagram's!



YEAR 3:

Year 3 composing their 'Body Compositions'

At school we are all composers- someone who makes music



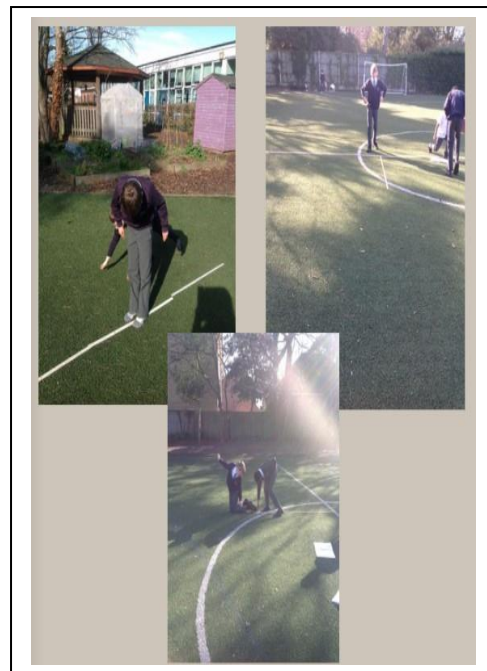
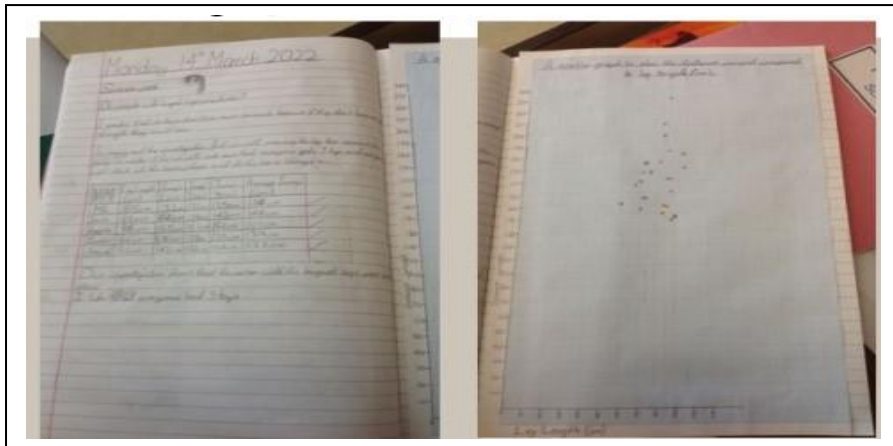
YEAR 4:

As part of British Science week Year 4 enjoyed investigating the answer to the question, do people with longer legs jump further? We carried out a thorough investigation making sure that we had conducted a 'fair test'. Look out for more details in Mr Cook's round up.



YEAR 5:

The Year 5 children had a great discussion about our predictions and certain factors. We repeated our jumps a few times and plotted our results on scatter graphs.



YEAR 6:

This Thursday Year 6 had a fabulous time with a real-life Arctic explorer. We were overjoyed to see images of animals in the wild. After break we then had some practical experience learning how to use a compass and using a map that Mr Hall made of our school. We had great delight in orienteering around the school placing the flag letters onto their maps. Well done Year 6 for demonstrating the learning behaviours during this visit.



SCHOOL GAMES DODGEBALL FESTIVAL:

The boys and girls from year 6 enjoyed a fun and frantic morning of dodgeball, coming away with a record of 4 wins and 4 losses but lots of fun had by all.



IPSSA GIRLS FOOTBALL CUP:

St Mary's 11-0 Broke Hall. The girls waited a long time to play their first competitive match of the season and they didn't disappoint. A fantastic all-round performance from the girls saw them to a huge 11-0 win and through to the next round.



IPSSA SMALL SCHOOLS BOYS/MIXED FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

Sprites B 2-2 St Mary's. A bit of everything in this match, after taking the lead we then went in at half time 2-1 down, after not being quite clinical with good chances. The second half was tough on all the players but they hung in there, saving a penalty to keep it at 2-1 and then going on to score a late equaliser to keep an unbeaten league season going. Great grit and determination!



SCIENCE CHALLENGE:

Please find attached this week's science challenge. Mr Cook would love to hear how you got on making a Fire Extinguisher. Please feel free to send in photos of your attempts

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

SCIENCE CHALLENGE 16
Designed by Liam,
Design engineer at Dyson


The brief
Create your own invisible fire extinguisher.

The method

1. With the help of an adult, light the candle.
2. Mix a little bicarbonate of soda and vinegar together in the jar to make a frothing mixture.
3. Tip the jar over the candle so only the gas from the reaction comes out. Be careful not to tip the mixture out.
4. The flame will be extinguished.


