

Newsletter

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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4EU

<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com/>



Key Dates w/c: 6th January 2020

6th Jan: First day back

14th Jan: Beginning of Term Mass. Church 2.30pm

16th Jan: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am

Tweet of the Week



'Prayer is the door of faith; prayer is medicine for the heart.'

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

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

A very big thank you from all the staff for your kind and generous cards and Christmas gifts.

A message from Mrs Berry:

A huge thank you to all the parents, friends and carers who volunteer in our school. You make a big difference to those children who you work with – whether you are hearing readers (many children do not get the opportunity to read to an adult daily), making costumes or assisting in the classrooms.

A thank you to all the staff and children for the wonderful nativity plays and performances that have taken place over the past couple of weeks. They truly remind us of the message of Christmas.

A big thank you to Andy, Rosalia and Sheena for the delicious Christmas lunch (and all the lovely lunches throughout this term) and a thank you to the mid-day supervisors for all their hard work.

We would like to wish you all a peaceful and holy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. God bless. Mrs Berry

RECEPTION 2020/21

If you are applying for a Reception place starting in September 2020, please send your application to Suffolk County Council (Admissions) before midnight on 15th January 2020.

We require a completed Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to be in school by 15th January 2020.

This form is important and is part of the process when the governors are considering your application to St Mary's School.

If the SIF is not in school by the deadline date, the application will be classed as 'late'.

Christmas Eve Mass at St Mary's

Just a note to say that in preparation for the Christmas Eve Mass at St Mary's for children on Tuesday 24th December at 5:00pm, there will be a children's choir. If any children from St Marys wish to be in the children's choir and sing for the mass, please arrive at St Marys Church at 4:15pm promptly for the rehearsal. If you would like your child to attend please contact Ray Travasso:

ray@suffolkmusictherapyservices.co.uk

Suffolk Young Peoples Health Project (4YP)

Zoe from 4YP visited Year 6 to promote a Saturday group for 10-13 Year olds. Year 6 had fun working together to build towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows. For further information about the sessions please see the letter regarding the session for Year 6 or contact Zoe on: 01473 252607 or enquiries@syphp.org.uk



Year 2/3 Football Friendly vs St Johns:

Another good opportunity to test some of the boys out in a match against another school, this one ended in a defeat but nonetheless many lessons learnt from this and all part of growing as a football player. Well done to all involved, you gave 100% right until the end and showed great sportsmanship.

County Music Service Information (please see attached flyers for more details)

E-newsletter

Has your child shown an interest in music? Would they like to learn an instrument or can they already play?

Suffolk County Music Service offers many opportunities for 7-18 year olds to perform in concerts, develop musical skills, and meet new friends!

- Guitar Ensemble on Thursdays at 4.30pm (Junior) and 5.30pm (Senior)
- Music School activities on Saturdays at 9.30am
- Jazz Ensemble on Wednesdays at 5.45pm
- Youth Orchestra on Fridays at 6.00pm
- Youth Wind Band on Fridays at 6.00pm
- Songwriting on Thursdays at 4.30pm
- Instrumental and vocal lessons - complete beginners welcome!

All activities take place during term-time at Northgate Arts Centre, Sidegate Lane West IP4 3DF. The next sessions start from Tuesday 7 January 2020.

For more information, cost and to sign up please visit the Suffolk Music Hub [website](#).

Instagram and Twitter

Does your child love music? @suffolkmusichub offers lots of musical activities in Ipswich for 7-18 year olds! Visit their website for more information and to sign up: <http://bit.ly/SuffolkYM> #SuffolkYM

Facebook

Has your child shown an interest in music? @suffolkmusichub offers many musical opportunities for 7-18 year olds to perform in concerts, develop musical skills, and meet new friends! Activities include Music School, Guitars, Jazz Ensemble, Youth Orchestra and Youth Wind Band, taking place at Northgate Arts Centre, Sidegate Lane West IP4 3DF. The next sessions start from Tuesday 7 January 2020. For more information, cost and to sign up visit the Suffolk Music Hub website: <http://bit.ly/SuffolkYM>

Message from Mrs Ryland

Mrs Ryland would like to thank the parents who very kindly left cards and gifts for her.

Safeguarding your children/Parking:

May I remind you not to park on the pavement in front of the pedestrian entrance to the school or, indeed, opposite the entrance outside the private garage.

This ongoing issue is a danger to your children's safety which is of paramount importance to us.

Please help us to ensure everyone's safety by parking in the designated spaces in the school and church car parks. Thank you. Mrs Jo Berry (Head of School)

Important : Snacks and Allergies

May we remind parents that due to a child being severely allergic, please **do not give your child Nutella/chocolate spread sandwiches or any nut items to bring into school**. Thank you. Also, if you are supplying your child with a morning snack item, please ensure that it is **fruit only**.

Sweets are not allowed in school (and not in packed lunches please).

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2020

- 6th Jan: First day back to school
14th Jan: Beginning of Term Mass – Church at 2.30pm
16th Jan: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
23rd Jan: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
30th Jan: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
31st Jan: Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm
- 4th Feb: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
7th Feb: Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
12th Feb: Curriculum morning 8.30-9.30am
- 17th–21st Feb: HALF TERM
- 27th Feb: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am
28th Feb: Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm
- 5th Mar: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am
6th Mar: Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm
12th Mar: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am
13th Mar: Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
17th Mar: Parents evening 3.30-6pm
19th Mar: Parents evening 4.30-7pm
26th Mar: KS1 Lenten Service 9am (Parents welcome)
31st Mar: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am
- 3rd Apr: Easter Liturgy – Church 1.30pm (Parents welcome)
3rd Apr: Last day of term. **School ends at 2.45pm**

Term dates for 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September to Wednesday 18th December 2019

Half Term: 21st – 25th October 2019

Staff Training Days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term 17th – 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020

Friday 8th May – Bank holiday (school open as usual Monday 4th May)

Half Term 25th - 29th May 2020

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School starts again on 3rd September 2020

Staff Training Days: 1st & 2nd September