

Newsletter

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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4EU

<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>



Tweet of the Week

"Come, Lord Jesus, make our distracted hearts watchful. Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love."

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



Dear Parent's,

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who continues to support and protect our school by arriving on time, standing in a space and wearing a face covering when dropping and collecting pupils. Many thanks for your continued support Mrs Berry.

Please note that, if you are late, you should wait in your zone as entry is not permitted until after the last classes have been admitted at 8.50am.

From everyone at St Mary's:

A massive thank you to the Friends of St Mary's team for organising our Christmas Fun Day. The children enjoyed a virtual panto, quiz, crafts and a visit from Santa! A great time was had by all. Thank you.

Reception 2021/2022 – Application and SIF deadline is 15th January 2021

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 2021/2022.

We require a Supplementary Information Form that will need to be completed and returned to the office at school before the deadline 15th January 2021. Any SIF's received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

Virtual Tour – For New Children applying for Reception Class 2021/2022

The virtual tour of the school is now available on St Mary's Facebook page and the school website for you to view. Also available is a video from the reception teacher Mrs Goodwin on the reception class page on the website.

Friday 18th December Finish Time:

This will be a normal school day and the children will finish at either 3pm, 3.10pm or 3.20pm depending on which class they are in.

Christmas Post Box

Unfortunately, we won't be able to have a Christmas post box this year. Pupils will be able to give Christmas cards to pupils in the same bubble only.

Christmas Creations:

Some Christmas Elves have been getting the school looking beautiful for Christmas and we would like to share with you all of the wonderful creations. Plus we had a very special visitor so school during Christmas fun day....







Online Safety Message from Mr Cook:

Please see attached the following safety message from Mr Cook

<https://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com/site/data/files/school%20curriculum/computing/20839C0C0DFC1C9543E6E61CDF5CCEC9.pdf>

Childline – Calm Zone

Please take a look at the childline calm zone for different ways to help calm your child.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

Calm zone | Childline

There are lots of way to feel calmer. Try our breathing exercises, activities and games or watch a video to help let go of stress.

www.childline.org.uk

Christmas Fun Day:



We really hope the children enjoyed their Christmas fun day on Thursday. Thank you to every one who helped to set it up, and to all who have donated, every penny helps and we are very grateful for your generosity.

The Go Fund Me page will remain open for the next few days at <https://gf.me/u/y99z92>



[Help us to raise funds for St Mary's school, organized by Margaret Jessop](https://gf.me/u/y99z92)

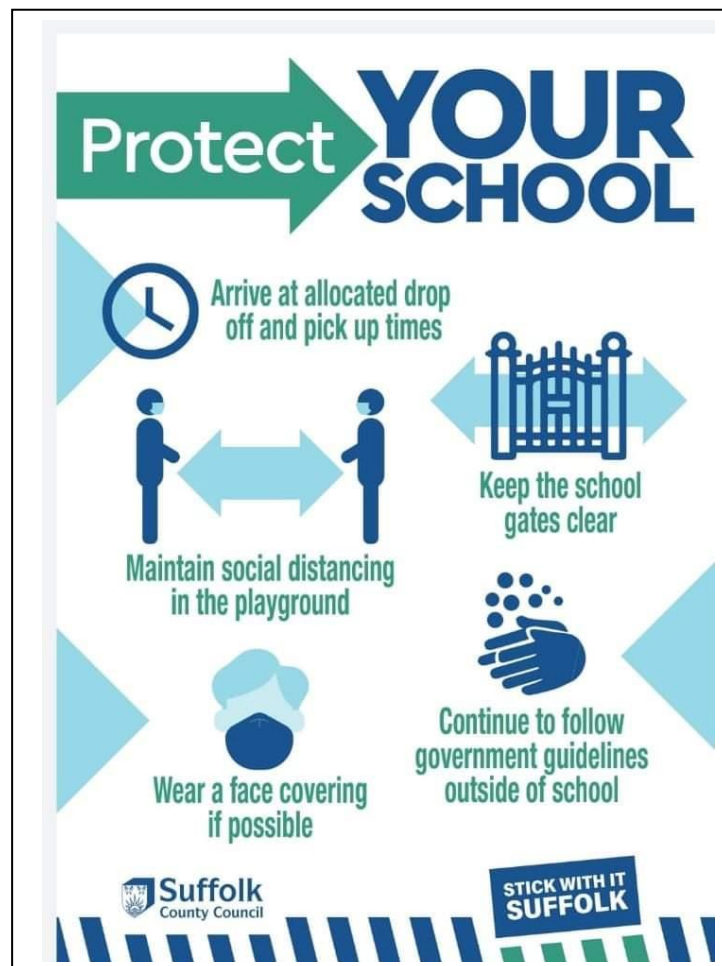
This has been such a tough year, and the children deserve some fun, so Fr... Margaret Jessop needs your support for Help us to raise funds for St Mary's school
gf.me

- you can also find it by going to the Go Fund Me page and searching 'St Mary's Ipswich' – we are the ones with the rainbow coloured spiral of hand prints.

Amazon Smile and Easy fundraising - Please remember to click through via these charity cash back sites when doing your Christmas shopping. They are both really straightforward to set up, cost you nothing and will raise much-needed funds for the school.

School lottery - We will aim to set this up in the New Year, following resounding positive feedback. Details of how to join will be sent out in January. We are very excited, and hope it will provide a little fun whilst also raising money for the school.

Very best wishes for the Christmas season from Marge Jessop and the FOSM PTA team



Dates for your Diary:

Term dates for 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December

Half term: 26th – 30th October

Staff Training Days: 1st & 2nd September

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 26th March

Half term: 15th – 19th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April – Friday 16th July

Bank holiday: 3rd May

Half term: 31st May – 4th June

Staff Training days: 19th & 20th July (disaggregated)

