

St Mary's Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"The Holy Spirit is a wellspring of unity. His fire burns away worldly desires and kindles in our lives the warm and compassionate love with which Jesus loves us, so that we in turn can love one another like that."





Week Commencing 14th Nov: Tues 15th Nov: Yr 5 Swimming. Last session 13th December Wed 16th Nov: Reception 2023 Open Days 9.30am & 1.30pm — Pre Booked Appointments Only Thurs 17th Nov: Yr4 Class Mass 2.45pm in school

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:

When exiting from the parent car park, please be aware that you should stop at the gates, to allow parents and children to pass, before driving on. Thank you. We have noticed that some parents are pulling into the carpark via the exit, please follow the signs so that we can keep everyone safe

RECEPTION 2023 - OPEN DAY 16TH NOVEMBER: We will be holding two open day sessions for prospective parents on November 16th, **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



SCHOOLS REMEMBERANCE SERVICE YR6:

On Friday IIth November Year 6 took part in the School's Remembrance Service at the cemetery. We joined out local schools to reflect on war and remember the fallen soldiers. Year 6 were wonderful ambassadors for our school.



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. The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) can be found on our website under 'Key Information – Admissions'

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER:

This year's school Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday 14th December for all children from Reception to Year 6. A Parentmail was sent on 9/11/22, the deadline to order a Christmas lunch is Thursday 24th November 2022. Please email your child's choices to the school office admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk



RECEPTION NATIVITY - 'A KING IS BORN' - MONDAY 5^{TH} DECEMBER AT 2.30PM:

Parents will receive two tickets per family. Please can all children come into school on 5th December wearing plain black

leggings/jogging bottoms and either a plain black or plain white T-shirt. Thank you.

KSI NATIVITY - 'BORN IN A BARN' - 6^{TH} DECEMBER AT 2.30PM:

Parents will receive two tickets per family. Please can all children come into school on $6^{\rm th}$ December wearing plain black leggings/jogging bottoms and either a plain black or plain white T-shirt. Thank you.



KS2 NATIVITY - 'SUPERSTAR' - 14TH DECEMBER AT 2PM AND 15TH DECEMBER AT 9AM. Parents will receive two tickets per family, 1 for each performance.

All tickets will be sent home I week before each of the plays.

CHRISTMAS ENSEMBLE:

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





EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY MAY 2023:

School will be closed on Monday 8^{th} May 2023 for the bank holiday to celebrate His Majesty's coronation on 6^{th} May 2023.

FIND THANK YOU MESSAGE:

We received a lovely thank you message from Find for all of your donations from our harvest festival.



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Hamper raffle -

The PTA would like to provide a hamper raffle this Christmas, and are asking families to help with donations if they are able to do so. We have divided up requested items between the year groups to try and provide a good mix.



We will be collecting your donations **between Monday 14-th and Friday 18th November** so please bring them in between these dates. There will be a box outside the office for you to leave donations, or you may send them in with your child, or pass them to your class rep.

- Reception families could you please bring either mince pies or chocolate coins or sweet biscuits or wine.
- YI families could you please bring either savoury biscuits or crackers or oat cakes or bread sticks or cheese straws or
 a jar of pickle / chutney / jam
- Y2 families could you please bring either hot chocolate or marshmallows or cordial or fruit juice or packs of tea or herbal tea or coffee
- Y3 families could you please bring anything Christmas themed could be a Christmas pudding, florentines, sticker book, Christmas crackers, mulled wine, Buck's Fizz, Christmas activity pack, soft toy, card game.
- Y4 families could you please bring in any savoury snack foods crisps, nuts, snack crackers, twiglets, or anything tinned either sweet or savoury that might go in a hamper.
- Y5 families could you please bring in any sweet snack foods chocolates, sweets, biscuits, dates etc
- Y6 families could you please bring in a `pamper' item for example a candle, bath foam, wine, hand cream, bath puff, nail polish, nail files, mini box of chocolates etc.

Please aim to stick to your child's class list, but if you can't access any of those items easily, anything from the other lists will be great. Also if you have several children at the school please don't feel you have to buy for every class they're in! No pressure, we are grateful for anything you provide.

Christmas_event - instead of the Christmas fair, we are hoping to run a Christmas event on the school premises after school on **Friday December 2nd**. We're thinking 3:30 onwards with hot chocolate, mince pies, a few games and stalls, the hamper raffle draw, and some festive cheer. If you can help a little, either with planning, or on the day, please get in touch either by email friendsofstmarysipswich@gmail.com or via

this signup sheet volunteersignup.org/A3KE9

<u>Christmas fun day</u> - The ever-popular Christmas Fun Day returns for its third year, held on Christmas dinner day which is **Tuesday 13th December**. FOSM will provide Christmas crafts, games and other fun, classroom gifts and a dress down day (festive colours/ Christmas jumpers / sparkles / headbands all



encouraged but please, no need to buy anything new)! This will all be contained during the school day.

FOSM will ask for voluntary donations where families are able to do so and will provide a go fund me link nearer the time, and a morning bucket collection. All children will be included regardless of donations, so please only contribute what you can

afford. We wouldn't want to miss an opportunity for fundraising, as every penny counts, but please don't worry if you aren't in a position to donate.

Thanks from the FOSM PTA team

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