



# St Mary's Newsletter

Issue 2

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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

"We defend everyone's right to religion, to hope, to beauty: to Heaven. For every human being, in their absolute uniqueness, if they are in contact with the divine, can radiate a special light in our world."

*Pope Francis (@Pontifex)*



### St Mary's School Drivers



Whole Child

Community

Communication

Faith

WC 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> September: Yr5 Swimming

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> September: Orchestra – 3.30-4.15pm

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> September: Netball – 3.30-4.15pm

Dear Parent and Carers,

We have had a very fruitful week in school.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our beginning of term Mass. Fr Jude was very impressed with the wonderful singing and is looking forward to visiting us in school.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

## TRIPS/EVENTS:

All sports clubs:

Monday 3.30-4.30pm Year 1 & 2 Football -FULL

Wednesday 8.00-8.45am Year 1 & 2 Multisports

Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm Years 5 & 6 Football

Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm Years 5 & 6 Netball

Thursday 8.00-8.45am Years 3 & 4 Football

Friday 12.10-12.45pm KS2 Girls Football

Friday 3.30-4.30pm KS2 Multisports - FULL



## RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2023 APPLICATIONS:

We will be holding two open day sessions on November 16th, one at 9.30am and another at 1.30pm. If you are thinking of applying to St Mary's for a Reception place in September 2023, please email the school to book a slot.

Our email address is: [admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk)

Applications for a Reception September 2023 place should be made by the deadline date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The application should be made online via the Suffolk County Council Admissions website.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-primary-school-place-20232024/>

**IMPORTANT:** St Mary's require a completed Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which should be sent to the school before 15<sup>th</sup> January deadline please. The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) can be found on our website under 'Key Information - Admissions'



## HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023:

Year 6, high school applications are now open and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

You need to apply directly to Suffolk County Council and remember to check if your new school requires a Supplementary information form (SIF), if needed, these should be sent direct to your chosen new school.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place-20232024/>



## ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR:



There are currently two places for Parent Governors on the Governing Body of your child's school, and a vacancy for one of these places has recently occurred. No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. Attached with the newsletter is further information.



**HEALTHY LUNCHES:**

We are a healthy eating school and would like to remind you that the children should only have 1 chocolate biscuit or small cake bar, no sweets, chocolate bars or lollies allowed.

Please could we also remind you that no products containing nuts should be in packed lunches due to allergies.

**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/>

**COOL MILK:**

If any other parent would like to pay for morning milk and their child is older than 5 they can register, using the link and pay cool milk.

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

**FREE and subsidised school milk**  
Register your child today!

**Is your child entitled to FREE milk?**

**Child under 5?**  
Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.  
Register your child online for FREE school milk today.

**Child over 5?**  
Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £24 per term.  
Register online now and you can pay straight away!

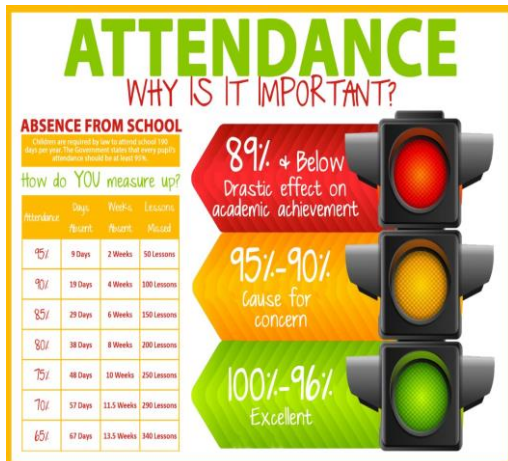
**Register your child for school milk today.**  
Sign them up in a few clicks...

Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com).

Need help? Contact our Customer Service team on 0800 531 3248 or via email at [help@coolmilk.com](mailto:help@coolmilk.com)

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## ATTENDANCE:



Please take time to read and familiarise yourself with our Trust attendance policy. Please be aware that the school are unable to authorise holiday requests for absence during term time.

If you arrive after 8.50am please come to the office to sign the late book.

