

# Newsletter

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School Rules:  
Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

## Tweet of the Week

"As we draw near to Christmas, let us learn from St Joseph how to cultivate spaces for silence in which another Word can emerge, that of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us."

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



Key Dates w/c: 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: Bank Holiday  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan: PD Day  
5<sup>th</sup> Jan: School Starts  
11<sup>th</sup> Jan: Beginning of term mass

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the term, we can look back and reflect on what has been a very busy term. We have welcomed new families into our school community and watched their children grow in confidence as they settle into St Mary's. More than ever, we have all needed to pull together as we have grappled with ever changing guidelines. We would like to thank you for your support and understanding as we have had to make difficult decisions sometimes with little warning.

All of our pupils have worked extremely hard this term and we are very proud of the resilience and determination they have shown. They fill the school with joy and energy, continuing to embrace all that school life offers.

We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas Ensemble live stream this morning. It is always uplifting to hear our pupils singing and see the happiness it brings. This was extra special for us, as we were unable to celebrate in this way last year. We are more appreciative of our moments together and do not take these for granted as life is so changeable at the moment.

A huge thank you for all your cards and generous gifts. There may be some very merry teachers tonight.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

God Bless

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

## Find:

Mrs Berry can make referrals to FIND for families over the school holidays. Please get in touch with Mrs Berry directly to organise this.



## SPORTS CLUBS FOR SPRING TERM – Details were sent via parentmail this week.

It is possible that, by the time you apply, the club you are interested in may become full. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Thank you.

YRS 1 & 2 FOOTBALL CLUB – Mondays **Fully Booked**  
YRS 1 & 2 MULTISPORTS CLUB – Wednesdays 8am  
YRS 5 & 6 FOOTBALL CLUB (BOYS) – Wednesdays 3.15pm  
YRS 5 & 6 NETBALL CLUB (GIRLS) – Wednesdays 3.15pm  
YRS 3 & 4 FOOTBALL CLUB (BOYS) – Thursdays 8am  
KS2 MULTISPORTS CLUB – Fridays **Fully Booked**  
KS2 GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB – Friday 12.10pm



## Trust Newsletter No.4



To read the latest trust newsletter, please follow the link below:

<https://online.anyflip.com/wzmdk/kyxp/mobile/index.html>

## Notice:

Back with a Bang 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 4 – 6pm (Diocesan Mass for young people followed by fireworks) – Cancelled

Considering the recent concerns about Covid Omicron, this has been cancelled.

Hopefully it will be back with an even bigger bang in the future!

## Cool Milk:

If any of our Free School Meal pupils would like morning milk, the school would pay but please email the school to request this. If any other parent would like to pay for morning milk they can register and pay cool milk.



**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 £14 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 321 3248 or via email at [registrations@coolmilk.com](mailto:registrations@coolmilk.com)

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## Christmas Ensemble:



We all had a wonderful time at the Christmas ensemble, we are sorry that we were not able to share this in person with you. The link to watch the ensemble will be live until 9pm tonight.

<https://youtu.be/kO2VJShmJBQ>

### Christmas Ensemble Breakfast:

The children have all worked so hard the last 5 weeks practicing their singing and music for the Christmas Ensemble, I was so proud of them that I treated them to a Christmas breakfast to celebrate their hard work. Thank you for your commitment and we hope all of our families enjoyed the performance. Merry Christmas from Mrs Dyer



### Mini Vinnies:

We re-started Mini Vinnies in October. Over half of the children in Year 5 signed up. Mini Vinnies meet during lunch times to pray, discuss and plan ways to help others. The children decided to make Christmas gifts for the residents of Emily Bray house. With 47 residents, this was a challenging task, so when the children realised that time was running out the whole class got involved! The children managed to complete all of the bags and these were delivered to Emily Bray house, the children's efforts were much appreciated. Well done everyone!



### Visit from Tom Hunt MP:

On Friday 10th December St Mary's Ipswich was very pleased to have a visit from our local MP, Tom Hunt. Two classes had entered his "design a Christmas card competition" and two children from each class had been chosen to receive a certificate to celebrate their great work. With him coming in to give the certificates in person, it seemed like a perfect opportunity for Year 6 to prepare and ask him some questions about his job and his priorities for Ipswich and beyond. They took to the task with gusto and asked their questions with passion and care. Tom appreciated their desire to make life better here in school, in Ipswich and for the environment everywhere. We were very proud of the achievements being celebrated and of our Year 6 young citizens. Good job everyone!



### Football:

IPSSA Small Schools Boys Football League:

St Mary's 2-0 Martlesham. Our team played their first league match of the season and started with a bang. Lots of hard work from all the players involved saw us run out 2-0 winners against a very spirited Martlesham side.



## Science Challenge:

Please find attached this week's science challenge. Mr Cook would love to hear how you got on making expanding gases. Please feel free to send in photos of your attempts

# EXPANDING GASES

SCIENCE CHALLENGE 06

Designed by David,  
Senior mechanical engineer  
at Dyson

### The brief

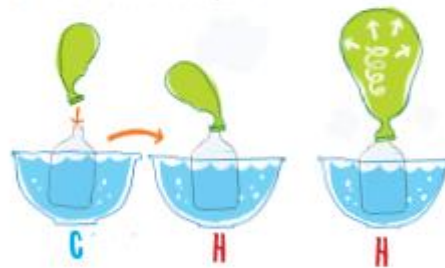
Find out what happens when gases are heated up or cooled down.

### The method

1. Fill two bowls – one with cold water the other with hot water.
2. Put the bottle into cold water.
3. Fit a balloon to the neck of the bottle.
4. Now place the bottle into the hot water.
5. Watch the balloon expand.

### Materials

Two bowls  
Cold water, hot water  
(with adult supervision)  
A sturdy plastic bottle  
A balloon



### How does it work?

Gas expands when it is heated. The rule is, if the pressure of a gas remains constant, the volume of the gas will increase as the temperature increases. So if the temperature increases, the gas takes up more space. This is known as Charles' Law. The principle was first formulated by the French physicist Jacques Alexandre Cesar Charles in 1787.

### Design icons

Steam engines heat up air and allow it to expand in cylinders to drive wheels.



## Reminders:

- If after school children wish to bring in an extra snack please could it be fruit.
- Please could you all check your child's dinner accounts and clear any arrears before we return in the new year.

Term Dates:

Term dates for 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

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

Staff Training day: 1<sup>st</sup> September

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5<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

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Bank holiday: 02<sup>nd</sup> May & 6<sup>th</sup> June

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