Materials

- Matches (with adult supervision)
- Bicarbonate of soda
- Vinegar
- Candle
- A jam jar



Design icons

Dry chemical extinguishers are filled with powder, which is usually sodium bicarbonate or baking soda. When released over the fire, the powder decomposes at 70°C releasing CO₂, smothering the fire.



How does it work?
The mixture of bicarbonate of soda and vinegar creates carbon dioxide. CO₂ is heavier than air so it sits at the bottom of the glass. When you tip up the glass, the CO₂ comes out and suffocates the candle.

RECEPTION FUNDRAISING:

Reception would like to announce their fundraising activity for this year. THE FANTASTIC EASTER BUNNY RAFFLE! Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will be able to take part. There are 4 prizes, one for each class. Tickets are 50p each or 3 for £1. If you would like your child to take part in the raffle please send their money into school in a named envelope (makes it much easier for us to keep track!). Tickets are available up to the end of this term. The draw will be made on the last day of term and money raised will go to CAFOD. Good luck!
Reception and the Fundraising Committee



EASTER ACTIVITY CAMPS:

We wanted to make contact to ensure your school was fully aware of the HAF program which is providing a number of free activities and food for those who are eligible for free school meals and those children who have a disability.

The programme is being delivered in partnership between Suffolk County Council, Ipswich Borough Council and local providers. This programme aims to support the physical and mental wellbeing of primary and secondary school children during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays, through the provision of a range of sport, leisure and cultural activities and nutritious lunches.

Delivering a brand new programme and working alongside a network of delivery partners, Ipswich Borough Council are offering FREE holiday camps with lunch included during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays for children

and young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals, as well as those from low income working families who would benefit from this extra support. There's also a discretionary fund for those young people that may be in care or young carers. For families that have a child with a disability, we also offer specific disability friendly and inclusive camps that are also offered FREE, with the same benefits as our other Holiday Camps but with the added value of disability-friendly equipment and additional provisions to provide young people with additional needs the best possible experiences.

<https://www.ipswichfit.co.uk/school-holiday-camps/>

A promotional poster for Ipswich Fit. At the top, there are three icons: a purple sneaker, a blue pair of glasses, and a yellow dumbbell. Below the icons is the text "IPSWICH FIT" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath the text are four small circular icons representing social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and WhatsApp. A horizontal purple line separates the header from the main content. The main content is centered and reads: "Activity Camps available this Easter Holidays!" followed by "Monday 11 - Friday 22 April". Below that, it says "Booking Dates:" and then "Priority booking is available now to those with a disability, additional needs or eligible for Free School Meals until Monday 28 March 2022" in red text. Underneath that, it says "General Bookings for everyone else opens from Tuesday 29 March 2022". There are two small photographs showing children participating in activities. The first photo shows children playing a game on a court. The second photo shows children in a gymnasium. Below the photos, there is a paragraph of text: "Ipswich Fit is working in partnership with Suffolk County Council and on behalf of the Department of Education to deliver on the free school meal programme, which returns in the Easter holidays." and another paragraph: "This programme aims to support the physical and mental wellbeing of primary and secondary school children, through the offer of a range of sporting activities and nutritious lunches."

UKRAINE APPEAL:

Help us to help them

Here at Autism & ADHD we cannot begin to imagine how difficult it is for all the Ukrainians trying to travel at this horrifying time, but when you are also managing an autistic/ADHD child or adult as well, it just adds another layer of trauma, and it genuinely is keeping me awake at night.

We have liaised with the Red Cross and Autism Europe to see how best to help right now. We have suggested making packs of pocket-sized cards for the front-line professionals to understand how to support these families when they arrive at checkpoints, along with packs of cards to help build social scripts and visuals for the children on their traumatic journey, as the cards they have at the moment do not cover Neurodiversity. We are then able to use the Red Cross and

Autism Europe to help us get the resources where they are need most.

Longer-term, we are exploring how we can provide training & support for displaced families.

We need this money NOW !! so please help us to help them.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/resources-for-autistic-ukraine-families?member=17955235&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer



TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2021 – 2022

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January – Friday 08th April

Half term: 21st – 25th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 26th April – Tuesday 19th July

Bank holiday: 02nd May & 6th June

Half term: 30th May – 03rd June

Staff Training days: 25th April, 20th & 21st July

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December

Half term: 24th – 28th October

Staff Training day: 1st & 2nd September

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

Half term: 29th May – 2nd June

Staff Training days: 17th April, 21st July