

Newsletter

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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4EU
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School Rules:
Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"It is time to develop a new form of universal solidarity that is grounded in fraternity, love, and mutual understanding."

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



Key Dates w/c: 8th November 2021
15th Nov: Yr 5 Swimming 8.30am
15th Nov: Odd Socks Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been thinking about Remembrance Day in our assemblies. We listened to Miss Hawkins play the last post and thought about how this music and how this made us feel.

Year 6 represented St Mary's at the Ipswich school's remembrance service. They shared their experience with us in assembly.

Have a great weekend
Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

Anti-Bullying Week WC 15th November 2021:

On Monday 15th November please wear your odd sock to school for anti-bullying week, the odder the better. This is to celebrate the fact that we are all different and all equal.



Reception 2022/2023:

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 2022/2023.

We require a Supplementary Information Form, completed and returned to the school office at before the deadline date of 15th January 2022. Any SIF's received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.



**If your child was born between
1 September 2017 and
31 August 2018,
you must apply for a full-time
school place by
15 January 2022**



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or children's centre

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:
www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions
Information is also available from:
•The Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981
•Your local school

Open Days for Reception 2022 Parents:

3rd and 4th November Open Days have been postponed to the following dates.

NEW DATES: 24th November at 9.15am and 26th November at 1.30pm

Please book an appointment for one of these dates with the school office. Each session will be restricted to 15 adults and only 1 adult per family will be permitted.



Photos:

Orders given to the school office will be collected on Monday 15th November. Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **16th November**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Cafod Soft Toy Sale:

Year 1 are learning about toys in history and so have decided to do a bit of fundraising for CAFOD by having a soft toy sale. Could you help them out by having a Pre-Christmas Clearout of cupboards and toyboxes and sending in any unwanted, good condition soft toys for us to sell. Contributions can be left with the office, Miss Hawkins or Miss Mudd. (Sorry about using the C-hristmas word!)

Many thanks

Student Fundraising Committee



Flu Immunisation:

The Flu Immunisations team will be in school on 24th November. If you missed the last session, and you haven't already completed a consent form, please complete the attached form and return to the school office before 23rd November. Thank you. Consent form, if needed is attached with your newsletter.

Christmas Dates:

We are hopeful that parents will be able to attend but this remains dependant on local guidelines.

Reception Nativity will be held on 1st December (9.30am) and 2nd December (2.30pm). Children with surnames beginning A-K will receive two tickets for the afternoon performance and children with surnames beginning with L-U will receive two tickets for the morning performance. Tickets will be sent home the week before.

KSI Advent Service (Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3)

3rd December at 9am in the school hall. Parents are welcome to join us. Please let us know if you are attending by emailing the school office. Thank you. This will be 2 seats per family.

KSI Nativity (Years 1 and 2) will be held on 9th December at 9.15am

2 tickets per family will be sent home the week before.

KS2 Nativity will be held on 14th December at 2.15pm and 15th December at 9.15am

2 tickets per family will be sent home the week before.

NB: Unfortunately, there will not be any spare tickets but you are welcome to swap between yourselves.



Reception:

This week Reception have been thinking about Remembrance Day. We have created some beautiful poppies using different media. We have had lots of discussions about why we wear poppies and the importance of the 2 minutes silence.



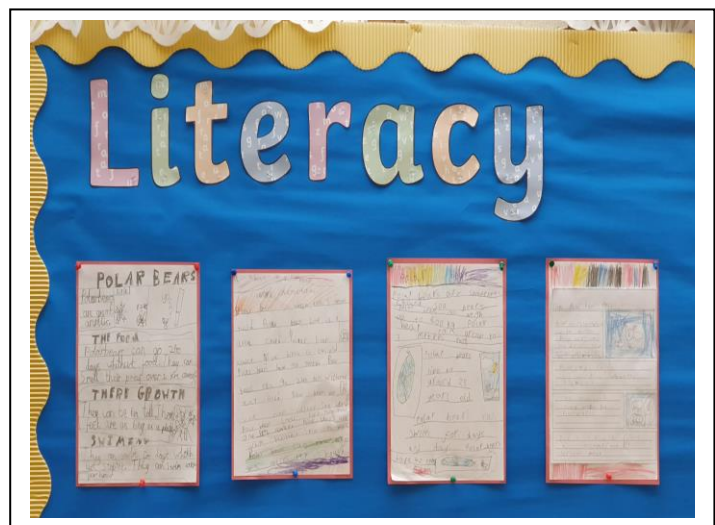
Year 1:

Miss Hawkins brought her cornet into school and played the last post for us all. She was amazing and played it twice in assembly too. Well done Miss Hawkins!



