



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

"Life is not about showing off our abilities, but a journey towards the One who loves us: by keeping our gaze fixed on the Lord, we will find the strength needed to persevere with renewed joy."

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



Week Commencing 15th May 2023:

Mon 15th and Mon 22nd May: Yr3 Swimming

Tue 16th: Olympian Visit

Thu 18th: School Census Day

Thu 18th: Yr5 Parish Mass 9.15am

Wed 24th: Class Photo's (School Uniform)

Thu 25th: Yr6 Parish Mass 9.15am

Fri 26th: Celebration Assemblies

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about kindness and ways that we can show kindness. That how we react to others is important. Remembering that being kind to others can make us feel good on the inside too! Even when we are tired or busy we must try to treat others in the way Jesus shows us.

A big well done to Year 6, who have shown great determination and maturity this week. We are very proud of you all.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Warm Regards

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham



SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER:

Please could all children wear the correct school uniform. No trainers allowed with school uniform, trainers may only be worn to school on PE days.

Here is the link for the school uniform guidance booklet

<O:\Admin - SBM\ADMISSIONS\Admissions 2022-2023\Data and Permission Forms 2023-24\School Uniform Guide 2022.pdf>



CLASS PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023:



Class photos will be taken on Wednesday 24th May. Please could all children wear school uniform, if you have PE please bring trainer's in a bag and change into these after the photos.

SCHOOL CENSUS DAY THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2023:

Our school census day will be held on Thursday 25th May and we need as many children to have a school meal that day as possible as the more children who have a school meal the more funding the school receives from the DFE. 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. The menu that day will be Pizza or Veggie Goujon's with Chips. Thank you for your ongoing support.



OLYMPIAN VISIT TUESDAY 16TH MAY 2023:



**Sports For
Champions UK®**
Community Interest Company

We are very lucky to be having a visit from an Olympian Athlete. Part of this process involves watching a short video, to view the video please use the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fOFDtpOuPo&feature=youtu.be>

Thank you to all of the families and children who have returned a sponsor form. We will all have an amazing day on Tuesday 16th May 2023.

You are still able to donate online if you would like to using the link:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/stmaryscatholicprimary-2>

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES FRIDAY 26TH MAY 2023:

We will be hosting 2 celebration assemblies on Friday 26th May 2023.

Reception, Year1 and Year2 at 8.45am

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 3pm.

Both in the school hall. All parents and carers are welcome to attend





SPOTLIGHT ON Reception

I can't believe we are in the last term of the year!

Just before Easter we went on a walk around our school grounds to find some signs of spring. We were able to find some buds, some blossom, snowdrops and even some frogspawn in the pond! We know that Spring is the season that comes after winter and before Summer.



We have been growing some vegetables in our garden. We have got peas and potatoes growing. We learnt that it takes 100 days for potatoes to grow. We are very excited to eat our produce!



Reception enjoyed joining in with the Coronation celebrations last week. In class we made bunting, we used the colours of the Union Jack on our bunting. We also made our own crowns so that we could be King or Queen for the day. We designed a new coronation gown for the king to wear, made some treats and enjoyed celebrating with year one and showing off our artwork in assembly to the rest of the school!



We have been doing some mono printing. The children had to draw a pattern in the paint and then press a piece of paper into the tray. We had to peel back the paper to see our pattern which had transferred onto the paper.



JOB VACANCY:

Effective as soon as possible, we have vacancies in school for midday supervisors to help with our busy lunchtimes during term time.

The hours are 11.40am – 12.50pm (70mins per day); five days per week

The current hourly rate is £10.98 (subject to pay rise in negotiation) for 38 weeks per year (plus 5 weeks paid holiday)

This is an excellent opportunity to get paid experience of working in a school.

If you would like to know more or know of someone who would like this role, please email:

lindsey.ling@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk



YEARS 5 ST ALBANS OPEN MORNINGS:



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 19th and Tuesday 20th June 2023

9.15am - 10:25am

To book a tour please visit our website
www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/transitiontohighschool



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If you want to book a tour please use the link: [Book an Appointment with St Alban's Catholic High School \(Education/Schools\) | Picktime](#)

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY:



St Mary's Catholic Primary School is looking to recruit a parent Governor. You will need to be a parent of a child in school. Governors play an important part in maintaining and developing the values and ethos of our school. 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. A Parentmail was sent 11th May with the nomination form.

Understanding Autism and ADHD Parent/Carer Training Program

We have an excellent new Training program for Parents/carers which will help you to understand Autism and ADHD, gain confidence on your Neurodiverse parenting journey and enable you to meet others on the same journey as yourself who understand the challenges faced.

Our Four-week course will be held on Wednesday afternoons 12.30pm-14.00pm At Copdock and Washbrook Village hall or Can also be held within a Schools chosen venue.

Our four-week course will explain our four-foundation block approach and it will include the following topics:

- Learning about Anxiety and where it comes from
- How to handle an overwhelm situation and how to unpack masking
- How to communicate effectively
- How to support sensory differences and how to positively make environment adjustments

By the end of the course, you will gain valuable knowledge and have a clear understanding of your child's individual needs. You will learn strategies to make life easier and be given resources to support you moving forward on your journey.

Alongside this, there will be an opportunity to discuss any individual support you may feel would be beneficial, this can be within the group or one to one at an additional charge.

The four-week program is a total Of 6 hours and is charged at £100 per person. tea, coffee and light refreshments are included.

If this is something you are interested in or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us via email at:

Info@autismandadhd.org



SOULHULL PARENTING COURSE:

SOULHULL (FREE) ONLINE PARENTING PROGRAMME



Do you live in Suffolk?
FREE online courses for all residents!

Understanding Pregnancy, Labour, Birth and Your Baby
Online course for everyone around the baby: Mums, Dads, Grandparents, friends and relations. Written by Registered Midwives and NHS professionals.

Understanding Your Baby
Online course for everyone around the baby: supporting you and the new arrival. Written by Psychologists, Psychotherapists and Health Visitors.

Understanding Your Child (0-19 yrs)
Popular online course about being the best parent, grandparent or carer you can be. Award winning with trusted content.

Understanding your teenagers' brain (short course)
Find out what happens to the brain in adolescence and how this explains some of the changes you may have noticed in their behaviour

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FOSM SUMMER FAIR:

Friday 7th July will be a non-uniform day, in exchange for a bottle donation. Soft drink or alcoholic drink bottles are welcome and will go towards tombolas at the summer fair.

Saturday 8th July is the date of this year's school summer fair. It will run from 2-4pm.



We will be grateful for volunteers from 12 to help set up, from 2 to help with stalls or activities, and from 4 to help clear away. We will share a volunteer signup sheet in the next week.

If you are having a clear-out, please think of us as we will also be grateful for donations of the following items:

- Soft toys
- Books

- Bottles of wine or similar
- Small unwanted gift items
- Games – for ages 5-12
- Small trinkets and party bag toys
- Packaged sweets

We will have a box outside the school office for donations.

Finally, we are looking for local business sponsorship and raffle prizes. If you, or your employer, are interested please email friendsofstmarysipswich@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance,

Friends of St Mary's

TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

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