

# 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**

“Mary is not only the bridge joining us to God; she is more. She is the road that God travelled to reach us, and the road that we must travel in order to reach him .”

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic return to school. A huge well done to everyone, children, parents and staff.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break with sunny days and following government guidelines a little more interaction with family than we have had until now.

Have a great break and recharge those batteries ready for the summer term.

Warmest Regards  
Mrs Berry

## **Polite Reminders:**

### **Parking:**

Please could all parents park in a designated car parking space in the church car park and only park in the disabled parking space if you have a blue disabled parking badge. Please do not park outside the school gates or in the St Mary's Housing Estate.

### **Water Bottles and Snack:**

Please could you ensure that your child has only water in their water bottle and if they are in KS2 and are having snack please ensure that this is a piece of fruit or vegetable only.

### **Face Masks:**

Please could we remind **all parents** to please wear a face mask/covering when dropping off or collecting your child from school.

## Important, Track and Trace for Easter Holidays:

If your child receives a positive Covid test during the Easter holidays please follow the procedure below.

Symptoms began on (or date of positive test if asymptomatic)	Between Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Action Required	Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days	Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days	Parents Inform school immediately. School will notify individuals within respective bubble who may have come into contact on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February. Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 10 days	Unless testing was delayed following onset of symptoms (for example, delays caused by postal tests), pupil was not in setting and therefore there is no need to contact school.
Please email <a href="mailto:admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.uk">admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.uk</a> in the event of a confirmed case.				
Parental Responsibility	Parents to notify close contact family and friends and follow advice as per NHS Covid-19 guidelines <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a>			

## Year 6 stations of the cross:



## Prayer Trail:

### Prayer for new life –

they planted a seed and prayed for the possibility of new life and the opportunities it brings.



Here is the link to the prayer trail book

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uByitbjCoFb-bgX5hXU7Auc\\_9BKLyWrx/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uByitbjCoFb-bgX5hXU7Auc_9BKLyWrx/view?usp=sharing)

### Mrs Sandvig Retiring and her just giving page:

As I am sure that you will all be aware, Mrs Sandvig is retiring from her position within the academy. If you would like to donate to her retirement then please go to the just giving page set up for her collection.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/thank-you-jill>

### Changes to the test and trace support payment for parents:

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their schools or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a Test and Trace support payment or a discretionary payment of £500.00, if they met the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support payments scheme is intended to ensure that parents receive the financial support they need if that are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Applications for the Test and Trace Support payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the setting is situated, if these are different.

To be eligible applicants must meet all the criteria that:

- They are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period.
- They are employed or self employed.
- They cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result.
- They meet all the other means-tested eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment.

That their child:

- Is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) and normally attends an education or childcare setting.
- Has been told to self-isolate by NHS Track and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid19.

### **School Dinner Menu Summer Term:**

We will return to school on week 2.



Here is a link to the menu

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-CkrxdwSUDGyFjemFOG1925T76hHBqi/view?usp=sharing>

### **EAL Education Support programme:**



## Education support programme

If you are a family and English is not your first language, we are offering:

- Conversational English lessons - For parents
- Weekly individual support sessions - For children
- Translation services - For schools and families
- Digital literacy toolkits - For schools and families



**Get in touch with Lois on 07903 630541 or [lois.pimentel@volunteeringmatters.org.uk](mailto:lois.pimentel@volunteeringmatters.org.uk)**

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## Support for parents during lockdown:

The successful programme of workshops for parents run by NSFT continues. The free sessions are open to all and available to book via Eventbrite on the links below:

- 26 April Workshop – [Understanding the Adolescent Brain: How to support your teenager's emotions](#)
- 27 April Workshop (6:00 pm) – [Supporting our young people with anxiety](#)
- 27 April Workshop (7:15 pm) - [Supporting our young people with low mood](#) This is also running on 25 May and 29 June

If you have a specific question you hope will be answered in the session, please email [admin.pst@nsft.nhs.uk](mailto:admin.pst@nsft.nhs.uk), and they will do their best to incorporate it. Previous sessions and information can be found on the [NSFT Children and Young People's channel](#).

