



St Mary's Newsletter

Issue 1

15th September 2023

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

"Let us Pray Together for those who lost their lives in an inundation in Libya, for their families and for the displaced. May we not fail to show our solidarity with these brothers and sisters, as well as with the people of Morocco who are suffering from an earthquake."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely start to the new school year. The children have returned to school looking smart and ready to learn.

A warm welcome to all our new families. The new Reception children are settling in well to school life.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

Week Commencing 18th September 2023

Clubs & Orchestra start this week.

Tues 19th Sept: year 5 swimming

Wed 20th Sept: St Alban's Catholic High School Open Evening 5.30-7.30pm

Thurs 21st Sept: Reception Parents Phonics Workshop (straight from morning drop-off)

Wed 27th Sept: Beginning of Term Mass 9am – parents welcome

Thurs 28th Sept: AGM of Friends of St Mary's PTA, 7pm in School Hall

Thurs 12th Oct: Harvest Festival 2.30pm

Fri 20th Oct: Celebration Assemblies –

KS1 8.45am

KS2 3pm

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

From Mon 18th Sept: Football Club (years 1, 2, 3) starts 3.30pm. Children collected at 4.30pm. No Football Club on Mon 30th Oct (PD Day). This Club Is Full

From Wed 20th Sept: Netball Club (Girls years 5, 6) starts 3.30pm. Children collected at 4.15pm.

From Wed 20th Sept: Football Club (Boys years 4, 5, 6) starts 3.30pm. Children collected at 4.30pm.

From Thurs 21st Sept: Football Club (Girls years 4, 5, 6) starts 8am.

From Thurs 21st Sept: Orchestra (years 4, 5, 6) starts 3.30pm. Children collected at 4.15pm.

From Fri 22nd Sept: Handball & Dodgeball (KS2), starts at 12.10pm. This Club Is Full

From Fri 22nd Sept: Multisports Club (years 4, 5, 6), starts 3.30pm. Children collected at 4.30pm.

All clubs must be pre-booked. Should your child wish to join the Orchestra, please contact the School Office.

MUSIC LESSONS

Reminder of days when pre-booked and pre-paid lessons take place.

Mondays - Violin

Tuesdays - Brass

Thursdays - Woodwind

Please encourage your children to remember their instrument!

RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2024 APPLICATIONS

We will be holding two open day sessions on Wednesday 15th November, 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 2024, please email the school to book a slot.

Our email address is: admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

Applications for a Reception September 2024 place should be made by the deadline date of 15th January 2024. 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-2024-2025>



IMPORTANT: St Mary's require a completed Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which should be sent to the school before 15th January deadline please. The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) can be found on our website under *Key Information - Admissions*

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Year 6, high school applications are now open and will close on 31st October 2023.

You need to apply directly to Suffolk County Council and remember to check if your new school requires a Supplementary Information Form (SIF); if needed, these should be sent direct to your chosen new school.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-primary-school-place-2024-2025>



St Alban's
Catholic High School



Open Evening

An opportunity to join us to tour our facilities, meet our staff and pupils and see why we are so proud of our school.

Wednesday 20th September 2023
5.30pm – 7.30pm
Headteacher's address at 6.30pm

Please visit our website for the latest Prospectus and to book a tour during the school day.

 St Alban's is part of the
Our Lady of Walsingham
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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work fewer hours per week
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).



To check if your child is eligible, apply online: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

KS2 PAYING FOR SCHOOL MEALS



A polite reminder that school meals should be paid for in advance. Please make sure that your child's lunch account is in credit.

DATA FORMS

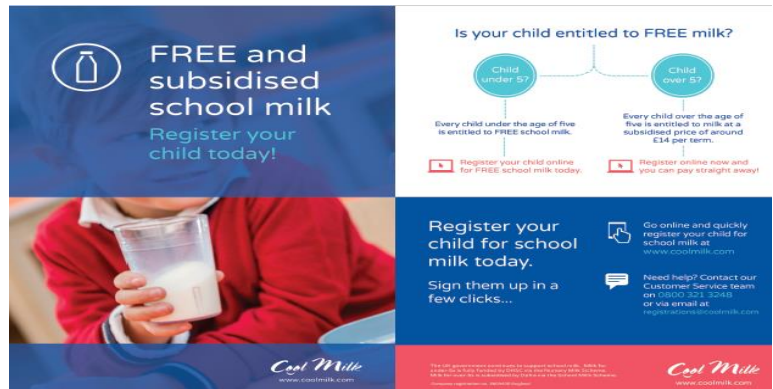
It is extremely important to update us with any change of your contact details, as and when they occur. We will shortly be sending out data collection sheets, to confirm if the details which we currently hold are correct. Please return by **Friday 22nd September**. Many thanks for your co-operation



COOL MILK

If any other parent would like to pay for morning milk and their child is older than 5, they can register using the link and pay cool milk.

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>



The advertisement is a composite image. The top left features a blue background with a white milk bottle icon and the text: "FREE and subsidised school milk Register your child today!". The top right has a white background with the question "Is your child entitled to FREE milk?" and two categories: "Child under 5?" (entitled to FREE school milk) and "Child over 5?" (entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £14 per term). The bottom left shows a child in a red school uniform holding a glass of milk. The bottom right is a dark blue box with white text: "Register your child for school milk today. Sign them up in a few clicks..." and "Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com". It also includes contact information for the Customer Service team. The "Cool Milk" logo and website are visible at the bottom.

JOB VACANCIES

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).

