



# 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

"Today, the Lord reminds us that death comes to make truth of life. The Gospel explains how to live out the wait: we go to meet God by loving, because He is love."

*Pope Francis (@Pontifex)*



Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Nov: Parents Evening

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Nov: Yr 5 Swimming. Last session 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Nov: Parents Evening

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: Yr 6 War Memorial Service 11am

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: Yr 4 Class Mass at 2.45pm

## SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:

When exiting from the parent car park, please be aware that you should stop at the gates, to allow parents and children to pass, before driving on. Thank you.

**RECEPTION 2023 - OPEN DAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:** We will be holding two open day sessions for prospective parents on November 16<sup>th</sup>, **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)



## RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2023 APPLICATIONS:

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'



## WEATHER:

Despite the weather getting colder we will hopefully still go outside for breaktime. Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat and gloves (plus a hat and scarf if they wish). Thank you.

## MESSAGES:



To communicate with your child's teacher for medical appointments or questions you may have, please put a note in your child's school diary. If you wish to follow up with an email to the school office, please do so. Thank you.

## PACKED LUNCHES:

Please remember that packed lunches should not contain anything with nut ingredients. Chocolate bars or sweets should not be included but a chocolate biscuit (Penguin or similar) is fine.

Please cut grapes in half lengthwise. If they are whole, they are a choking hazard. Thank you.



## SCHOOL DINNERS KS2:

Are £2.35 per day and should be paid in advance via parentmail. Thank you. Please look at the menu with your child to check the meal choices/preferences.



# SPOTLIGHT ON RECEPTION

The children in Reception have enjoyed exploring a range of learning over the first half term of school. The children have been spending lots of time getting to know each other and the routines of school. Our topic for the first half term has been all about us, we have been talking about our families, talking about how we have changed from babies and learning about different body parts.

Reception start their day with a carousel of activities which encourage sharing, discussion and build hand/eye coordination skills.



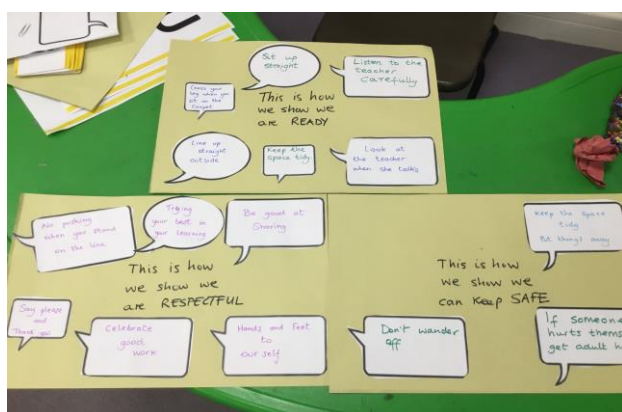
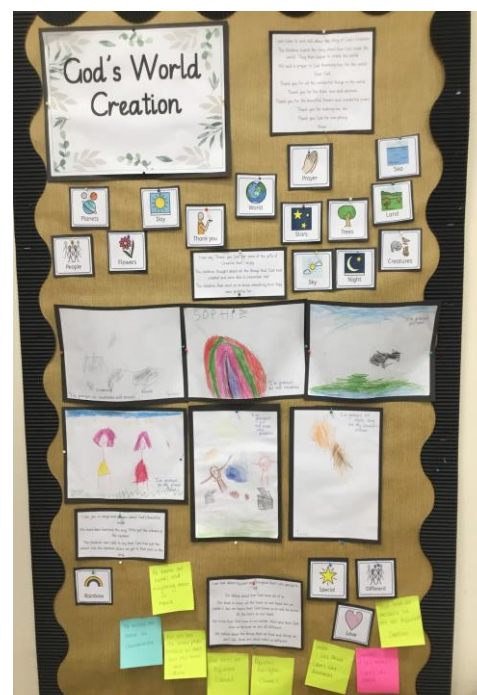
Stories are a key part of the Reception day. Currently we are working on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have enjoyed hearing different versions of the story and sequencing the steps of the story. We even invented our own endings ..... perhaps Goldilocks DID invite the bears over for tea and cakes at her house to say sorry!



This week we have been finding out about Diwali celebrations and have made our own diva lights out of clay. In our outdoor classroom we have been exploring rangoli patterns made from sand and powder paint.



RE. Reception have been learning all about creation and God's World. We learnt that God created everything and helped to create the world. We have been spending these last few weeks thinking about things we are grateful for, how we can look after the world and learning the song 'Who put the colours in the rainbow.'



In PE we have been enjoying gymnastics and dance. We have been amazed at all the moves and shapes that we have been able to create.



## YEARS 5 AND 6 NETBALL:

We had a wonderful start to Netball with a win at Britannia. Well done girls you played well and the weather wasn't too cold for us.



## 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