

Newsletter

Issue 9

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School Rules:
Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"Love is the supreme rule for following the path of Christ, it makes us aware of our weakness, and merciful and in solidarity with the difficulties and weaknesses of others."

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



Key Dates w/c: 8th November 2021

8th Nov: Yr 5 Swimming 8.30am

9th Nov: Parents Evening Online 3.30pm-6.00pm

11th Nov: Parents Evening Online 4.30pm-7.00pm

12th Nov: Yr5 Trip to West Stow

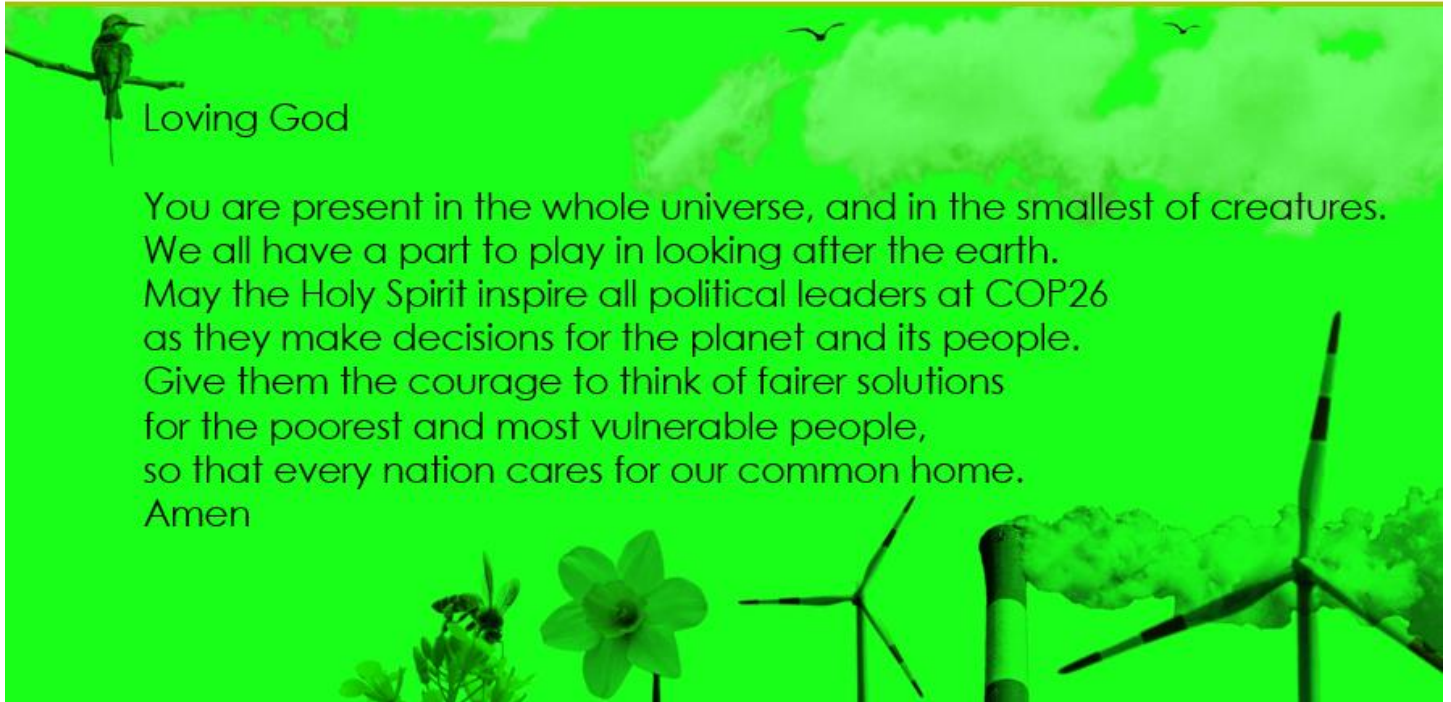
Dear Parents and Carers,

CAFOD have launched a new campaign 'Reclaim our Common Home' in response to Pope Francis's call for a new way of thinking about the world, and to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies by embracing the universal values of solidarity and fraternity.

As Catholics, we are called not to stay silent and not to be passive. This is why Reclaim Our Common Home is a call to action! It's a call to participate both individually and collectively in rebuilding a more dignified and sustainable world after the pandemic.

To do this we need to:

- **RECLAIM** nature so that everyone can breathe clean air and be protected from the threat of climate disasters.
- **RECLAIM** the world's land and resources so they are more fairly distributed and all our brothers and sisters around the world can live in dignity.
- **RECLAIM** power so that everyone can be involved in decision making and have control over their own lives.



Loving God

You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures.
We all have a part to play in looking after the earth.
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26
as they make decisions for the planet and its people.
Give them the courage to think of fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable people,
so that every nation cares for our common home.
Amen

It has been great this week to think about COP26 and hear our children's views on our responsibility to tackle climate change.

At school we have joined together in prayer for all political leaders at COP26.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

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.



Christmas Dates

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.



Trust Newsletter:

Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Trust



NEWSLETTER

Issue 3 - October 2021

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

[Trust Newsletter Issue 3.pdf](#)

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



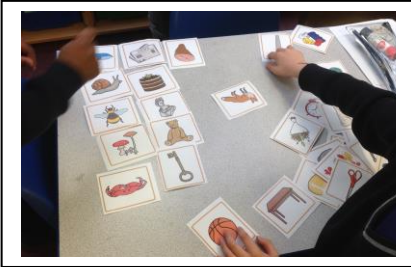
Gardeners Wanted:

This is a big shout out for any parents/grandparents who would be willing to give up some time on a regular basis each month to upkeep the Willow Garden - weeding, planting, general gardening.

If you would be interested please let the school office know. Many thanks



Collage of pictures from this week at school



FOSM:

Good afternoon,

The 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.

We will be collecting your donations between Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 17th November so between these dates please may you send them in with your child, drop them into the office or pass them to your class rep?

- 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 if everyone donates what they can using the lists as a guide, we should be able to put together some fabulous hampers. 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 & 06th June

Half term: 30th May – 03rd June

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