



# St Mary's Newsletter

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<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>

## School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

### Tweet of the Week

"How often we send instant messages to the people we love! Let's do this with the Lord too through short prayers of aspiration so that our hearts remain connected to Him. And let's not forget to read His responses in the Gospel to receive a Word of life."

*Pope Francis (@Pontifex)*



HALF TERM 24<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER. Back to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Christmas Ensemble practise (Yrs 4, 5 & 6): Tuesday mornings at 8.15am. Last session on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> November: Yr 5 Swimming. Last session 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> November: Orchestra – 3.30 – 4.15pm.

Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Yr3 Parish Mass 9.15am in Church

Music Tuition continues from 1<sup>st</sup> November until week ending 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Sports clubs continue from 31<sup>st</sup> October until week ending 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> November: Non Uniform Day £1 Donation

### HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023-24:

The Suffolk County Council Admissions team have asked us to send a reminder regarding applications for High School.

Parents should apply online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) and the application should be submitted before midnight on Monday 31st October 2022.

If for any reason you are unable to apply online, you should complete



the paper application (CAF 1) and send this to the Admissions Team so that they receive it by the closing date of 31st October. You can do this preferably by emailing your application form to [admissions@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@suffolk.gov.uk) or by posting it to the Admissions Team, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IPI 2BX (it is strongly suggested that you get proof of postage if sending by post).

If you have already made an application, there is nothing further you need to do.

Please remember to check if your new school requires a Supplementary information form (SIF), if needed, these should be sent direct to your chosen new school by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Thank you.

## RECEPTION 2023 - OPEN DAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

We will be holding two open day sessions for prospective parents on November 16<sup>th</sup>, one at 9.30am and another at 1.30pm. If you are thinking of applying to St Mary's for a Reception place in September 2023, please email the school to book a slot. Our email address is: [admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk)



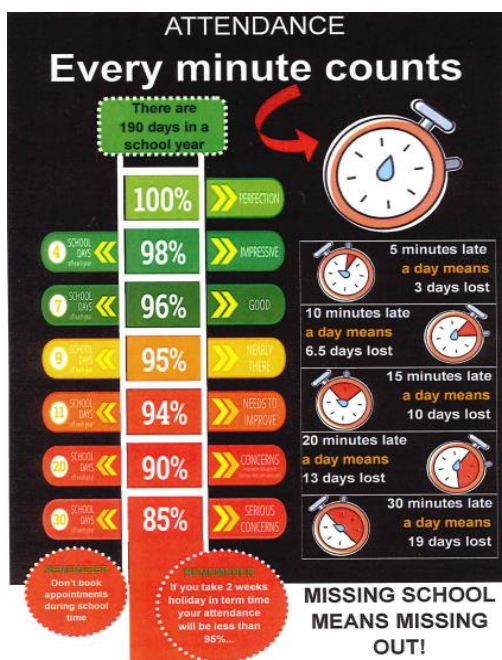
## RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2023 APPLICATIONS:

Applications for a Reception September 2023 place should be made by the **deadline date of 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> January deadline please. The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) can be found on our website under 'Key Information - Admissions'

## ATTENDANCE:



Please take time to read and familiarise yourself with our Trust attendance policy. Please be aware that the school are unable to authorise holiday requests for absence during term time.

If you arrive after 8.50am please come to the office to sign the late book.

It is really important that you ensure your child arrives at school between 8:40 and 8:50am.

A late arrival after 8.50am means that the class has already started learning and this is disruptive for your child and others in the class.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 1

In Year 1 the children have worked very hard this half term, with lots of changes and a different approach to learning, the children have settled in incredibly well. The children have been reflecting on our learning behaviours each week, with special learning detectives who are looking for examples of resilience, perseverance, being curious, an active listener, collaboration and empathy.

## RE

In RE we have been learning about Creation. We have taken time to reflect on how and why God made the world, thinking about what we love about God's world. In RE we created posters to show how we can look after God's world. We have also been learning about the Jewish faith over the course of the past 2 weeks, we have enjoyed learning about the similarities and differences between the Church and the Synagogue. **Ask your child if they can tell you who Abraham is and why he is important to the Jewish faith!**



