

Newsletter

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

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"As a Church, we need to return to what is essential instead of losing ourselves in so many secondary things, running the risk of losing sight of the simple purity of the Gospel."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



St Mary's School Drivers



Whole Child

Community

Communication

Faith

WC 23rd May 2022

Mon 23rd May: Year 3 Swimming

Mon 23rd May: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am Church

Tues 24th May: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am Church

Thu 26th May: Yr1, Yr2 & Yr3 Celebration 8.50am

Thu 26th May: Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6 Celebration 2.55pm

Fri 27th May: Last day of half term

MONDAY 6th JUNE 2022:

This is an extra day given to school by the Department of Education given in Lieu of the extra bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee and school will be closed. The children will return to school on Tuesday 7th June.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES:

Thursday 26th May – 8.50am for Year1, Year2 and Year3
Thursday 26th May – 2.55pm for Year4, Year5 and Year6



REMINDER:

If there are any changes to pick up arrangements for your child/children, please can you inform the school by email before 2pm

WOODWIND CHANGE OF DATE:

Woodwind music lesson is changing of one week, lessons will be on Thursday 26th May instead of Wednesday 25th May.

TRIPS/EVENTS:

Rec/Yr 1 & 2: Colchester Zoo – Tuesday 24th May – Helpers have been informed.

Yr 3: Colchester Castle – Friday 1st July

Yr 4: Egyptian Day Ipswich Museum – Thursday 7th July

YEAR1 PHONICS SCREENING MEETING:

As you are already aware, all year 1 children will be completing their phonics screening check this term. This will be happening the week beginning the 6th June, which is the first week back after the half term holiday. Mr Cook and Miss Hawkins would like to invite Year 1 parents to attend a meeting on google meet, where we will be able to share the arrangements for the screening check and discuss how best to prepare your child for this.

The meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 25th May. Please use the link to join <https://meet.google.com/ngf-hudu-vsy>



ADVANCED DATE:

Friday 24th June – Arts week school event, our classroom galleries will be open to parents from 3.15pm – 5pm.

RECEPTION:

This week Reception have been carrying out science experiments. We used salty water and guessed if items would sink or float. The children were very good at predicting the outcomes.



YEAR 1:

In computing we have been continuing to programme our beebots. Miss Hawkins wrote some commands but she got them all wrong. We worked out what was wrong and re-wrote the commands correctly. In art we have been making 3D owls using junk modelling materials.



YEAR 2:

Year 2 have been working hard this week. We all enjoyed our dance lesson today and had wonderful fun expressing ourselves.

YEAR 3:

In Year Three- since May is the month of Mary- we have each made our own simple Rosary.
In our next lesson we will use them to say the Hail Mary and the Our Father.
It was quite fiddly work - well done year three!





YEAR 4:

On Wednesday, Year 4 enjoyed a twist to their maths lesson by taking part in a Guinness World Record attempt for the most viewers of a rolling numbers livestream on YouTube. We are proud to say that we were one of the thousands of schools that helped to smash the record by chanting our times tables online. We even got to learn a dance routine from Katya Jones from Strictly Come Dancing! St Mary's love Times-tables!

YEAR 5:

Year 5 have been working in groups and learning about Hinduism as part of 'Other Faiths week.'



YEAR 6:

Year 6 explored connections in their PSHE lesson this week. We looked at ways we can reach out to include others in our activities, interests and thoughts. Playing the string game showed us how much we have in common, linking us together in a web of school, interests and friendship. Good job everyone.



FUNDRAISING:

Fundraising news from Spring Term

Many thanks to everyone from Reception, Y3 and Y6 for their bunny raffle, plant sale and Lenten Promises fundraising last term which raised £205.50 in total. The Committee will be deciding on how to spend the money with CAFOD shortly. Well done Reception, Y3 and Y6. We have now raised the tremendous amount of £833.70 over the course of Spring Term. Thank you everyone for your generosity and kindness. Good luck to Year 2 who will be making cakes for our Jubilee Party in return for your £1 donation on the day.

Fundraising Committee

SCIENCE CHALLENGE:

Please find attached this week's science challenge. Mr Cook would love to hear how to make invisible ink. Please feel free to send in photos of your attempts

INVISIBLE INK

SCIENCE CHALLENGE 22

Designed by Jack,
Design engineer at Dyson

The brief

Write your own secret message in an invisible ink solution.

The method

1. Squeeze lemon juice into the bowl and add a few drops of water. Stir with the spoon.
2. Dip the paint brush into the juice mixture and write a message on the paper.
3. Allow the paper to dry completely. Your message should become invisible.
4. Hold the paper very close to the light bulb to heat up the message area (adult supervision required). Watch your message appear.



Materials

- A lemon
- A bowl
- Water
- A spoon
- A paint brush
- A lamp, or other light bulb

How does it work?

The lemon juice is an organic substance which reacts with oxygen in the surrounding air, oxidises and turns brown. By placing the paper right next to the lamp we speed up the oxidation process. The heat from the lamp causes the chemical bonds to break down.

Did you know?

Oxidation affects lots of different surfaces, from metal to living tissue. A freshly-cut apple that turns brown, a bicycle that becomes rusty or a copper penny that turns green. Not all oxidation is bad – but think about choosing the right materials when designing a product for a particular use.



FOSM:

SUMMER FAIR:

We have been really pleased by the support for our summer fair so far. Lots of you have expressed a willingness to help, which is amazing.

Now we need to allocate specific tasks, so if you would like to help, even if you have already been in touch, please sign up so we have your contact details.



VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

In order to manage the volunteer spots on the day, please can all our volunteers now use this tool to sign up for the times and tasks that suit you.

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/DAT4Q

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

If you are happy to be on a stall for the entire fair, please select 'stall 2-3pm' and 'stall 3-4pm'. We will, of course, make sure you are able to have a break.

Thank you for volunteering!

SOFT TOYS, BOOKS, AND SWEETS

We would also be most grateful for donations of soft toys and teddies, books in good condition, and packaged chocolate and sweets (Easter sweet amnesty).

There is a box outside the school office where you can place any donations, or approach your class rep if you need any help.

DRESS DOWN DAY JUNE 10TH

In the interest of advance warning, we will have one more dress down day this year, on June 10th.

Instead of a pound, we will be requesting bottle donations to be used for a tombola at the fair – soft drink bottles or alcohol bottles are all welcome.

Many thanks in advance for your support



Friends of St Mary's team

AUTISM AND ADHA COFFEE, CAKES AND CHATS MORNING:

**Coffee, Cake & Chats
@ Cult Cafe Bar**

Tuesday's
8th March 10am-12pm
12th April 7pm-9pm
10th May 10am-12pm
14th June 10am-12pm
12th July 10am-12pm



Join us for a relaxed meet up. A time to talk, smile, and meet new people. Anyone on a pre or post diagnosis journey with Autism or ADHD welcome. If you have any questions or accessibility needs please email us at info@autismandadhd.org

**Autism
ADHD**

TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2021 - 2022

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