It is really important that you ensure your child arrives at school between 8:40 and 8:50am.

A late arrival after 8.50am means that the class has already started learning and this is disruptive for your child and others in the class.

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## THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE:

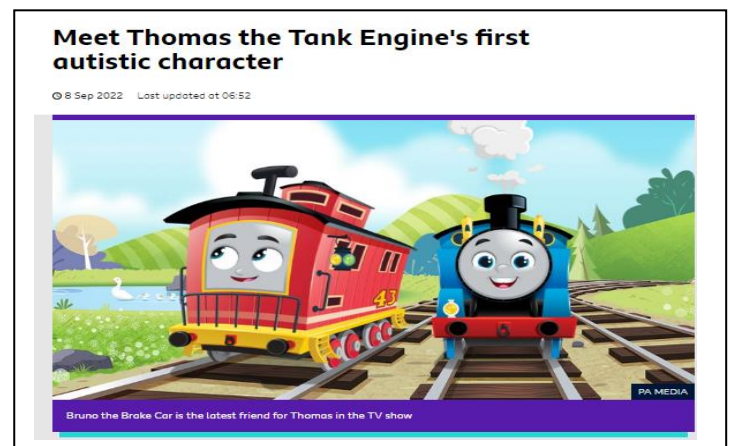
Say hello to Thomas the Tank Engine's first autistic character – Bruno the Brake Car!

Bruno is voiced by nine-year-old actor Elliot Garcia from Reading, who is also autistic.

The new character will start appearing in episodes of the latest 'Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go!' series later this month.

He'll be joining the iconic characters Percy – the saddle tank engine, Gordon – the big blue tender engine and of course, the legendary Thomas himself.

The read more, follow this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/62818670>



## ST ALBAN'S OPEN EVENING/MORNINGS:

**St Alban's Catholic High School**

Learning... Respecting... Caring...

**Open Evening**

An opportunity to visit our school, see our outstanding facilities and talk with our knowledgeable staff

**Wednesday 21st September 2022**  
5.30pm - 8.00pm

Presentations by the Headteacher, Matt Baker, at 6.30pm & 7.30pm

**Open Mornings**

**Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th October 2022**  
9.15am - 10.25am

Please visit our school website for further information and how to pre-book a tour appointment

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The Open Mornings will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 9.15am, please visit the school website for further information and to book a tour.

<https://www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/transitiontohighschool>



# SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 5

Year 5 have made a great start to the new school year and we have already learnt lots of new and exciting things. We've hit the ground running in English and we are building up to writing a third person story. Here is what we have been learning about in some of our other subjects:



## Religious Education

In RE we are learning about the creation story in Genesis 1 and in particular the symbolism of the story. We have learnt about the story of the Fall and original sin and what this means for us. We have identified that we have a responsibility to care for God's world as stewards.

We really enjoyed making a creation wheel and acting out the creation story in groups.



## Science

In Science, the children have been focusing on properties of materials. This week we carried out an experiment looking at which materials dissolve to form a solution and which do not. We found that sugar and salt dissolve in water, whereas sand did not!



## Art

We are learning about abstract art and we're studying the work of Friedensreich Hundertwasser. Last lesson, we used a viewfinder to focus and draw smaller areas of one of Hundertwasser's abstract images.



## MEET OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Our School Council is a student body that works to make improvements to different areas of the school, including a focus on environmental sustainability.

