

Newsletter

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

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Tweet of the Week

"May God, the lover of life, grant us the courage to do good without waiting for someone else to begin, or until it is too late."



Pope Francis @pontifex

Key Dates

11th Sept: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
12th Sept: Beginning of Term Mass 2.30pm
10th Sept: Year 5 Swimming starts



Welcome to our first newsletter for this academic year.

We welcome all our children back into school and extend a special welcome to our Reception class children.

Change of date to end of Autumn Term 2019

Please note that the last day of the Autumn Term is **Wednesday 18th December**, not Friday 20th December as previously published.

Beginning of Term Mass

Our Beginning of Term Mass will take place on **Thursday 12th September at 2.30pm** in church. We look forward to welcoming you all.

Parentmail

We have had a few technical problems with Parentmail this week, many apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. We are hoping everything will be up and running in the next few days. Please bear with us.

Absence

Please ensure you are familiar with the Attendance Policy that is on our website. Holidays during term time are not authorised. If you have an absence request during term time please inform the school office in writing. The seventh session (a session is a morning or afternoon) of unauthorised absence will trigger the penalty procedure. The penalty is £60.00 per child, per parent.

Lateness

The school day begins promptly at 8.55am. If your child is not in class at this time they will be marked as late. If they arrive after 9.10am this will be marked as an unauthorised absence and will count towards the total unauthorised absence for the year. If you are late getting your child/children into school, please ensure you come with them into the school office where you will be asked to sign them in and provide a reason for their lateness.

Music Tuition

Brass and Woodwind music lessons started this week. Violin lessons start next **Tuesday 10th September**. Payment via Parentmail is due by 20th September please.



Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 will start their swimming lessons at Crown Pools on **Tuesday 10th September**.

Please remember that all the children will need a towel, swimming hat, swimming costume (girls) and boys need swimming trunks (not shorts) please. All items should be named. The last lesson will be on 10th December. If your child normally uses an asthma inhaler they must ensure they take it with them to the swimming pool every week and keep it with them at all times. Inhalers must be clearly named.



School Meals

If you would like your child/children to have school meals, please ensure payment (Key Stage 2 only) is made in advance via Parentmail or Paypoint into their dinner money account.



Please note if your child's school meal account goes into debt by more than one week – e.g. £11.50, we will be unable to supply them with a hot meal and they will need to bring in a packed lunch. Therefore please ensure your child's school meal account is kept in credit via Parentmail. Parentmail generates reminders at the end of each week if your account has dropped into debt.

Last term we saw an increase in the number of pupils requesting a school meal when they have brought in a packed lunch. Please be aware that if this happens we will be giving the child the school meal that has been ordered, sending their packed lunch home with them and parents will be charged. The cost of a school meal is £2.30 and the school is unable to absorb the cost of meals ordered and prepared and then not taken. Please remind your child/children to state clearly whether they are packed lunch or school dinner when the register is taken each day and the importance of getting it right. Thank you.

Sports Clubs

Places have all been confirmed and payment items set up on Parentmail. Please ensure payment is made by **26th September**. Thank you.

Please note start and end dates for the clubs below.

Wednesday:	8.00am	Multi-Skills Yrs 1, 2, 3	18 th Sept - 11 th December
Wednesday:	3.15pm	Netball Club Yrs 5, 6 (Girls)	25 th Sept - 4 th December
Wednesday:	3.15pm	Football Club Yrs 4, 5, 6 (Boys)	18 th Sept - 11 th December
Thursday:	8.00am	Football Club Yrs, 1, 2, 3	19 th Sept - 12 th December
Friday:	8.00am	Tag Rugby KS2	20 th Sept - 13 th December
Friday:	12.10pm	Football Girls Yrs 4, 5, 6	20 th Sept - 13 th December
Friday:	3.15pm	Basketball KS2	20 th Sept - 13 th December



One space has become available on the Football Club for Years 1, 2, 3. Please email the school if interested, the place will be offered first come first served.