## May half term and Summer holiday basketball camp:

# MAY HALF TERM CAMP



TUESDAY 1ST & WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE

TUESDAY: 8-12 YEAR OLDS

WEDNESDAY: 13-18 YEAR OLDS

£25 PER DAY

COPELSTON SPORTS CENTRE

10-3PM

TO BOOK EMAIL/CALL:

[NICKDRANE@IPSWICHBASKETBALL.CO.UK](mailto:NICKDRANE@IPSWICHBASKETBALL.CO.UK)

07879841749

LIMITED TO 30 PLAYERS PER CAMP - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED



# IPSWICH BASKETBALL ACADEMY

## SUMMER CAMP 2021

MONDAY 26th JULY - FRIDAY 30th JULY  
10am-4pm COPLESTON SPORTS CENTRE



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### **PTA:**

Request for help from the PTA

Are there any handy parents out there that could help us with a job please? We need to assemble some shelving for the PTA shed and install it together with any safety fixings.

We've yet to purchase it, so there is no rush, and there's a group ready to help with any lifting etc. If this sounds like something you could potentially help with please do get in touch via the school office. Thank you from the PTA



## **Your School Lottery**

We are delighted to announce the launch of our school lottery!

The first draw is set to take place on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm**, on how to take part and you can join right now!

Tickets are £1 each and you can buy them using either direct debit or by debit card.

**Either:** click this link - [Support St Mary's Catholic Primary School Ipswich when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

**Or:** Search 'Your School Lottery' on the internet, click 'Buy a Ticket', put in St Mary's Ipswich and it will show our logo and 'St Mary's Catholic Primary School Ipswich', click support us. Step by step instructions are on a separate attachment.

Each week all entrants in the 'Your School Lottery' stand to win a £25,000 jackpot, and someone from our school community will win a guaranteed prize every single week – a proportion of our school's ticket takings.

**In order for us to make this a viable project we need a minimum amount of people to join up. We are well over halfway there already, which is excellent, but if you've been on the fence or hesitating please do consider giving it a try. Grandparents, family, friends and neighbours are all very welcome so please spread the word far and wide.**

Funds raised will go towards St Mary's school as per the Friends of St Mary's constitution.

Best of luck! From Marge Jessop and the FOSM PTA



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

**WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY**

Buy your tickets now to help our fundraising

- Tickets cost just £1
- First draw Saturday 10th April.
- Local prize every week
- Chance to win the £25,000 Jackpot!
- Drawn every Saturday at 8pm

To start supporting, visit  
[yourschoolottery.co.uk](http://yourschoolottery.co.uk)  
and search for: St Mary's Ipswich

