

Newsletter

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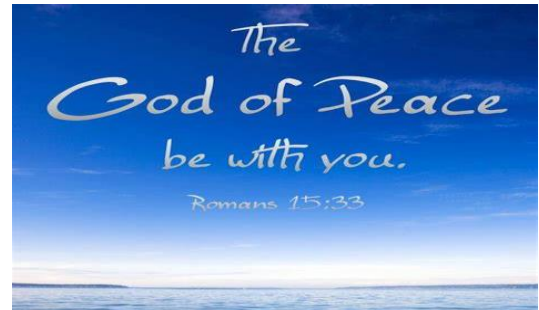
St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4EU
<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>

School Rules:
Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"Any time is fitting for the message of peace; in no situation is God's grace ever lacking."

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



Key Dates w/c: 27th September 2021
27th Sept: Year5 Swimming 8.30am
28th Sept: Yr3 Parish Mass 9.15am
30th Sept: Deadline for flu immunisation forms

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pope Francis talks about peace this week and that God's grace is ever present. As a school community, we can all help to bring about peace. We can model kindness and empathy in our interactions with each other in school and at home. We can encourage collaboration and team work.

As a school we have challenged all of our pupils to try and do one small kind thing this week to make a difference to someone else. We are looking forward to hearing all about the kind deeds that take place.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham



Census Day:

The school census day will be Thursday 7th October and we need as many children to have a school meal that day as possible as the more we have the more funding the school is given for resources etc. The menu that day will be pizza or vegetable curry. We will be giving a meal to all children in Reception, Year1 and Year2 for them to try to see if they like school meals.



Open Days for Reception 2022 Parents:

We will be holding an open morning on 3rd November at 9.15am and an open afternoon on 4th 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.



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 that will need to be completed and returned to the office at school before the deadline 15th January 2022. Any SIF's received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

Wrap Around Care:

Wrap around care has begun and we wanted to remind families that it is available to you all, it is flexible each week with no commitment to use all the time. The school are committed to running the care for a full year before a decision is made on the future of the provision.

If you wish to book a space please return a completed booking form to the school office by 2pm every Friday. Payments will need to be made by in advance of care for your child to attend.

Named Items:

Please make sure that all items, jumpers, lunch boxes, wattle bottles, book bags, that belong to your child have their names clearly printed in them so we can return lost items to the correct owner. We have many children looking for their lost unnamed items that we aren't able to reunite them quickly.



Year 6 High School Transfer — Admissions 2022/2023:

The application portal is now open with Suffolk County Council for parents to apply for current year 6 High School Place for September 2022/2023, the deadline for applications is 31st October 2021.

Please check the High School you wish to apply to, to see if they require you to complete a Supplementary Information Form. Completed SIF's will need to be returned to your chosen school by the closing date 31st October 2021.

Year 5 and Year 6 St Alban's open mornings:

St Alban's Catholic High School



Learning... Respecting... Caring...

Open Mornings

An opportunity to visit and experience the school as a live learning environment, see our outstanding facilities and talk with key staff members.

Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th September 2021
Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th October 2021

9.40am - 12.10pm each day

To book a tour please visit our website
www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk/transitiontohighschool

#weareSA

Members of the schools leadership team will be available for questions at the end of each tour

Part of Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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FOSM KS1 Coffee Afternoon:

**Friends of St Mary's would like
you to...**

Join us for a KS1 Coffee & Chat

**8th October @ 14:00 in School
Hall**

FOSM welcome KS1 parents for a coffee and chat...sit down,
relax, grab a cuppa and get to know each other!



Parentkind
Member Association

Clothing Bank at School:

We are pleased to inform you that we now have our own clothing bank in the school car park.

Items you can donate

- Clothes
- Paired shoes
- Blankets
- Handbags
- Belts
- Towels
- CD's and DVD's
- Video games
- Books
- Bric-a-brac

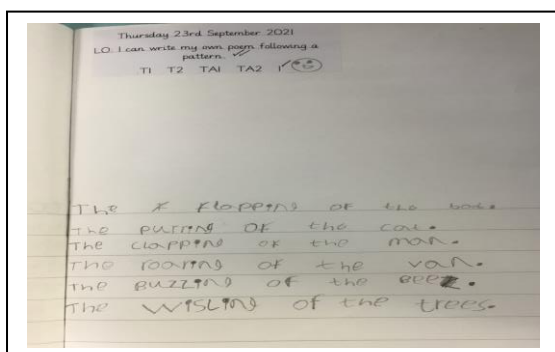
Items you cannot donate

- * Pillows & Duvets
- * Glass
- * Metal
- * Paper
- * Carpets
- * Soiled Rugs
- * Rubbish



Reception:

This week Reception have been talking about the seasons. Following on from the children's interests in the seasons we have created this beautiful tree showing the four different seasons of the year. All the children helped to create this which shows fabulous collaboration!



