



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 Gospel of the Day teaches us how important it is to remain with Jesus. In fact, it is by staying with him that we learn to recognise on his face the luminous beauty of love he gives us, even when it bears the marks of the cross. "

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Week Commencing 13th March 2023:

Mon 13th: Yr 4 Swimming – leaving school at 9am

Wed 15th: School Closed for Strike Day

Thu 16th: School Closed for Strike Day

Fri 17th: Author Dave Shelton in School

BOOK SHARE FOR PARENTS:

On Monday 20th March the classrooms will be open from 3.30pm – 4pm for you to come and see your child's school books before Parents Evening on 21st and 23rd March.



PARENTS EVENINGS:



Our next parent's consultation evenings will be held on the 21st and 23rd March. The online booking system is now open for you to book your appointment.



SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 6



In D.T the children have been learning about how to reuse material. We looked at the inspirational life of Isatou Ceesay and how she wanted to make a difference with regards to recycling and saving the planet. These coasters have been inspired by her work and the children are very pleased with how these have turned out. They showed great patience and perseverance when weaving the strips of plastic bags.



Congratulations to Alvin, Lucas, Mareetta and Amanda as they become Year 6's first pupils to gain their pen licence. The children are all working very hard on this and we hope to celebrate some more successes soon.

In Art, the children are building on their skills from Year 5. This is a work in progress but we hope to share our final pieces in the next Year 6 segment.





In RE, the children created role plays about Maundy Thursday and the importance of when Jesus washed his disciples' feet. The children looked at this from a modern day perspective too.

And finally... We wanted to share this maths problem with you all that we really loved tackling. We had to use both our perseverance and collaborative skills to get to the solution. Can you work it out?

Annie has some money.

- She gives $\frac{2}{3}$ of her money to charity.
- She then buys three footballs costing £6.45 each.
- Her mum gives her and her two sisters £9.75 to share equally between them.



Now I have
got £10.50

How much money did Annie have to start with?

Please submit your answers to Mrs D-N by Wednesday 15th March if you are able to solve the question.

ST MARY'S CHURCH:

As part of our preparation for Easter, there will be a Children's Liturgy every Sunday in Lent at the 9am Mass at St Mary's. This is suitable for children between the ages of 3 and 7. For safeguarding purposes, parents should sign in their children before each session. One of the catechists will be available for this before Mass at the back of the church.

Children's Liturgy
of the **Word**

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>



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 L4, 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
Ofsted Number: EY548121



**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

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