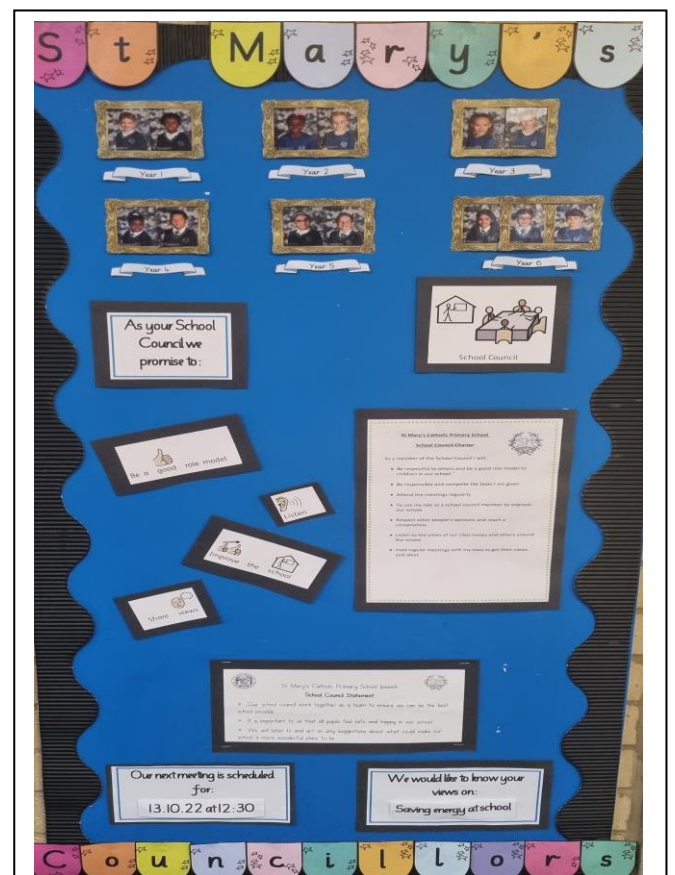
Our School Councillors are democratically elected at the start of each academic year and then work on the School Council for all of that year. Any children can put themselves forward to be part of the School Council.

During the first School Council meeting the children devise a School Council Charter stating all of the responsibilities they will undertake to fulfil their roles effectively.

The School Council then meets every 3 weeks to discuss issues within the school and to work on future projects.


The School Councillors meet with their classes between meetings to discuss ideas, projects and issues and they then feedback to the rest of the School Council members during our meetings.

Each term the School Council will complete an action plan of things they aim to work on and achieve by the end of that term.



**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**

**School Council Charter**



As a member of the School Council I will:

- Be respectful to others and be a good role model to children in our school
- Be responsible and complete the tasks I am given
- Attend the meetings regularly
- To use my role as a school council member to improve our school
- Respect other people's opinions and reach a compromise
- Listen to the views of our class mates and others around the school
- Hold regular meetings with my class to get their views and ideas

**TRUST JOB OPPORTUNITIES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT APPRENTICESHIPS:**

Two opportunities have arisen to join Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy Trust as an Administrative Assistant Apprentice

**Role 1:** To provide administrative support to the CEO of the Academy Trust and support the work of the Executive Team and Trust Board. **Location:** Based in Trust offices in Ipswich and/or Newmarket with occasional meetings in other Trust schools and the flexibility to work from home on occasion.

**Role 2:** To provide administrative support to the of 6th Form Team at St Albans Catholic High School. **Location:** St Albans Catholic High School, 80 Digby Rd, Ipswich IP4 3NJ



The following terms relate to both roles:

**Hours:** 32 hours per week term time only, Monday to Friday. Release time as required to access ongoing Level 3 apprenticeship training with a nationally accredited provider.

**Salary Scale:** Point 5 £19,650 FTE. **Term:** 18 months fixed term apprenticeship contract.

These are new and exciting opportunities for an enthusiastic and motivated candidate to provide high quality administrative support whilst being able to continue to access ongoing Level 3 apprenticeship training.

Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful applicants.

For an application pack or to discuss the position, please contact Antoinette Jones on 01638 662719, email [a.jones@olow.org.uk](mailto:a.jones@olow.org.uk) or visit our website at <https://www.ourladyofwalsingham.co.uk/>

**Deadline for applications:** Midday on Thursday 13th October 2022

Applicants are advised to apply early as we reserve the right to hold interviews and close a vacancy prior to the published deadline.

### TERM DATES:

#### Term dates for 2022 – 2023

##### Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Half term:** 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Staff Training day:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September

##### Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Half term:** 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February

**Staff Training day:** 3<sup>rd</sup> January

##### Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Bank holiday:** 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Half term:** 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Staff Training days:** 17<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> July