



St Mary's Newsletter

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12th December 2022

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

"With Baptism, we became God's beloved children forever. This is our original beauty, for which to be joyful! Today, Mary, surprised by the grace that made her beautiful from the first instant of her life, leads us to marvel at our beauty."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Week Commencing 12th December:

Dec 12th: Yr 6 SATS/Virtual meeting with Mrs DN

Dec 13th: Christmas Lunch/Fun Day

Dec 13th: Curriculum Evening – Googlemeet 6pm

<https://meet.google.com/htu-iuqg-zyi>

Dec 14th: KS2 Nativity at 2pm

Dec 15th: KS2 Nativity at 9am

Dec 16th: Christmas Ensemble in Church at 9.15am

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/FUN DAY – 13th DECEMBER

Lunches are £2.35 per day.

Please ensure there you have enough credit on your school dinner account to cover the Christmas lunch and any other lunches required for the rest of this term. Lunches must be paid for in advance. Thank you.

If they wish to, pupils can wear a Christmassy top with their uniform and/or a sparkly/Christmassy headband.

Christmas lunch is free for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. Please be aware that lunch is free if your child has FSM status.

Change of menu: As the children are having a roast dinner on 13th, the lunch choices for Wednesday (14th) will be Beef Burger or Vegan Hot Dog.

CURRICULUM EVENING:

All Year groups from Reception – Year 6: The Curriculum Evening is rescheduled for Tuesday, 13th December starting at 6pm (until 7pm). Google Meet joining info: <https://meet.google.com/htu-iuqg-zyi>. We look forward to seeing you there.



YEAR 6 END OF KS2 ASSESSMENTS:

(Formally known as SATS) Mrs D-N will be hosting a **VIRTUAL** parent meeting on Monday 12th December at 6pm for Year6 parents. A meeting link will be sent closer to the date of the meeting.

KS2 NATIVITY – 'SUPERSTAR' – 14TH DECEMBER AT 2PM AND 15TH DECEMBER AT 9AM.

Parents will receive two tickets per family, 1 for each performance.

Tickets were sent home this week with your child.

We will be recording the KS2 Nativity. It will be shared via Google classroom before we break for Christmas. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS ENSEMBLE:

Please join us in church on Friday 16th December at 9.15am and hear our beautiful Christmas Ensemble.

Our last practice will be on Tuesday 13th December.



SPORTS CLUBS – SPRING TERM

Mondays: Football Club Yrs 1 & 2 starting 9th January at 3.30pm (last session March 20th)

Wednesdays: Multisports Club Yrs 1,2 & 3 starting 11th January at 8am
(last session March 22nd) **FULLY BOOKED**

Wednesdays: Football Club Yrs 5 & 6 (Boys) starting 11th January at 3.30pm (last session March 22nd)

Thursdays: Football Club Yrs 3 & 4 (Boys) starting 12th January at 8am
(last session March 23rd)

Fridays: Football Club (Girls) KS2 starting 13th January at 12.10pm (last session March 24th)

Fridays: ~~Multisports Club Yrs 4,5 & 6~~ starting 13th January at 3.30pm (last session March 24th) **FULLY BOOKED**

Wednesdays: ~~Netball Club Yrs 5 & 6 Girls~~ starting 18th January at 3.30pm (last session March 22nd)



Club details were sent by parentmail on 21st November (Netball on 22nd November). Thank you.

If your child is interested in a place on the clubs, please email the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

If you have already booked a place on the clubs, you will have received confirmation via parentmail on 7th December.

NB: Please be aware that if your child is pupil premium, you do not need to pay for the clubs.

RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2023 APPLICATIONS: Applications for a Reception September 2023 place should be made by the **deadline date of 15th January 2023**. 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-20232024/>


IMPORTANT: St Mary's require a completed Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which should be sent to the school before 15th January deadline please (with a copy of the baptism certificate if applicable).

A SIF (Supplementary Information Form) should be completed for **all applications** and can be found on our website under 'Key Information - Admissions'

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – Notice from SCC

Normal Year of Entry 2023/2024 – The closing date for **secondary** school places for September 2023 has now passed. To apply after the closing date, you must complete a paper application (CAFI). Any paper application received after the closing date will normally be treated as a late application. Sometimes there are very exceptional reasons why an application cannot be made by the closing date. This only applies in circumstances outside your control which made it impossible for the application to have been made on time. If you feel that this applies to you, please write to us giving all your reasons and include as much supporting evidence with your application to reach us **by Tuesday 3 January 2023**. Your evidence will be considered by a panel and each case will be decided individually. You will receive a letter telling you whether your application will be treated as late or on time. For more information about how to make a late application please go to www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions.