Year 2:

In literacy and geography this week, Year 2 have been reading the story of Leaf the polar bear, here is some of our work about Polar Bears.



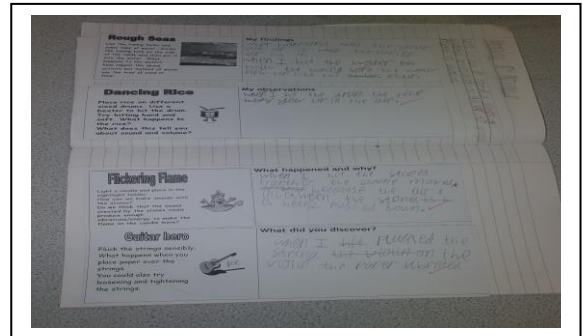
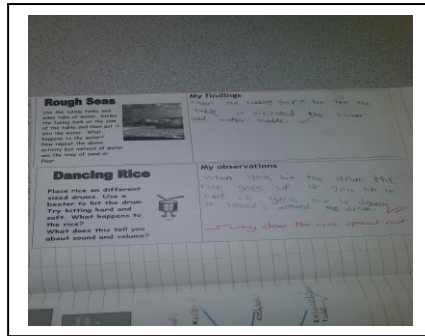
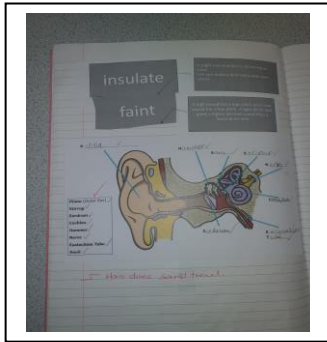
Year 3:

In RE lessons this week, as part of our Mary, Mother of God topic, year three have been learning about The Annunciation. In addition to some super written work, the children performed the roles of Mary and Angel Gabriel. Everyone had a chance both to give and to receive the good news. Well done, year three!



Year 4:

In Year 4, we have continued with our learning in Science exploring sound. We had a wonderful afternoon completing a carousel of activities exploring how vibrations travel, how vibrations can have an effect on rice, water and flour. We then recorded our findings like true scientists and compared our findings.



Year 5:

In year 5, in history, we have been designing an Anglo Saxon village and today went to visit one in West Stow.



Year 6:

Year 6 took part in the school's remembrance service yesterday. They reflected carefully about the fallen soldiers and represented the school beautifully. Well done Year 6!



Christmas Ensemble:

Practice is every Tuesday morning at 8.20am and is open to children in years 4, 5 and 6. Tuesday 16th November will be the last date that children can join the group. We will be performing our ensemble for everyone on Friday 17th December in the Church.



Science Challenge:

Please find attached this week's science challenge. Mr Cook would love to hear how you got on with fitting an egg in a bottle. Please feel free to send in photos of your attempts

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SCIENCE CHALLENGE 01

Designed by Charles,
Design engineer at Dyson

The brief

Make an egg fit into a bottle without breaking it.

The method

1. Submerge the egg in a glass of vinegar for two days: the shell will become rubbery.
2. Heat the bottle in hot water – remember to use gloves or a tea towel when handling it.
3. Rest the egg on the neck of the bottle.
4. As the air inside the bottle cools down, it will contract and suck the egg down.

Top tip

Try lubricating the egg with cooking oil or dish soap.

Materials

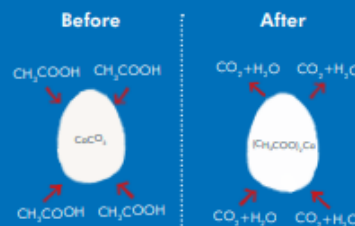
An uncooked egg
A pot of boiling water (with adult supervision)
A glass of vinegar
A wide-mouthed glass bottle



How does it work?

Eggs are rich in protein. When heat is applied, chemical bonds within the protein molecules are broken, and new bonds are formed between adjacent molecules. This creates a network of inter-connected proteins which causes the egg to go hard.

