

St Mary's 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

"The Gospel is proclaimed together, as a community. To do so, we must be modest in the use of things, sharing resources and gifts, so that we may be free and everyone may have what they need to live with dignity and contribute to the mission. #GospelOfTheDay."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

Week Commencing 2nd September 2024

Mon 2nd Sept: PD Day (No Children)

Tues 3rd Sept: PD Day (No Children)

Wed 4th Sept: Children Return to School

Thur 5th Sept: Meet the teacher

(3.30pm & 4.30pm for multiple siblings)

W/C 9th Sept: Music Lessons Commence

Tues 10th Sept: Year 5 Swimming Thurs 19th Sept: Orchestra Starts

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy year at St Mary's. Mrs Measham and I were looking back over the year and just beaming with pride at everything we have been a part of as a school and as St Mary's community this year. The sporting opportunities, musical events, of course our wonderful Arts week. An Ofsted inspection that recognised the hard work and dedication of everyone at St Mary's. *Stating that 'Our school nurtures open-minded, kind and compassionate individuals'*

But more than all that, the examples that we, as your teachers see every single day of each and every one of you living out the word of God in everything you do. The little acts of kindness you show one another, your support for a friend in need, your desire to help make the world a better place. We are so very proud of you.

We do have some goodbyes to say today. Goodbyes are always strange — on one hand it is the sad end of a chapter we have all loved being a part of. But on the other it is the start of something new. And our goodbyes today mean that each of you who is leaving us is moving on to the next, even more exciting chapter of your lives.

To Mrs Snowden who will begin her maternity leave, we wish you well and look forward to hearing all about how you are getting on. Keep in touch we want lots of photos.

To our Year 6 class. What a class you have been! You are full of energy, enthusiasm and determination. I am really excited to hear about your achievements as you move forward in your life.

You have faced every adventure and challenge with joy in your hearts and smiles on your faces. Each and every one of you is a credit to Mrs DN, Mrs Ahmed, to St Mary's and to your parents. We will miss you Year 6 but we are so excited for you to embark on the next stage of your lives. Remember you can do anything you put your mind to. En joy life and grasp every opportunity you are given!

Have a wonderful summer

Warm Regards

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

READY TO LEARN

Please ensure that children are in the playground at **8.4-Oam for when the bell rings**. The roads are busy in lpswich but perhaps leave a few minutes early to account for this. A late arrival after 8.50am means the class has already started and this is disruptive for your child and others in the class. If your child arrives after 9.10am, they will be marked as unauthorised absence for the morning. Please remind children to come equipped for the day.



If your child is ill, please leave a message on the School Absence Line (O1473 728372)

before 8am, or send an email to: admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk You should report every day of your child's absence. We do ask that all children who have been sick or had diarrhoea remain at home until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Please try to make appointments outside of school hours, however, for unavoidable medical appointments we do request notice in advance.

ATTENDANCE

New guidance from the Department of Education will become statutory from 19th August. There will be an increase in the amount charged for fixed penalty notices. Please be aware that the school is unable to authorise holiday requests for absence during term time.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCI

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing from 19th August 2024

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices issued by DfE, the following changes will come into force for School Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Please note: The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Per Parent*, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent* for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

*Parent

Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" as:

- All natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not.
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person.
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case could be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in Criminal records and fines of up to £2,500

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court may show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

PARKING

The school has received complaints from local residents regarding parking in the area. Please be advised that the roadway beyond the school is **PRIVATE** and **parking is not permitted**. Some drivers have reportedly been blocking driveways and parking on double yellow lines.

Please be considerate of our local neighbours.

Thank you for help and understanding.



NO PHONES ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Can we please kindly request that parents/carers do not use mobile phones anywhere on the school premises (including the playground) due to safeguarding concerns. Many thanks for your support.



HELP US WIN £1,000 FOR OUR LIBRARY!



Nominate us at nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize and you could win a £100 gift card!









#rebuildthelibrary

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The enrolment for 2024-2025 First Holy Communion Program is now open. This is for children who will be in year 3 from September 2024 and wish them to receive First Holy Communion in Summer 2025.

