



# 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

"I invite you to pray, before the creche, that the Nativity of the Lord will bring a ray of peace to children all over the world, especially those forced to live the terrible and dark days of war."

*Pope Francis (@Pontifex)*



## Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023:

4<sup>th</sup> Jan: Pupils first day back

No sports or reading clubs this week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a special end to the term it has been! We have once again been able to gather together as a school community to celebrate Christmas. Our wonderful Nativity celebrations from Reception, KS1 and KS2 have lifted our spirits and joined us together reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas, the nativities should be on google classroom by the end of the weekend. Christmas ensemble has, once again, been a joyous event and marks the end of a very busy and productive term.

I would like to thank all of the staff at St Mary's and the pupils and parents for all of your support, hard work and enthusiasm this term. St Mary's is a special place where we all pull together to ensure every child can achieve their very best.

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you in 2023!

Best wishes

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham



## STAFFING CHANGES:

Miss McGarry will be leaving us at the end of the week to pursue new adventures. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well for the future.

After Christmas, Mrs Hawes will join Miss Godbold to teach Year 5. We welcome Mrs Woods back to St Mary's, she will be teaching Year 3 with Mrs Snowden.

## RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2023 APPLICATIONS – Deadline date 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023:

Applications for a Reception September 2023 place should be made by the deadline date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**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 (with a copy of the baptism certificate if applicable). The SIF (Supplementary Information Form) should be completed for all applications and can be found on our website under 'Key Information - Admissions'

The application form should be completed 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/>



**If your child was born between  
1 September 2018 and  
31 August 2019,  
you must apply for a full-time  
school place by  
15 January 2023**



## SPORTS CLUBS – SPRING TERM

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

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

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

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

**Fridays:** Football Club (Girls) KS2 starting 13<sup>th</sup> January at 12.10pm (last session March 24<sup>th</sup>)

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

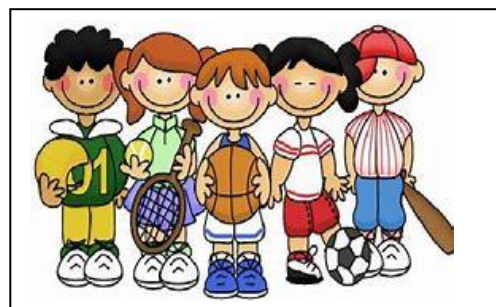
**Wednesdays:** Netball Club Yrs 5 & 6 Girls starting 18<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm (last session March 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Club details were sent by parentmail on 21<sup>st</sup> November (Netball on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> December.

NB: Please be aware that if your child is pupil premium, we can support you with payment for the clubs.



## TRUST NEWSLETTER NO.8

Here is the latest Trust Newsletter posted 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022. – [Click Here to Read It](#)

## TT ROCKSTARS YRS 4&5




## 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](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions).

**NB:** Please note that packed lunches should not include any sweets or nut items (please check ingredients label on pre-packed items).

If grapes are included, please cut in half lengthwise as they are a choking hazard. Thank you.

## 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/stmarysptaipswich/?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.





## Flu Nasal/IM Vaccination

Vaccination UK would like to offer parents, whose children missed the vaccine in School the opportunity to attend one of our 'Catch-up' Clinics.

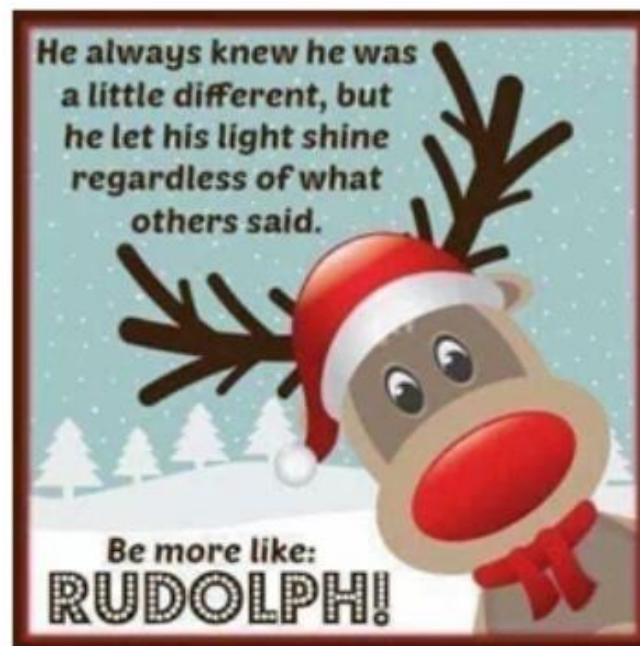
We will be operating our clinics on a 'Walk-in' basis and therefore no appointment is necessary.

If you require an IM, please contact us on 01473 858963 prior to the clinic you wish to attend. This will enable us to bring enough vaccines with us on the day.

All clinics will be available from 10:00 – 14:00 in the following areas on the following dates:

Haverhill	Epi Centre, Enterprise Way CB9 7LR	19 <sup>th</sup> December
Lowestoft	Oulton Community Centre Meadow Rd NR32 3AZ	20 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> December
Ipswich	Martlesham Community Hall Parish Rooms Felixstowe Rd IP12 4PB	<b>21<sup>st</sup> December 08:45 – 12:45</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> December
Bury St Edmunds	Blackbourne Community Centre, 71 Blackbourne Road IP30 9GY	28 <sup>th</sup> December

SEND:



SEND does n't have to mean **Different**

## SEND SUPPORT AT CHRISTMAS:

# SEND Support at Christmas 2022

We know that Christmas can bring additional strain to families, so here are some links to support over the festive season. Many of these services are open during office hours only. If you need urgent support outside of these hours, please either contact your social worker if you have one, or ring Customer First (Children's Social Care) on 0800 800 4004.

