

# Newsletter

Issue 5

1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

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

"Dear young people, I would like to thank you for your dreams and good projects, and for the fact that you are as concerned about human relations as you are about caring for the environment. Thank you. It is a concern that is good for everyone."

[Pope Francis \(@Pontifex\)](#)



## Key Dates w/c: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Oct: Yr5 Swimming 8.30am

6<sup>th</sup> Oct: Yr5 Class Mass 2.30pm

7<sup>th</sup> Oct: Yr4 Parish Mass 9.15am

8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Flu Immunisation

8<sup>th</sup> Oct: KSI Coffee Afternoon 2pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you all for supporting the school as we navigate our way through balancing safety and the need to ensure that children receive the education which they deserve. By following the guidelines, you are all helping reduce the spread of the virus and keep our community safe.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

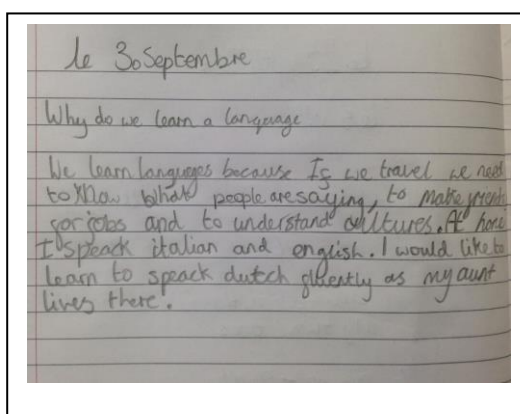
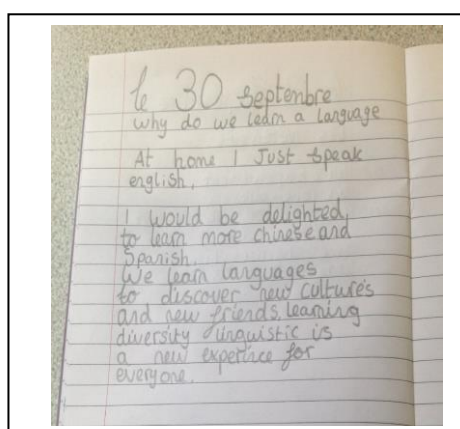
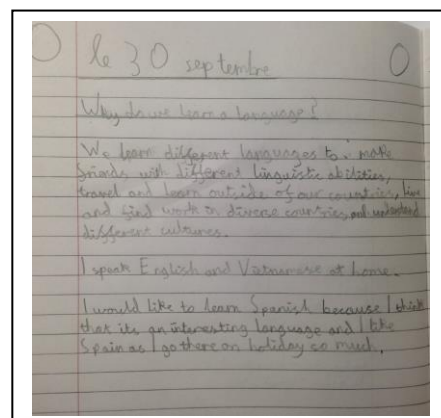
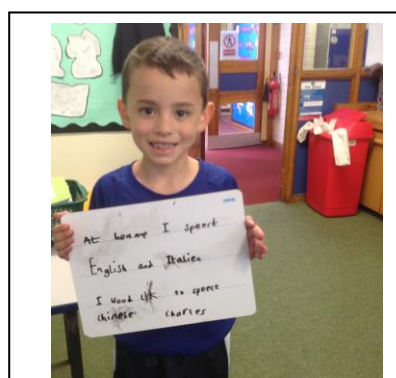
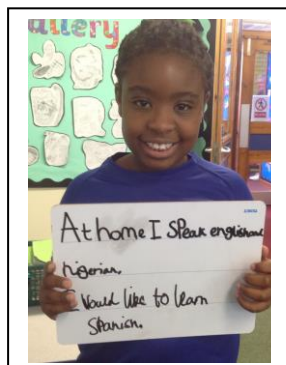
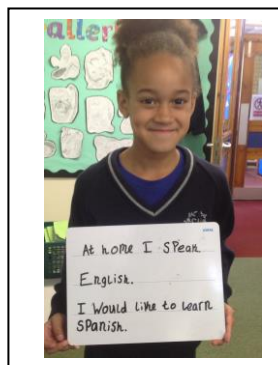


Keeping our  
community  
safe

COVID-19 UPDATE

## European Day of Languages:

Each year in September is European Day of Languages. As well as looking at our French skills we have discussed the joy of our diverse school and the languages we speak from all over the world. We also discussed why we learn a language and what skills will need to do this in order to be global citizens - looking outwards and being friends with our neighbours.



## Census Day:

The school census day will be Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October and we need as many children to have a school meal that day as possible as the more we have the more funding the school is given for resources etc. The menu that day will be burger or vegetable sausage. We will be giving a meal to all children in Reception, Year1 and Year2 for them to try to see if they like school meals.



## Open Days for Reception 2022 Parents:

We will be holding an open morning on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.15am and an open afternoon on 4<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm. Please book an appointment for one of these dates with the school office. Each session will be restricted to 15 adults and only 1 adult per family will be permitted.