There are forms to be completed and so we ask that parents email Eleanor for the forms: secretary@st-mary.org.uk



St Mary's Parish uses the 'I Want to Make my Home in You,' programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion preparation. Supported by parish catechists, children will learn alongside their parents at home with weekly tasks and monthly group meetings between September and May. Parents are also required to attend the group sessions with their child.

There will be a Parent's Meeting on Saturday 14th September 2024, 10.15am - 10.30am in St Mary's Parish Hall at which there will be an introduction to the programme and materials will be distributed.

SPORTS CLUBS AUTUMN TERM 2024

Mondays

Football Club (years 4, 5 & 6 boys) 3.30-4.30pm. £42. **Starts 9th Sept**.

No club on 4th Nov (PD Day)

Wednesdays

Multisports Club (years 1, 2 & 3) starts at 8am. £45.50. **Starts 11th Sept**.

Netball Club (years 5 & 6 girls) 3.30-4.30pm. £33. Starts 18th Sept.

Thursdays

Football Club (years 4, 5 & 6 girls) starts at 8am. £45.50. Starts 12th Sept.

Fridays

Handball & Dodgeball (years 4, 5 & 6) starts at 12.10pm. £45.50. Starts 13^{th} Sept. Multisports Club (years 4, 5 & 6) 3.30-4.30pm. £45.50. Starts 13^{th} Sept.

Booking information was sent via Parentmail at the end of the Summer Term. If you wish to enquire if space is still available, please contact the School Office: admin@st_marys_ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

MUSIC LESSONS

Reminder of days when pre-booked and pre-paid lessons take place.

Mondays - Violin

Wednesdays — Brass

Thursdays — Woodwind

Please encourage your children to remember their instrument!



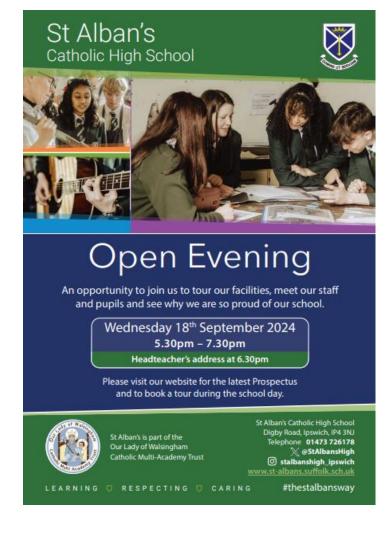




SPORTS UPDATE

Big well done to the girls from Year 4 & Year 5 who went to Whitton Sports Centre to play in a 4-v4 Football Festival and won all 5 of their matches. Fantastic stuff!

And to all the boys and girls who took part in the school games Quadkids athletics event, finishing 8th place out of 34 schools. Well done to you all! Mr Hurd





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 30th September and Tuesday 1st October 2024 9.15am – 10:25am

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









FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Summer is coming!

If you feel like organising a challenge, a fundraiser, or even a collection of small change over the summer, please consider supporting our summer 'Go Fund Me' campaign.

Friends of St Mary's are supporting the school with their purchase of 32 brand new iPads, charging trolley and accessories for use by all children. The intention is to get them purchased and ready for the start of the new school year in September.

We would love to hit the ground running and would be very happy with any funds raised to give us a head start next school year. The school have raised 6k from funding and we want to raise the rest which totals another £5212.



Simply click on https://gofund.me/65b74734 Or search Friends of St Mary's lpswich on Go Fund Me.

Thanks for all your support, and remember we still need new committee members and chair so if you would like to find out more please email friendsofstmarysipswich@amail.com

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work fewer hours per week
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

To check if your child is eligible, apply online: https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/ Or call 0345 606 6067 for advice.



PARENT/CARER COMMUNICATION

From September, the school will not be using Parentmail. Invitations have been sent to parents/carers via email to join our new communication and data system, **Arbor**. It is very important that everyone is able to access this system, which will be our primary means of communicating important information. Arbor will also be used to handle payments for school meals, clubs and trips. If you are having difficulty, please email the School Office: admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk

CONTACT DETAILS

It is extremely important to update us with any change of your contact details, as and when they occur. You can flag any amendments on the Arbor app.