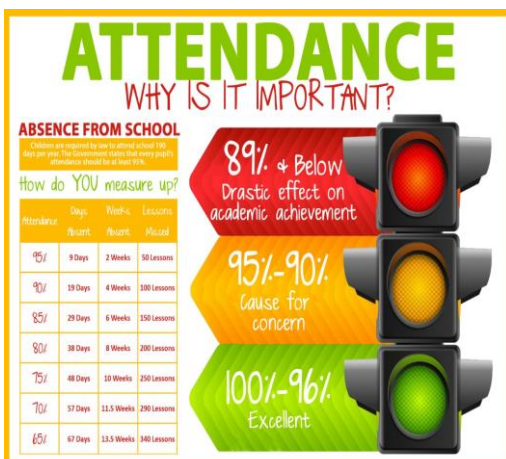
This is an excellent opportunity to get paid experience of working in a school.

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

admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk



ATTENDANCE



The infographic is titled "ATTENDANCE WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?". It features a traffic light graphic with three colored sections: red (top), yellow (middle), and green (bottom). The red section says "89% & Below Drastic effect on academic achievement". The yellow section says "95%-90% Cause for concern". The green section says "100%-96% Excellent". To the left of the traffic light is a table titled "ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL" and "How do YOU measure up?".

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	13.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	15.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

Please take time to read and familiarise yourself with our Trust Attendance Policy. Please be aware that the school is unable to authorise holiday requests for absence during term time.

If you arrive after 8.50am, please come to the Office to sign the late book.

It is really important that you ensure your child arrives at school between 8:40 and 8:50am.

A late arrival after 8.50am means the class has already started and this is disruptive for your child and others in the class.

If your child is ill, please leave a message on the School Absence Line (01473 728372) before 8am, or send an email to: admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

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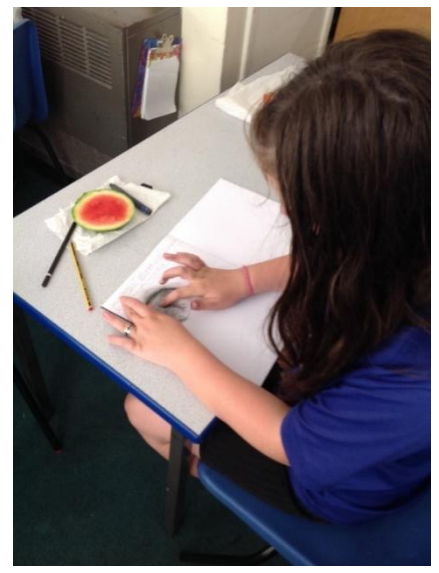
SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 6

Year 6 have made an excellent start to their final year. Please see below for all the interesting things they have been learning.

Science – Year 6 started the year with a lesson linked to our new topic on electricity. Please ask them about balloons and electricity.



Art – Year 6 enjoyed looking at segments of fruit and using their skills such as cross hatching to show shade and extra detail. They were calm and creative during this session – great observation skills, Year 6!

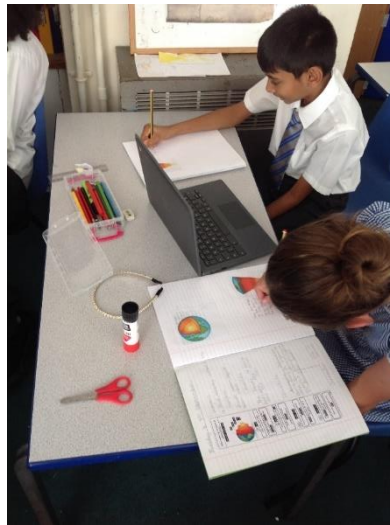




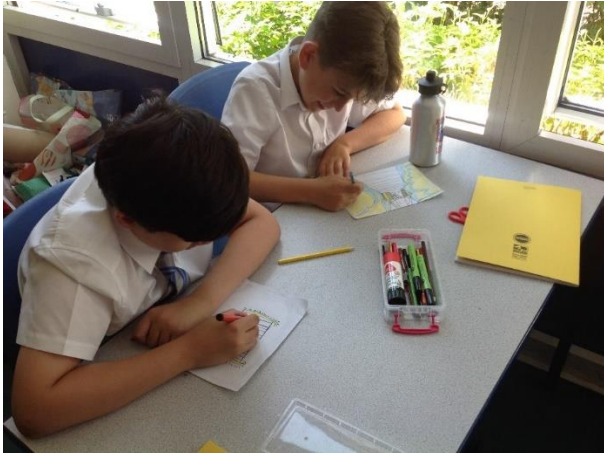
P.E – P.E on Friday meant a revision of key ball skills. They worked well in their small groups passing and controlling the football. They were not allowed out of their given section of the astro so they had to be extra accurate in their passing skills in particular.



Geography – In Geography, Year 6 started their unit on Physical and Human features by revising their knowledge of the structure of the earth. They watched videos, used our chrome books for extra research and matching up activities to consolidate their knowledge in this area.



R.E – This term the topic is: The Kingdom of God. Year 6 started off the topic thinking about the word Kingdom and what this means to them. We then discussed what God had in mind when he thought about his Kingdom. From this, Year 6 created some images of what they imagined for our class display.



Term dates for 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Half term: 23rd – 27th October

Staff training day: 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

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S – AGM REMINDER

A reminder that the AGM of the Friends of St Mary's Parent Teacher Association is to be held on Thursday 28th September at 7pm in the School Hall.

The PTA plays a vital part in the school community and you are all invited to attend the AGM. This is your opportunity to hear how the funds you helped raise have benefitted the children at our school, and to help set our direction for the coming year. If you are new to the school, a special welcome and please do come along – there will be refreshments and a chance to meet other parents.