EASYFUNDRAISING FOSM:



GET STARTED

How to support Friends of St Mary's - Ipswich

- 1** Sign up
Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.
- 2** Download our browser extension
Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.
- 3** Track your donations
You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and we'll send updates on when Friends of St Mary's - Ipswich gets paid.

[Sign up and support this cause](#)

If you will be online shopping for loved ones this Christmas, please can you think about joining easy fundraising and supporting the Friends of St Mary's

Here is the link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysptaiptswich/?searchSessionId=3lcc2856-lfal-4e25-9313-d23b0c8ef672>

CHRISTMAS GIFTS ETC:

If you are making purchases using Amazon, please log in via Amazon Smile UK and select 'St Mary's Parent & Teacher Association' making sure it is Ipswich. This will generate donations to the FOSM at no extra cost to yourselves. Thank you.





SPOTLIGHT ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

RIGHTS



There are four key areas of impact for children at a Rights Respecting school; wellbeing, participation, relationships and self-esteem.

The difference that a Rights Respecting School makes goes beyond the school gates, making a positive impact on the whole community.

- Children are healthier and happier
- Children feel safe
- Children have better relationships
- Children become active and involved in school life and the wider world

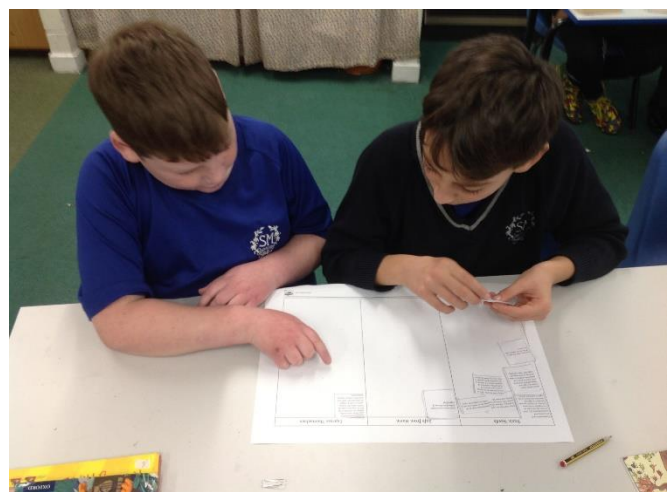


At St Mary's we are on our journey to becoming a rights respecting school. If you would like to know more about this we will be sharing some further information at the curriculum evening next week.

On Thursday 22nd November, we kick-started this with a rights afternoon across the school. All classes from Reception up to Year 6 were looking at in some way the rights of a child. As time goes along we will be learning further about these rights and linking them to our lessons, assemblies and some of our policies too.

After Christmas, Mrs D-N will be starting a rights committee who will meet every few weeks to discuss rights see how they are represented in our school.

Please see below for a few images from the afternoon.



Year 4 - Rights Afternoon

Discussion



Altruism

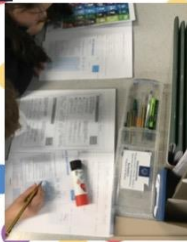
We explored the child friendly version of the UNICEF Convention on the Rights of the Child



Needs



Fairness



24 November 2022

Debate

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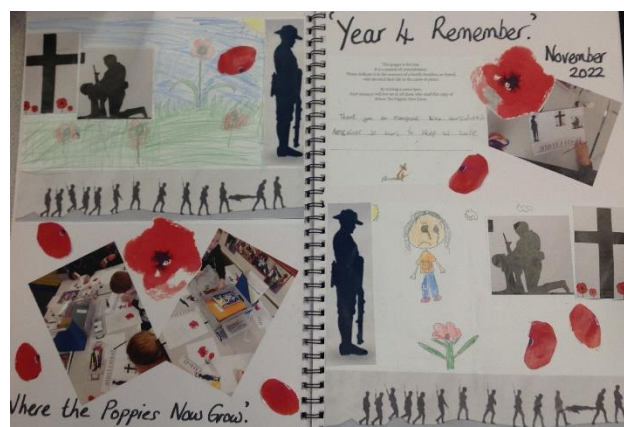
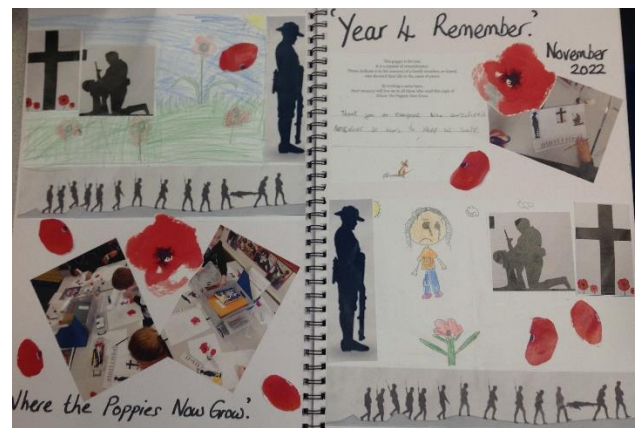
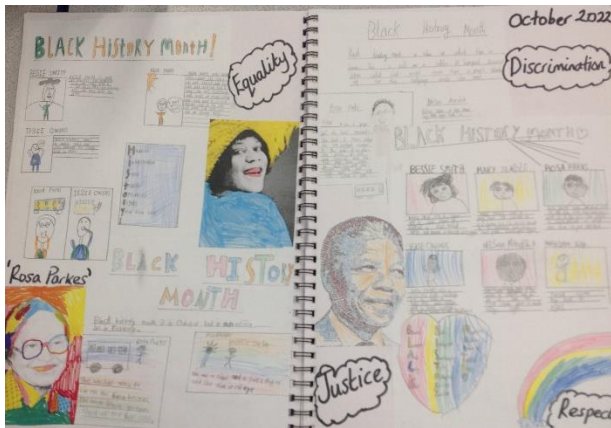


SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 4

The children are now well and truly established into Year 4 and have quickly realised that Year 4 is a large step up for them. They are all showing tremendous resilience and continue to show great learning behaviours.

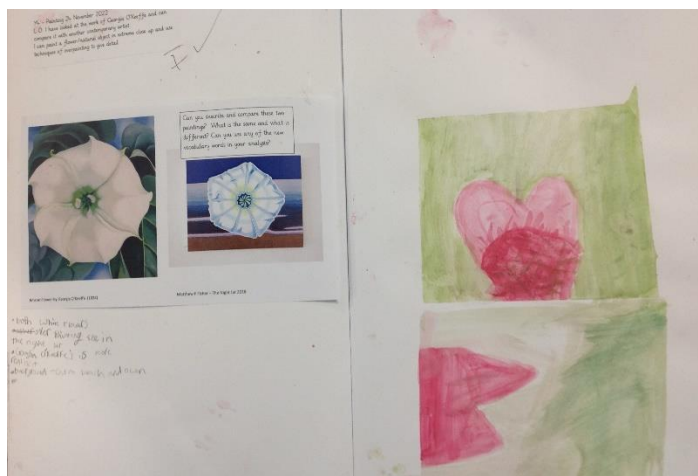
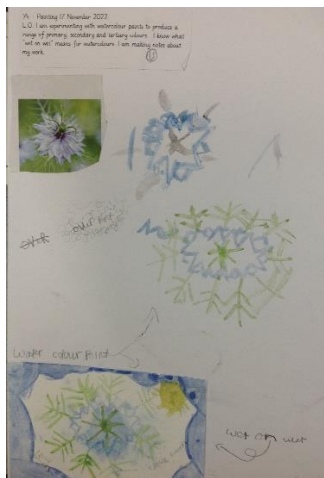
PSHE

There have been a number of special events for us to focus and reflect on this term. Remembrance, Anti-Bullying Week, Black History Month, Red Wednesday and Childrens Rights and Respect Day. The children have engaged well within PSHE lessons and have listened attentively as well as asking pertinent questions.



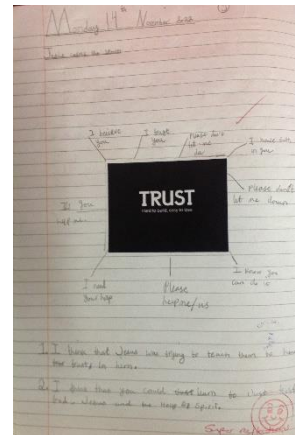
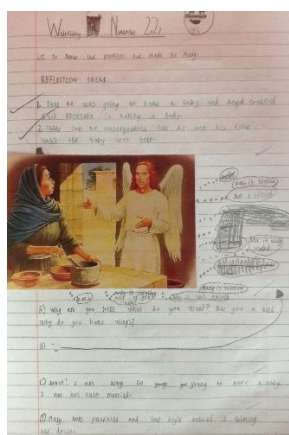
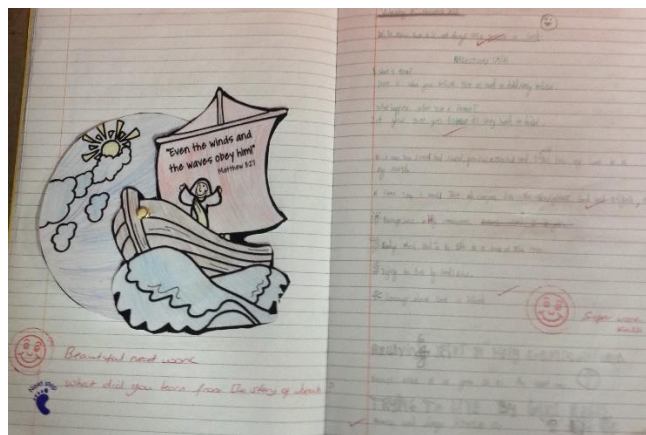
Art

In Art we have explored the skill of overpainting and the effect of 'wet on wet' with watercolours. We mixed secondary and tertiary colours to create our paintings. We have also explored the artwork of Georgia O'Keeffe and compared it against another contemporary artist.