FAMILY FIRST MAGAZINE

Free online magazine for parents — Summer Edition: https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue3-24



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AT SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

Reading Quest is the new summer reading programme created by Suffolk Libraries, that aims to build a fun summer of reading for children and their families.

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Every week during the summer holidays, staff and volunteers will be on hand to chat to children about the activities completed each week and the exciting books they've read. While visiting the library, children can collect a weekly reward and a new stack of books to enjoy at home.

Visit your local library from 13^{th} July to collect your free map and start your quest!

Reading Quest is primarily aimed at children aged 2-12 years old, however, older children might be interested in volunteering in their local library to support younger children to take part.

For further information please visit the Suffolk Libraries website: https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/resources/reading-quest-suffolk Libraries has Get Ready for School resources for children starting school for the first time.

GET READY FOR SCHOOL



Suffolk Libraries is reminding parents of any children starting school in September, that they can borrow Get Ready for School bags from the library service.

The bags contain handy information booklets that cover all the skills that children need, to be ready to start school such as developing speech, using the toilet and wearing school uniform.

Get Ready for School bags also include three reassuring stories about starting school that children can read with their families.

Anyone with a Suffolk Libraries card can borrow a Get Ready for School book bag for free from any library in Suffolk. You can order the packs via the Suffolk Libraries catalogue.

Suffolk Libraries also has many recommended reads for families with children about to start school.

More information is available at: https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/news/get-ready-for-school-with-suffolk-libraries



LEGOD enthusiasts will have a treat this summer as a special exhibition comes to The Hold on Ipswich Waterfront just in time for the school holidays.

The exhibition showcases replicas of impressive structures from all around the world, created using over half a million LEGOD bricks. The exhibition, created by Warren Elsmore, features not only the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, but also modern, natural, and historical wonders from all seven continents. Visitors will embark on a journey that takes them from the ancient pyramids of Egypt to the bustling streets of Old London Bridge, to the breath-taking night sky of the Aurora Australis, and finally to the centrepiece installation of the Great Barrier Reef.

Suitable for all ages. £5 per adult, £4 per child, £14 per group ticket (2 adults and 2 children). Book tickets here: https://www.suffolkarchives.co.uk/brick-wonders/

The exhibition opens on Friday 12th July and runs until the end of September.





IPSWICH FIT INFORMATION

This summer, between Monday 22^{nd} July and Friday 30^{th} August, under 17-year-olds will get access to lpswich Fit's complete summer holiday activity programme for just £6.00 for 6 weeks — that's £1.00 per week!

Children who are eligible for our Holiday Concession iCards will have access to our Summer Holiday activity programme for free, eligibility applies — please see the website.

There are over 500 activities taking place across our facilities, parks and other venues from BMX bikes, Junior Kayaks, Rollerskating and much more.

Bookings now open

If you are eligible for our Holiday Concession iCard follow the above process, however when selecting your membership type please select 'Holiday Concession iCard', you will then be checked through our verification process.

Please visit <u>www.ipswichfit.co.uk</u> for bookings and programme information

This Summer, Ipswich Fit has lots of exciting holiday camps including our Swim Camps, Sports Camps & Dance Camps. Our camps provide a safe place for children during the Summer Holidays, with a healthy lunch included.

To book a space on our Camps: we have changed the way you book our camps during the holidays. For those who have been issued with HAF vouchers please sign up for an account and book your camps for FREE via EEQU, your space will be validated for you automatically if you are eligible.

Here is a link to show you how to register and book with Eequ: Eequ Information Camp Information



Children who are not eligible for free camps will need to purchase a booking card from lpswich Fit Memberships where you can purchase the Camps from £20.00.

COOL MILK

If any other parent would like to pay for morning milk and their child is older than 5, they can register using the link and pay cool milk. https://www.coolmilk.com/



Dear parent/guardian,

We would like to inform you of an important update regarding the school milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

Due to challenging weather conditions this spring and summer resulting in reduced milk volumes and anticipated increases in winter feed costs, the price of milk for children over 5 will soon increase. This adjustment will help Cool Milk continue to support our valued dairy partners.