## Reception 2022/2023:

The application portal is now open with Suffolk County Council for parents to apply for their child's Reception class for children starting school in September 2022/2023.

We require a Supplementary Information Form that will need to be completed and returned to the office at school before the deadline 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Any SIF's received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

### Wrap Around Care:

Wrap around care has begun and we wanted to remind families that it is available to you all, it is flexible each week with no commitment to use all the time. The school are committed to running the care for a full year before a decision is made on the future of the provision.

If you wish to book a space please return a completed booking form to the school office by 2pm every Friday. Payments will need to be made by in advance of care for your child to attend.

### Named Items:

Please make sure that all items, jumpers, lunch boxes, wattle bottles, book bags, that belong to your child have their names clearly printed in them so we can return lost items to the correct owner. We have many children looking for their lost unnamed items that we aren't able to reunite them quickly.



### Year 6 High School Transfer – Admissions 2022/2023:

The application portal is now open with Suffolk County Council for parents to apply for current year 6 High School Place for September 2022/2023, the deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

Please check the High School you wish to apply to, to see if they require you to complete a Supplementary Information Form. Completed SIF's will need to be returned to your chosen school by the closing date 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

### Year 5 and Year 6 St Alban's open mornings:

A promotional poster for St Alban's Catholic High School open mornings. The top section features the school's name and crest on a green background. Below this is a photograph of two students, a girl and a boy, wearing lab coats and safety goggles, working with a beaker of red liquid in a science lab. The middle section has the text 'Learning... Respecting... Caring...' followed by 'Open Mornings' in large bold letters. It then describes the opportunity to visit the school and lists the dates: Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th September 2021, and Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th October 2021. The time is given as 9.40am - 12.10pm each day. The bottom section includes the website 'www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/transitiontohighschool', a hashtag '#weareSA', and contact information for the school. It also mentions that members of the school's leadership team will be available for questions and that the school is part of Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

**St Alban's Catholic High School**

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

**Open Mornings**

An opportunity to visit and experience the school as a live learning environment, see our outstanding facilities and talk with key staff members.

**Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th September 2021**  
**Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th October 2021**

9.40am - 12.10pm each day

To book a tour please visit our website  
[www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/transitiontohighschool](http://www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/transitiontohighschool)

#weareSA

Members of the schools leadership team will be available for questions at the end of each tour

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FOSM KS1 Coffee Afternoon 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 2pm School Hall:



#### Parents in School:

The office will be open to parents; however, the toilets will not be available to parents. This is due to:

- the need to minimize any infection spread as much as possible
- the safeguarding issues this presents

We are very sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

#### Clothing Bank at School:

We are pleased to inform you that we now have our own clothing bank in the school car park.

#### Items you can donate

- Clothes
- Paired shoes
- Blankets
- Handbags
- Belts
- Towels
- CD's and DVD's
- Video games
- Books
- Bric-a-brac

#### Items you cannot donate

- \* Pillows & Duvets
- \* Glass
- \* Metal
- \* Paper
- \* Carpets
- \* Soiled Rugs
- \* Rubbish





### Reception:

This week in RE we have been talking about how God created everything. The children listened to the story of creation and then in groups used different materials and resources to make the world. The children were able to remember lots of the different things that God had created and impressed Mr Cook with our knowledge!



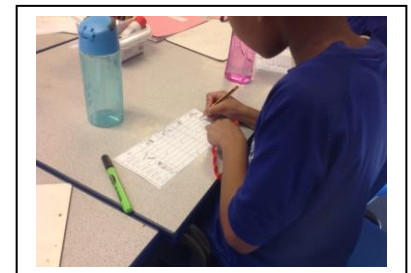
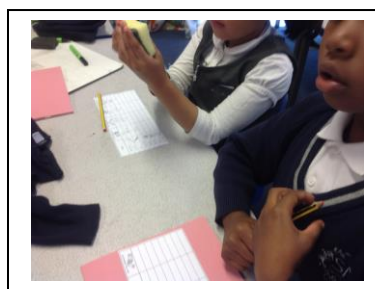
### Year 1:

Geography in year 1 this week, we have been looking at different maps. We found England on a world map and Ipswich on a UK map. We then used the chrome books to find St Mary's on Google Earth.



### Year 2:

Year 2 have been looking at how different materials can change. We investigated how different materials (like playdoh, plastic straws and fabric) can stretch, bend and twist. We discovered that softer materials are more able to change and harder, rigid materials like plastic cannot.