## History

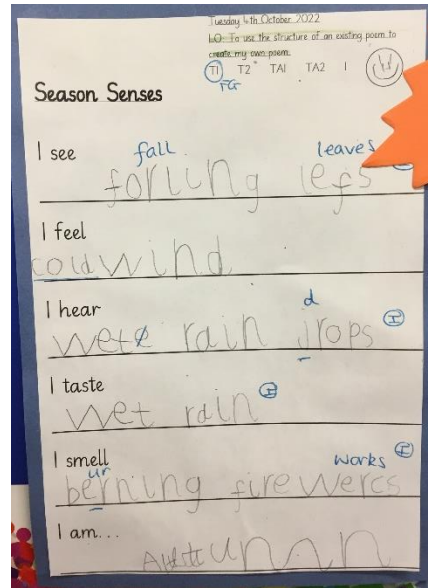
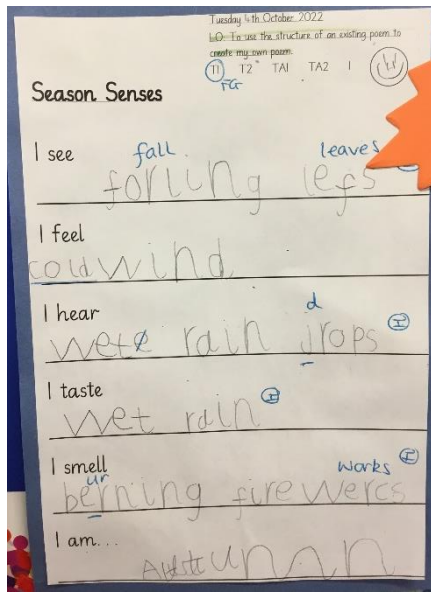
In History we have been learning about changes within living memory. We have enjoyed creating our own class timeline to show how we have changed over 4 different life stages. We have started to think about what is within the community we live in. We created our own maps to show this. **Ask your child if they can name the 4 life stages they have experienced.**

## Science

In Science we have enjoyed learning about the 4 seasons and more recently plants. We have recently enjoyed going on scavenger hunts to find wild plants! We learnt that wild plants are plants that do not need help from a human to survive unlike garden plants. **Ask your child if they are able to recall the 4 seasons and tell you a fact about each season!**

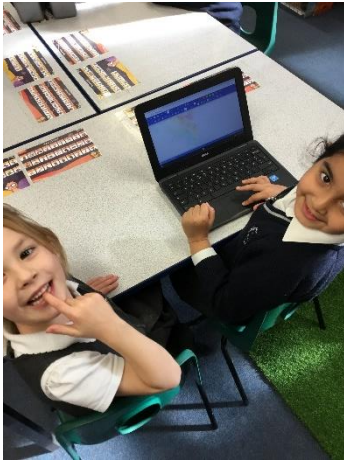
## English

In English we have spent time thinking about our own sentence structures ensuring that we used correct punctuation. We have more recently created our very own seasonal poems: take a look at these:



During our reading focused sessions we enjoyed creating freeze frames of our favourite part of the story, Where the wild things are. Can you guess which part of the story we are freeze framing?



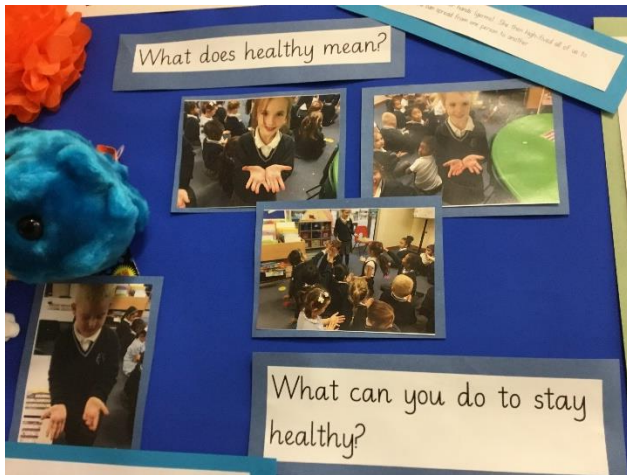


## Computing

In computing we have been developing our skills to drag and drop and type. We enjoyed using the paintz app to create our own drawings! Ask me to name the different parts on a computer or laptop!

## PSHE

In PSHE we have focused on ways that we can stay healthy. We had great fun testing how clean our hands were by using glitter and pepper to show this! Ask your child what they found out when they dipped their finger into pepper and water, with and without hand wash!



## DT

In DT we have been learning about different mechanisms with Mrs Ahmed. We have learnt about different types of push and pull mechanisms including those that use runners. Here are some of our mock ups we created:



## NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:

The FoSM will be holding a non uniform day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November and ask for a £1.00 donation, if you are able to afford it. The FoSM will be in the playground in the morning and afternoon to collect your donations.



## REMINDERS: PACKED LUNCHES:

A polite reminder that we ask for following to be adhered to when it comes to children's packed lunches. Please No nut ingredients/no sweets and very importantly we ask that grapes be cut in half lengthwise to prevent children choking.

## PLEASE ENSURE LUNCHES ARE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE:

A polite reminder that all school lunches should be paid for in advance and not in arrears, topping up your child's account is very easy, just login to your parentmail account, select accounts, dinners and top up. If you are experiencing any financial difficulty please come and talk to the school office and we will look at possible help available to you.

### Term dates for 2022 – 2023

#### Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Half term: 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October

Staff Training day: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September

#### Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Half term: 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February

Staff Training day: 3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Bank holiday: 1<sup>st</sup> May

Half term: 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Staff Training days: 17<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> July



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