However, there is good news! If your child is already 5 or will be turning 5 soon, you can still lock in the current price. Simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register and make a payment. You even have the option to pre-pay at the existing rate for the entire academic year.

For children who are already over 5, you can make payment immediately. If your child is still under 5, we will email you shortly before their 5th birthday with easy steps to continue their milk deliveries. Rest assured, we will continue providing free milk automatically until they turn 5.

If you already have a Cool Milk account, simply log in to your existing account and make the payment for the upcoming year. To register a sibling, select 'Add Child' and fill in their details it's that simple!

Should you need further assistance, our customer service team is always here to help.

Kind regards,

Cool Milk
2: 0800 321 3248





*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

Cool Milk at School Ltd | Cool Milk House | Kingsley Park | Kingsley Road | Lincoln | LN6 3TA | 😭 0800 321 3248 | 🛄 www.coolmilk.com

SCHEDULE SCHEDULE		SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024						OCT HALF TERM
		WEEK 1 Mon 22 – Fri 26 July	WEEK 2 Mon 29 July – Fri 2 Aug	WEEK 3 Mon 5 – Fri 9 Aug	WEEK 4 Mon 12 – Fri 16 Aug	WEEK 5 Mon 19 – Fri 23 Aug	WEEK 6 Tue 27 – Fri 30 Aug	Mon 28 Oct – Fri I Nov
SUFFOLK	Bury St Edmunds South Lee School Nowton Road IP33 2BT	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
	Felixstowe School High Street IP11 9QS	~	~	~	~	~		
	Ipswich High School Woolverstone IP9 1AZ	~	~	~	~	~	Tues & Wed	~
	Woodbridge Prep School Cumberland St IP12 4AH	~	~	✓	✓	✓	Tues & Wed	Returning to the Senior School
EssEX	Braintree Gosfield School Halstead CO9 1PF	~	~	✓	~	✓		
	Chelmsford King Edward Grammar Broomfield Rd CM1 35X	~	~	~	~			ТВС
	Colchester Royal Grammar Lexden Road CO3 3ND	✓	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Shenfield High School Brentwood CM15 BRY	~	~	~	~	~		~

SCHOOL'S OUT

School's Out Activities are back with six weeks of summer activities once again providing families with exciting, trusted and reliable school holiday childcare for children aged 4-16 yrs across Suffolk and Essex.

School's Out is:

- *Early Years Ofsted registered at all venues.
- *All staff are Enhanced DBS and reference checked as part of safer recruitment.
- *Full activity insurance
- $\star 5$ star reviews from Parents on Trustpilot and Facebook

Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) available at all venues for Pupil Premium families. These sell very quickly!

See website to book:

https://www.schoolsoutactivities.co.uk/





SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 6

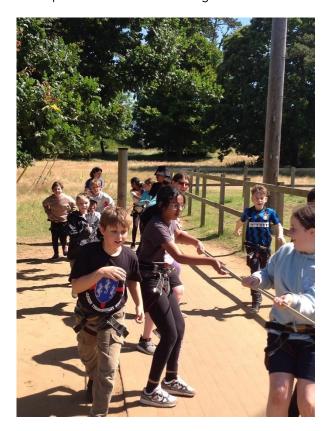
Year 6 have had a busy half term preparing for their transition to high school. We wish them all the best for the future.

PGL

From Wednesday 3^{rd} to Friday 5^{th} July, Year 6 were away at their residential. They thoroughly enjoyed a range of activities such as the zipline, abseiling, rock climbing, survival skills and the most popular by far — the giant swing! They showed off their daring skills and resilience. Well done, Year 6! Please see below some pictures of their time away.













LEAVERS

This week has especially been busy with the leavers assembly, party and the performance of A Hint of Snow White. I think we can all say that they all put in a rather fantastic performance – well done Year 6! Please see below for some images of our leavers activities.













The Play

Year 6 worked very hard to learn their lines. We are very proud of their acting skills. A special mention to the orchestra, choirs, Mr Mclean and Mrs Burder for their help and support as well.