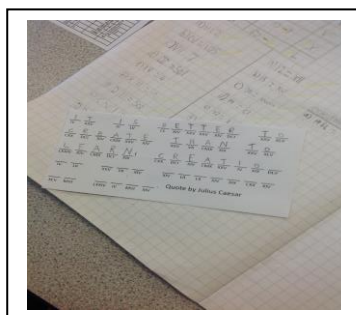
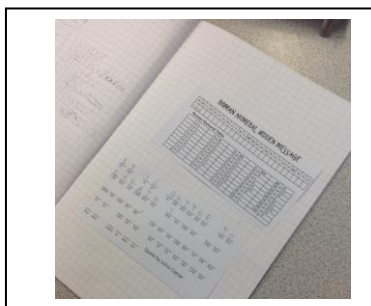
### Year 3:

This week, in our year three science lesson, the class compared, sorted and classified rocks according to their appearance and texture. The children then made a detailed sketch of a rock, labelling it and identifying whether it was igneous, metamorphic or sedimentary. Great work, year three!



#### Year 4:

This week Year 4 have been busy exploring how Roman Numerals were invented and used in maths. We have used the skills we have learnt to crack the code for a famous quote by Julius Ceasar 'It is better to create than learn! Creating is the essence of life'. Well done to Year 4 for showing such resilience with their learning.



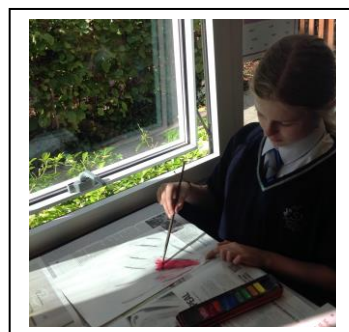
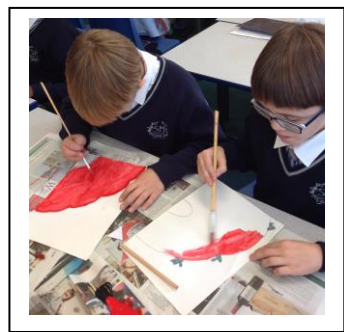
#### Year 5:

This week Year 5 have been learning about the story of Adam and Eve - The Fall. They have been thinking about the lessons that can be learnt from this and had lots of fun creating their own role play of it.



#### Year 6:

Another arty update from Year 6. We have applied our skills this topic into creating a quarter of a poppy each. We will then put these together to create large, whole poppies.



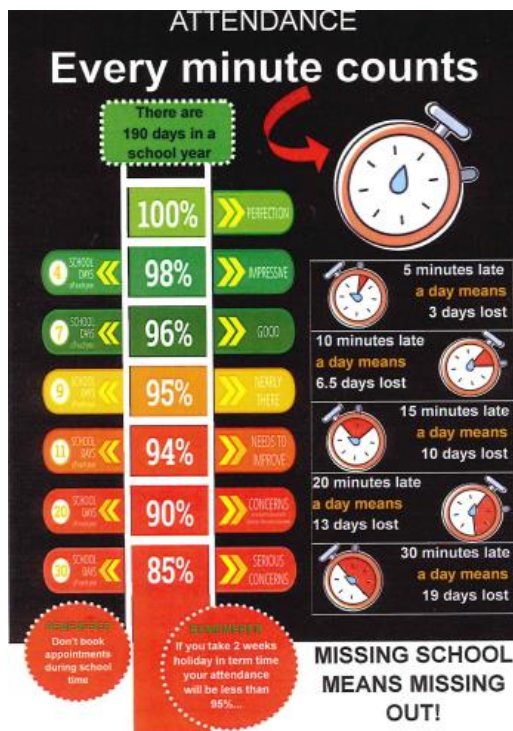
#### Year 6 in PE:

Year 6 have been showing us their amazing skills in PE this week.





## Attendance:



## St Mary's Preschool Open Afternoon:

Is your child aged 2-4 years old and looking for childcare, have you thought about St Mary's Preschool, they are holding an open afternoon for you to come along and have a play and look around the setting. St Mary's Preschool is located in the church hall across the road from school, it is open every day Monday to Friday.

St Mary's Preschool  
322 Woodbridge Road  
Ipswich. IP4 4BD





**OPEN AFTERNOON**  
Wednesday 13th October  
12.30pm - 1.30pm

Come and look around our setting  
Meet our friendly team  
View our facilities and let the children play

 St Mary's Pre-school  
 st\_marys\_preschool322

**CONTACT US:**  
Phone - 01473 807252  
Email - deputy.stmaryspreschool@gmail.com

### Recycling your Ink Cartridges:

The Ink Recycling box is located in the school foyer outside the school office.



### **Dates for your Diary:**

#### **Term dates for 2021 - 2022**

##### **Autumn Term 2021**

Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> September – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Half term:** 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October

**Staff Training day:** 01<sup>st</sup> September

##### **Spring Term 2022**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 08<sup>th</sup> April

**Half term:** 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Staff Training day:** 4<sup>th</sup> January

##### **Summer Term 2022**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Bank holiday:** 02<sup>nd</sup> May

**Half term:** 30<sup>th</sup> May – 03<sup>rd</sup> June

**Staff Training days:** 25<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July