Vinegar contains acetic acid (CH_3COOH) that dissolves the calcium carbonate (CaCO_3) shell but leaves behind the egg's springy membrane.



St Pancras Teaching Assistant Vacancy:

St Pancras Catholic Primary School are looking to appointment at teaching assistant for 30 hours a week Monday to Friday. Closing date for applications is Thursday 18th November 2021 and interviews will be held WC 22nd November 2021.



ST PANCRAS PRIMARY SCHOOL, IPSWICH

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Salary: £18,933 (Pro rata)

Hours: 30 hpw (Monday - Friday)

Contract type: Fixed term - required from December 2021 until 31st August 2022

St Pancras is a happy and diverse Catholic school in West Ipswich. We are seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant to:

- Work with class teachers to raise the learning and attainment of pupils
- Promote pupils' independence, self-esteem and social inclusion
- Give support to pupils, individually or in groups, so they can access the curriculum, take part in learning and experience a sense of achievement
- Support the Catholic ethos of the school.

You will have:

GCSE grade C or above in English and Maths or a similar qualification e.g. TA NVQ level 3

Effective behaviour management strategies

Experience of working with children

An ability to adapt and differentiate activities to make them accessible.

Good communication skills and the ability to support pupils' speech and language development

An adaptable and flexible approach to teamwork.

Good ICT skills

Excellent attendance and punctuality

A speech and language qualification/s would be of benefit, and knowledge of Language Link

Completed forms should be emailed to the

Interim Head of School at:

admin@st-pancras.suffolk.sch.uk

Closing date 18th November 2021 Interview date: week commencing 22nd November 2021

ST PANCRAS

FOSM:

Hamper donations - an update:

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations so far, we are so delighted with what you've provided. This is a reminder that we will be collecting donations up til and including Wednesday 17th November. You can send them in to the classroom with your child, or drop them into the box held outside the school office or pass them to any class rep in the playground.



A reminder of the details follows:

PTA would like to do a hamper raffle this Christmas, and are asking for each year group to provide donations please. We have divided up requested items between the year groups to try and provide a good mix.

Reception: families could you please bring either mince pies or chocolate coins or sweet biscuits or wine.

Year 1: families could you please bring either savoury biscuits or crackers or oat cakes or bread sticks or cheese straws or a jar of pickle / chutney / jam

Year 2: families could you please bring either hot chocolate or marshmallows or cordial or fruit juice or packs of tea or herbal tea or coffee.

Year 3: families could you please bring anything Christmas themed – could be a Christmas pudding, florentines, sticker book, Christmas crackers, mulled wine, Buck's Fizz, Christmas activity pack, soft toy, card game.

Year 4: families could you please bring in any savoury snack foods – crisps, nuts, snack crackers, twiglets, or anything tinned – either sweet or savoury – that might go in a hamper.

Year 5: families could you please bring in any sweet snack foods – chocolates, sweets, biscuits, dates etc

Year 6: families could you please bring in a 'pamper' item – for example a candle, bath foam, wine, hand cream, bath puff, nail polish, nail files, mini box of chocolates etc.

We really appreciate your help with this. Please do try to stick to your child's class list, but if you can't access any of those items easily, you can always pick from the items on the other lists. Also if you have several children at the school please don't feel you have to buy for every class they're in!

Please follow us on Facebook or Instagram by searching Friends of St Mary's Ipswich, we are the picture with the circle of handprints. This will help us keep you up to date with PTA activity and we will publish some pictures of the completed hampers up for grabs.

We will be sending strips of hamper raffle tickets home with the children next week, one set per family. If you would like more we can arrange this easily.

Easyfundraising – finally a quick reminder that Friends of St Mary's is registered with easyfundraising. It's completely free to use and you can raise a donation for the school, every time you shop online.

There are over 4,100 retailers to choose from, so if you're not already signed up or haven't used easyfundraising for a while, visit our page here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/12W65N/>

Thanks in advance. The FOSM PTA Team

Term Dates:

Term dates for 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 01st September – Friday 17th December

Half term: 25th – 29th October

Staff Training day: 01st September

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 08th April

Half term: 21st – 25th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April – Thursday 21st July

Bank holiday: 02nd May & 6th June

Half term: 30th May – 03rd June

Staff Training days: 25th April, 20th & 21st July