SPOTLIGHT ON RECEPTION



We can't believe that the end of the year is here already! The children have had a fantastic year in Reception, we are all incredibly proud of them and their achievements.

The children loved their trip to Rock Paper Scissors art studio earlier this term. They en joyed taking part in different activities and produced some lovely artwork.

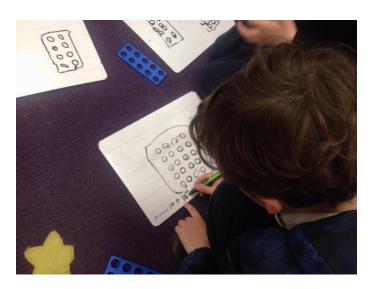




In Maths we have been looking at numbers to 20. We have been ordering and showing ways to represent these numbers.









During Arts Week we had a visit from Marie Soul, from Rock Paper Scissors. She taught us how to make 3D animals using card and paper. We used a variety of materials to decorate them.



During Arts Week the children produced some incredible pieces! It was wonderful to see all their hard work come together in the art gallery.





ART & WELL-BEING COMPETITION

Suffolk County Council's Children and Young People's Engagement Hub Team has launched an art well-being competition for children and young people in Suffolk, aged 5-25 years old, called 'Someone in My Corner'. The competition will run until 2nd September. The competition asks children and young people to think about a time when they had someone in their corner and how this helped support their emotional well-being, and to share their stories in the form of creative writing or artwork.

For further information including competition entry details, please visit: https://thesource.me.uk/mycorner/



Suffolk NDD Advice and Guidance Service

We put children, young people and families first. Need to be heard? We're listening.

If you live in Suffolk and need advice or guidance around NDD, please contact: www.barnardos.org.uk and search for services in Suffolk, or scan the QR code below to complete our enquiry form and we will contact you.







Barnardo's Emotional Wellbeing Support Services Helpline

We put children, young people and families first. Need to be heard? We're listening.

For emotional wellbeing information, signposting, resources and support within East and West Suffolk. Call the Barnardo's Helpline Advisors on 03456 00 20 90 and press option 1. We are available Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm





NSPCC LISTEN UP, SPEAK UP



It takes a village to raise a child. And it takes a community to keep children safe

That's why the NSPCC is encouraging every adult in the UK to take their 10-minute digital training and learn how to listen up and speak up for children.

Listen up, Speak up will show you:

- *some signs a child might be at risk, and steps you can take to help
- *how to approach difficult conversations to help keep children safe
- *who you can contact if you're ever concerned about a child or their family.

Follow this link: NSPCC Listen up, Speak up 10-minute Training

Worried about a child?

If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact the NSPCC Helpline to speak to a counsellor. Call us on 0808 800 5000, or email help@nspcc.org.uk

IN NEED OF SUPPORT?

Some sources of support are as follows:

https://healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk/signposting/youngpeople/

You can call Childline about anything on 0800 IIII. There is the option to speak with one of its councillors. It also has plenty of information on its website, including information about Cyberbullying: https://www.childline.org.uk/

Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Hub

Information, advice and support for anyone concerned about the emotional wellbeing and mental health of a child or young person aged 0 to 25 years. Link above or call 0345 600 2090.

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/

Anyone can call Samaritans on 116 123. It does not matter how old you are or what is bothering you. This page on the Samaritans website tells you what to expect if you call them.

If you are concerned about an immediate risk to the safety of a child, please call <u>Customer First</u> on 0808 800 4005. In an emergency, call the Police on 999.

Term dates for 2024 - 2025 Autumn Term 2024

Wednesday 4th September — Friday 20th December **Half term**: 28th October — Ist November

Staff Training day: 2^{nd} September, 3^{rd} September & 4^{th}

November

Spring Term 2025

Tuesday 7th January — Friday 4th April **Half term**: 17th February — 21st February **Staff Training day**: 6th January

Summer Term 2025

Wednesday 23rd April — Tuesday 22nd July

Bank holiday: 5th May

Half term: 26^{th} May -30^{th} May

Staff Training day: 22nd April