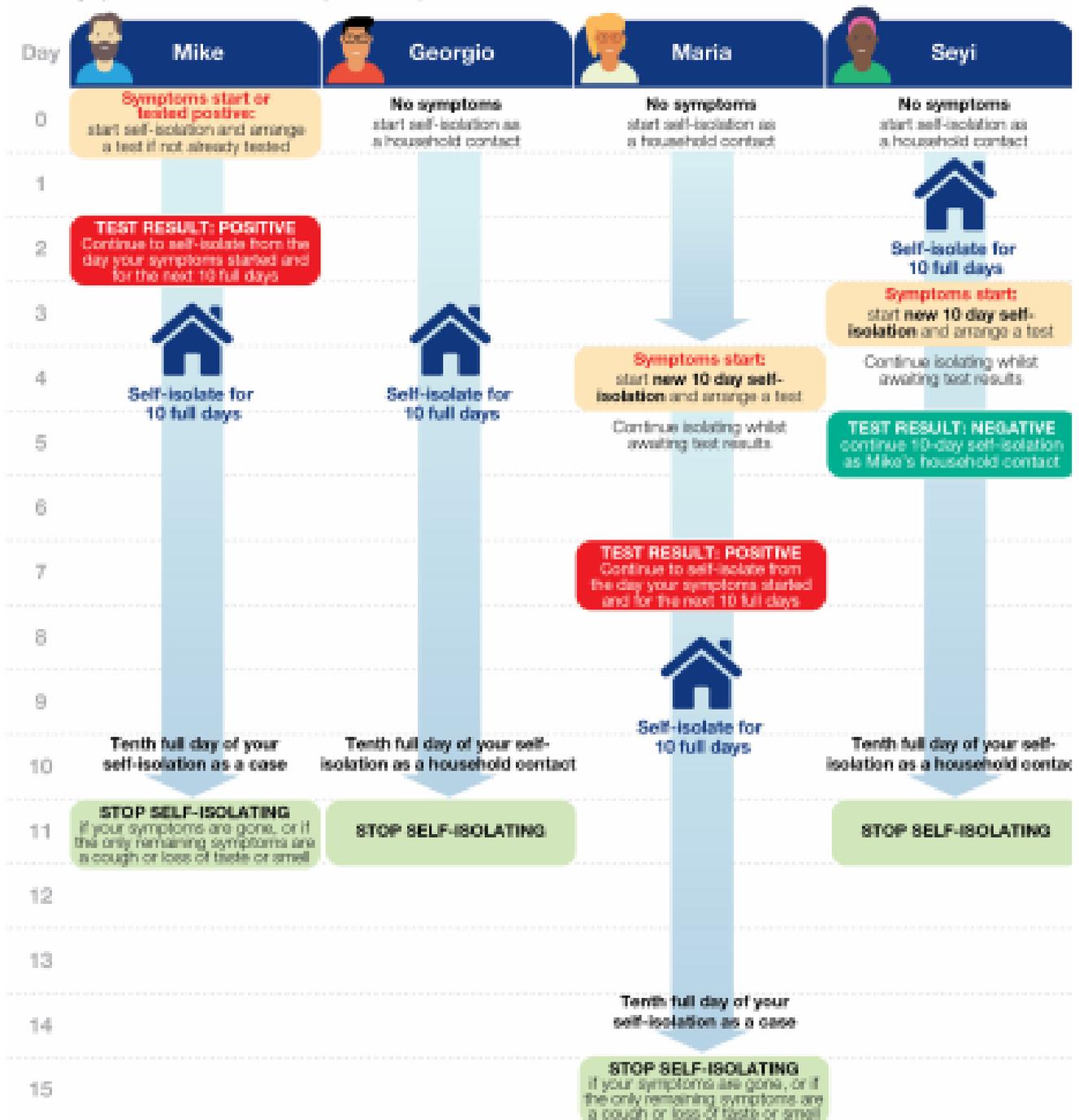
Reporters must be 18 years of age or older

The poster features a central illustration of a blue and red rocket launching upwards, surrounded by several circular icons containing numbers: 2, 4, 7, and 4. The background is white with a blue and red curved border at the top and bottom. The text is primarily in blue and red, with the main headline in bold red and blue.

# Stay at home and self-isolate.

Please see [detailed guidance online](#).

**Mike's household:** In this example, Mike lives with Georgio, Maria and Seyi. Mike is the first case of COVID-19 in this household. He and everyone in the household begin self-isolating from the day Mike's symptoms start (or if he had no symptoms, from the date of his positive test).



## Self-isolate for 10 full days.

You need to self-isolate from the day the first person in your household started symptoms and for the next 10 full days. If they did not have symptoms, self-isolate from the day of their test and for the next 10 full days.

## To self-isolate means:

Do not go to work, school, or public areas and do not use public transport or taxis. Only leave your home to get to your test if you need to, observe strict social distancing advice and return immediately afterwards.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

## Date for your Diary:

### Term dates for 2021

#### Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Half term:** 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Staff Training day:** 4<sup>th</sup> January

#### Summer Term 2021

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**Bank holiday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half term:** 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Staff Training days:** 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July (disaggregated)

### Term dates for 2021 - 2022

#### Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> September – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Half term:** 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October

**Staff Training day:** 01<sup>st</sup> September

#### Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 08<sup>th</sup> April

**Half term:** 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Staff Training day:** 4<sup>th</sup> January

#### Summer Term 2022

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Bank holiday:** 02<sup>nd</sup> May

**Half term:** 30<sup>th</sup> May – 03<sup>rd</sup> June

**Staff Training days:** 25<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July