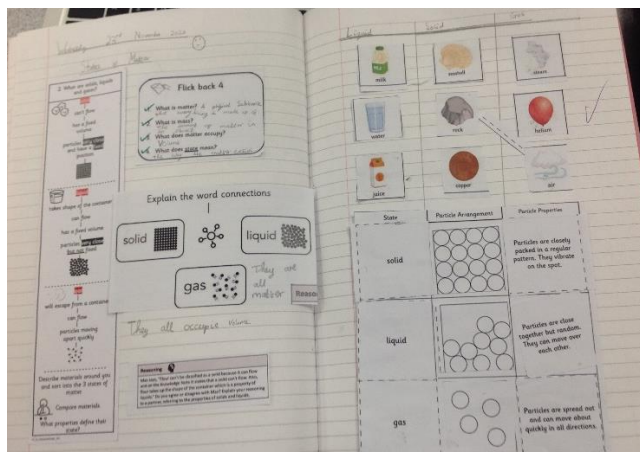
RE

Our learning in RE has been learning about Trust in Jesus and we were able to link this to our beautiful class mass which so many parents were able to attend. Thank you.



Science

Our new topic in science is 'States of Matter'. We are enjoying learning about solids, liquids and gases and exploring their make up and how they change from one state to another.



FoSM:

Christmas fair update – a huge thank you to everyone who attended, planned, donated, volunteered, set up, cleared up, and everything in between for the Christmas Fair! We made a fantastic £973.40 profit after expenses. Not bad for an hour and a half fair!

If that wasn't all, thanks to match funding applications we may well be able to double that amount for the charity, which is absolutely brilliant.

If your employer offers any type of match funding or supports volunteering hours, please let us know – it can make a huge difference to our fundraising and we will support you with any applications.

We are also looking for businesses to sponsor future summer and Christmas fairs, so if you work for or with anyone that might be interested, please put us in touch. Friendsofstmarysipswich@gmail.com

Christmas fun day Tuesday 13th December:

The ever popular Christmas fun day is returning for its third year. The school would like children to wear uniform but they can also wear Christmas tops/jumpers or festive accessories if they would like to – no need to go out and buy anything new.

It is held on Christmas dinner day and is contained within the school day. It will include festive themed crafts and activities, classroom gifts, an online pantomime (Aladdin), and a small token gift for each child. If you're not in a position to donate, it's absolutely fine. All children will be included regardless of donation, the priority is having fun!

However we didn't want to pass up the opportunity to fundraise. We will have a collection bucket in the morning for those who are able to provide an £1 donation. If you are in a position to contribute a little more, we have a go fund me page:

<https://gofund.me/395a15c7>

Please only donate what you can afford. Our primary fundraising target for this year is outdoor gym play equipment, so any donations received will go towards that.

Many thanks

Friends of St Mary's



Supporting young people's mental health Parent/Carer workshops November - December 2022

These free virtual workshops (Zoom) are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are live and 60 minutes long.

Supporting our Children and Adolescents who have experienced Trauma

This workshop is for parents and carers of young people who have experienced trauma.

12 December – 13:00 [Book a place](#)

12 December – 18:00 [Book a place](#)

Supporting our Young People with Eating Difficulties/Disorders

A workshop for parents to help them look out for and understand what to do if their child is struggling with eating

13 December – 18:00 [Book a place](#)

Scan the QR code to find out more and book a place on a workshop or visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for Psychology in Schools Team - NSFT



To book a place: [To book a place use this link](#)

SUFFOLK FAMILIES MAGAZINE:



To read the latest edition of Suffolk Families please use this link

[Suffolk Families Magazine](#)



Are you a kinship carer?
A kinship carer is someone who is raising a relative's or friend's child.

**Want to meet with other kinship carers?
Join us for a coffee**

**Learn how you can meet,
listen and share with
others who understand.**



When:

Thursday, 15th of December
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Where:

Morrison's Café
Sproughton Road,
Ipswich, IP1 5AQ
Questions? Please contact Monica using the
email or mobile listed below.



Come for a
free cuppa
and a chat

**Interested to find
out more?**

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TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December

Half term: 24th – 28th October

Staff Training day: 1st & 2nd September

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 31st March

Half term: 13th – 17th February

Staff Training day: 3rd January

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April – Thursday 20th July

Bank holiday: 1st May & 8th May

Half term: 29th May – 2nd June

Staff Training days: 17th April, 21st July