Friends of St Mary's PTA - Bag2School Fundraising

A letter explaining all about Bags2School, and a collection bag, has been sent home today with your child. It's a great opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles to help raise funds for school. Please bring your bag(s) into the school playground for PTA to collect on **Monday 30th September**. Many thanks for your support.



Dates for your Diary

- 19th Sept: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
20th Sept: Year 4 Diocesan Mass Norwich
26th Sept: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
3rd Oct: Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm
10th Oct: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
15th Oct: Curriculum Evening 6.00pm
16th Oct: Harvest Festival 2.30pm
17th Oct: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
17th Oct: Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm

Half Term 21st – 25th October

- 30th Oct: Open Morning 9.30am
31st Oct: Open Afternoon 1.30pm
1st Nov: All Saints Mass 2.30pm
7th Nov: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
11th Nov: Anti-Bullying Week
14th Nov: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
18th Nov: Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
18th Nov: Year 4 RE trip to Colchester Jewish Synagogue (as part of Alternative Faith Week)
19th Nov: Year 3 RE trip to Colchester Jewish Synagogue (as part of Alternative Faith Week)
20th Nov: Parents Evening 4.30pm-7.00pm

Term dates for 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September to Wednesday 18th December 2019

Half Term: 21st – 25th October 2019

Staff Training Days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 2020

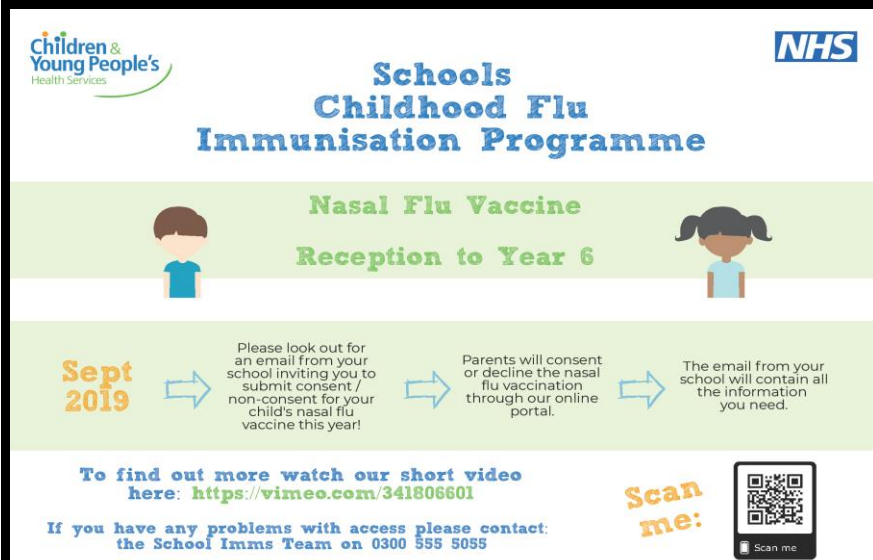
Half Term 17th – 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020

Friday 8th May – Bank holiday (school open as usual Monday 4th May)

Half Term 25th - 29th May 2020



The poster is for the NHS Schools Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme. It features the NHS logo in the top right and the Children & Young People's Health Services logo in the top left. The main title is 'Schools Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme' in blue. Below this, it specifies 'Nasal Flu Vaccine Reception to Year 6' in green, with illustrations of a boy and a girl. A timeline for 'Sept 2019' is shown with three steps: 1. 'Please look out for an email from your school inviting you to submit consent / non-consent for your child's nasal flu vaccine this year!' 2. 'Parents will consent or decline the nasal flu vaccination through our online portal.' 3. 'The email from your school will contain all the information you need.' At the bottom, there is a QR code with the text 'Scan me:' and a link to a video: 'To find out more watch our short video here: <https://vimeo.com/341806601>'. A contact number is also provided: 'If you have any problems with access please contact: the School Imms Team on 0300 555 5055'.



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Open Morning

9.30am on Wednesday 30th October

Open Afternoon

1.30pm on Thursday 31st October

for prospective parents of children starting school in September 2020

There will be an opportunity to meet our Head of School Mrs Berry,
find out more about St Mary's
and have a short tour of our school

Please call the school office on 01473 728372 to book onto one of the sessions