Year 1:

In Year 1 literacy this week we read "The Sound Collector" by Roger McGough. We went on a sound hunt and the children collected some of their own sounds. They then used the sounds they had collected to write their own rhyming poem.

Year 2:

In Computing, Year 2 are learning how to make music using computers. We learned about rhythm and patterns and created our own using Chrome Music Labs. It was great fun listening to our patterns.



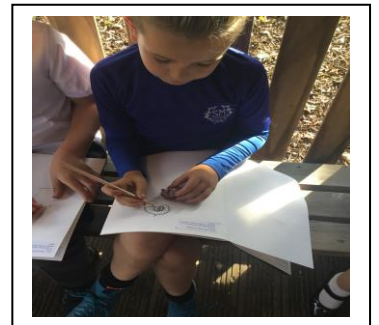
Year 3:

In Re this week, we formed a 'conscience alley' and all the children got into role, helping to advise a character trying to choose between right and wrong. We based our dilemma on the guidance provided by St Paul in his letter to the Ephesians. Through debate and discussion, the children made sensitive and emotionally intelligent suggestions showing they have a strong moral compass. Well done year 3!



Year 4:

Year 4 had fun using viewfinders to zoom in on the detail of the objects they were sketching. They then investigated the "negative space" between the lines and used crayon to put pattern and design in that not-so-empty space. Very deep!



Year 5:

Year 5 have been learning about what a co-creator and de-creator are in R.E. We came up with examples of each and put these into making our own board games! We had lots of fun playing each other's.



Year 6:

This week in RE, Year 6 were thinking about responding to the invitation to be a part of God's Kingdom. They thought about this carefully and were very reflective. They then produced modern-day role plays about responding to an invitation.



Sendiass:



Special Educational Needs
and Disability Information,
Advice & Support Service

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Transition to secondary school for pupils with SEND

SENDIASS is offering a free, relaxed online session for parents and carers in Suffolk to support you and your child with the transition from primary to secondary school.

This is a trial session, in the final stage of coproducing this new session with parents and carers, so we are keen to get your feedback.

We will explore:

- Helping your child connect with the new school – information and resources schools can offer
- Helping your child express their feelings and lessen any anxiety
- Empowering your child – building confidence and new routines
- Additional transition support which settings can offer for pupils with SEND

You don't have to use your video or microphone if you don't want to in the session – you can just listen or use 'chat' if you prefer.

September 28th 2021 10am – 11:30am

[Click here to register](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/transition-to-secondary-school-for-pupils-with-send-tickets-168707128563>



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Annual Reviews of EHC Plans Webinar

SENDIASS is offering a free live webinar explaining Annual Reviews of EHC plans. The webinar was co-produced with parents and carers but practitioners are also welcome to register. We will explore:

- the purpose of an annual review and an EHC Plan;
- what the process involves & how you & your child can be involved;
- the different kinds of review and timeframes;
- and what decisions can be made at the end.

There will be approximately one hour of presentation with an additional 30 minutes for interactive questions at the end.

The session is delivered live but not recorded live. If you register you will be sent a video of a pre-recording of the session afterwards, to watch at leisure in case you cannot make it live or are interrupted.

29th September 2021 6pm – 7:30pm

[Click here to register](#)

What parents and practitioners have shared about this session –

'This has been so helpful!' 'A great help - accessible and clear.'

'I prepare paperwork for reviews daily and I found this very helpful.'

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-reviews-of-ehc-plans-tickets-168290530507>

St Mary's Preschool Open Afternoon:

Is your child aged 2-4 years old and looking for childcare, have you thought about St Mary's Preschool, they are holding an open afternoon for you to come along and have a play and look around the setting. St Mary's Preschool is located in the church hall across the road from school, it is open every day Monday to Friday.

St Mary's Preschool
322 Woodbridge Road
Ipswich. IP4 4BD



OPEN AFTERNOON
Wednesday 13th October
12.30pm - 1.30pm

Come and look around our setting
Meet our friendly team
View our facilities and let the children play

 St Mary's Pre-school
 st_marys_preschool322

CONTACT US:
Phone - 01473 807252
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Recycling your Ink Cartridges:

The Ink Recycling box is located in the school foyer outside the school office.



**recycle your
inkjet cartridges
here**





We are very excited to announce that we are now working with *The Ink Bin* - a specialist teacher-led business which supports pupils to collect empty inkjet printer cartridges. *The Ink Bin* pledge to recycle as much of the single-use plastic as possible and also send away some cartridges for refilling in order to reduce their carbon miles. For refillable cartridges, the company will give the school money which we can spend on exciting new equipment.

The project aims to support children to be as eco-conscious as possible as well as learn through enterprise. Wherever possible, it will be child-led. Please do check at home, at work and with friends and family to see if you have any old cartridges which can be brought into school- every cartridge makes a difference!



Dates for your Diary:

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

Half term: 30th May – 03rd June

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