<b>Suffolk Local Offer</b> Do you have a question about SEND? Need help finding services near you? Call the Local Offer advisors on 0345 606 1490 or visit <a href="http://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk">www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk</a>	<b>0345 606 1490</b>
<b>Reporting a child at risk of harm</b> You can report a child at risk of abuse or harm to us over the phone or online. Call Customer First (Children's Social Care) on 0808 800 4005, or 999 in an emergency. To report your concerns online, visit <a href="http://www.suffolksp.org.uk">www.suffolksp.org.uk</a>	<b>0808 800 4005</b>
<b>Cost of living support</b> There is a lot of information out there about the support available both nationally and locally to help you with the Cost of Living. Find out more information about the different support and advice available here.	
<b>First Response:</b> A 24/7 crisis service for people of all ages in Suffolk offering immediate advice, support and signposting from mental health professionals.	<b>0808 196 3494</b>
<b>Just One Norfolk</b> provide advice and support about parenting or children or young person's (age 0-19) physical, mental or emotional health for families living in Waveney.	<b>0300 300 0123</b>
<b>Emotional Wellbeing Hub:</b> Non-emergency mental health support for children and young people in the rest of Suffolk.	<b>0345 600 2090</b>
<b>Activities Unlimited</b> provide short breaks and respite for children with additional needs and their families. Contact them by phone or visit <a href="http://www.activities-unlimited.co.uk">www.activities-unlimited.co.uk</a>	<b>01473 260026</b>
<b>SENDIASS</b> provide free, confidential and impartial information, advice and support on issues related to SEND. Call the helpline, text ADVICE4ME to 87007 or email <a href="mailto:enquiries@suffolksendiass.co.uk">enquiries@suffolksendiass.co.uk</a> . Reduced hours over Christmas.	<b>01473 265210</b>

Suffolk Local Offer  
[www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk)

## TIME OUT SUPPORT:

SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

## TIME OUT FOR PARENTS

6-week Support Programmes for those caring for an autistic child or child with ADHD

Both courses provide an opportunity for you to support and encourage others, helping you share feelings and experiences, and come up with solutions to problems on the basis of what works – not what's meant to work!

Time Out courses are very informal and provide plenty of time for you to talk to other parent carers. Choose from the ASD or ADHD course, the courses both start on the same week then run on alternate weeks there after, until the final week when we meet together.

The Chaucer Room, Ipswich County Library  
Starting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January  
9.45-11.45am

[www.suffolkfamilycarers.org/time-out-support/](http://www.suffolkfamilycarers.org/time-out-support/)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Suffolk Family Carers Limited Registered Charity No. 1188657. A Company Limited by Guarantee in England No. 2077800  
Registered Office: Unit 8, Hill View Business Park, Capenhurst, IP4 5PA

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BECOMING A UNICEF UK RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL:  
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

It is an exciting time in the life of St Mary's school. We have embarked on a journey which will benefit the whole school community, from pupils and staff to parents and governors. Here's what we think you might like to know about it!

You might ask...	As school leaders we think that...
What is a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School?	<p>When schools get involved, the children learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day.</p> <p>Children and adults will learn about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which outlines what children need to survive and thrive, becoming the best they can be and achieving their potential.</p>
Why is this happening?	<p>A Unicef UK Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships, whether between adults and pupils, between pupils or between adults. It is proven to benefit everyone in the school community to grow and learn together. Read more about the Award at <a href="http://www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa">www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa</a></p>
How will becoming a Rights Respecting School benefit my child(ren)?	<p>This approach works in many schools across the country to improve well-being and develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. Headteachers from schools involved in the Award say it has improved children's and young people's respect for themselves and others and contributed to children and young people being more engaged in their learning.</p>
How can I get involved?	<p>We hope you will support the school's journey to become a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. Please do read about the Convention and Unicef's work (see below) to see what it's all about!</p>
What is the Convention on the Rights of the Child?	<p>In 1989, governments worldwide promised all children the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention recognised that all children have the right to be treated with dignity and fairness, to be protected, to develop to their full potential and to participate. The rights in the Convention describe what a child needs to survive, grow, and live up to their potential in the world. They apply equally to every child, no matter who they are or where they come from.</p>

	<p>The Convention changed the way children are viewed and treated – in other words, as human beings with a distinct set of rights instead of as passive objects of care and charity. It is the most widely ratified human rights treaty – only the United States has not ratified it. The UK signed up to it in 1991.</p> <p>You can read more about it at <a href="http://www.unicef.org.uk/crc">www.unicef.org.uk/crc</a> and download a summary of the articles at <a href="http://bit.ly/CRC-over11">bit.ly/CRC-over11</a></p>
<p>What is Unicef?</p>	<p>Unicef is the world's leading organisation for children and young people, promoting the rights and wellbeing of every child, in everything they do. Together with their partners, Unicef works in 190 countries to translate that commitment into practical action.</p> <p>Unicef UK is a registered charity. It raises funds through donations from individuals, organisations and companies and campaigns to keep children safe. Unicef UK also works with schools, hospitals and local authorities in the UK to put children at the heart of what they do.</p> <p>To find out more about Unicef, go to <a href="http://www.unicef.org.uk">www.unicef.org.uk</a></p>

*Please do get in touch with us if you would like to know more.*

TERM DATES:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Term dates for 2022 – 2023</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Autumn Term 2022</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spring Term 2023</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Half term: 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff Training day: 3<sup>rd</sup> January</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summer Term 2023</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bank holiday: 1<sup>st</sup> May &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Half term: 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff Training days: 17<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> July</p>
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