



St Mary's Newsletter

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<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>

School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"Haste and impatience are enemies of the spiritual life. God is love, and those who love never tire; they are not irascible and do not give ultimatums; they know how to wait. We would do well to contemplate the Crucified One to make His patience our own. #GeneralAudience."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

Week Commencing 15th April 2024

Tues 16th April: Year 3 Swimming

Thurs 18th April: Year 3 Parish Mass

Parents/carers welcome

Wed 24th April: Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle

Thurs 25th April: Year 4 & 5 Trip to Norwich

Theatre

Thurs 2nd May: Beginning of Term Mass 2.30pm
in Church

Parents/carers welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was truly wonderful to see so many of you at church this morning. Have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy spending time with loved ones.

Warm Regards

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

Dear Jesus,

Help me to always try and do my best in life, in school and with friendships. If I make a mistake, help me to pick myself up and try again and never to give up hope. Lord hear my prayer. Amen.

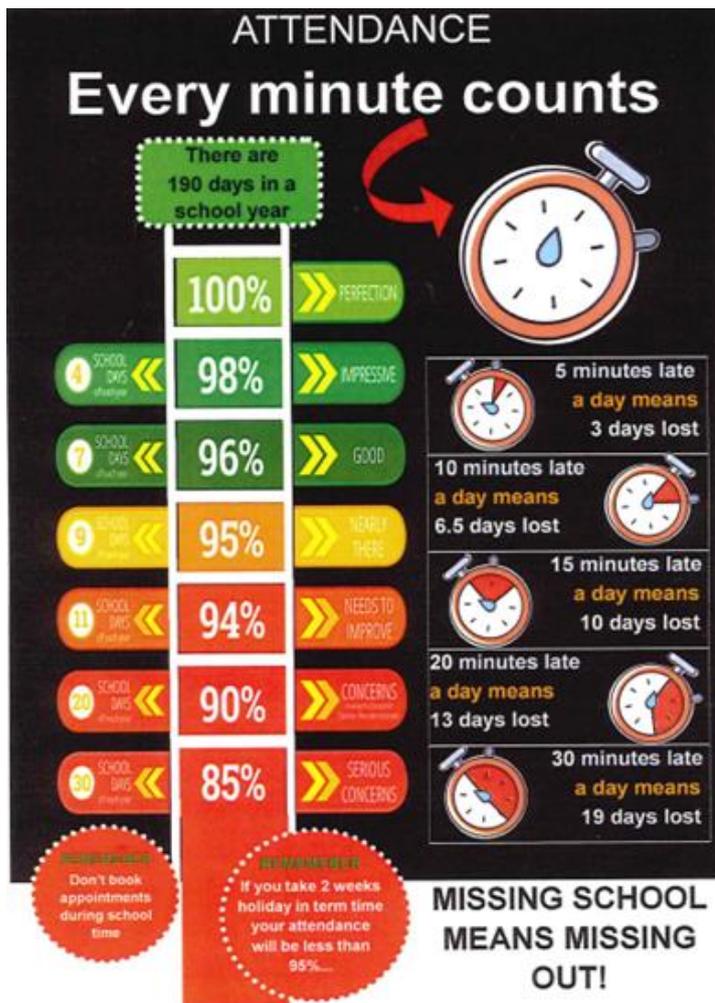


READY TO LEARN

Please ensure that your children are in the playground at **8.40am** for when the bell rings. After 8.50am children will be given a late mark. A late arrival after 8.50am means the class has already started and this is disruptive for your child and others in the class. Please remind children to come equipped for the day.



If your child is ill, please leave a message (every day of absence) on the School Absence Line (01473 728372) before 8am, or send an email to: admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk 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.

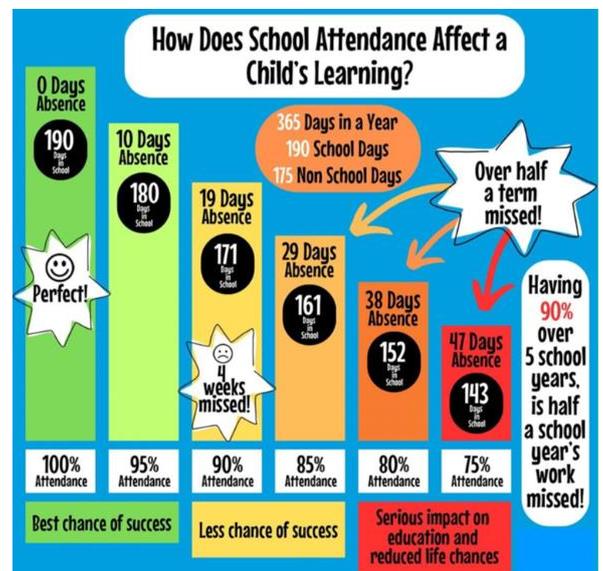


ATTENDANCE

Please take time to read and familiarise yourself with our Trust Attendance Policy: [Attendance Policy](#)

Please be aware that the school is unable to authorise holiday requests for absence during term time.

If you arrive after 8.50am, please come to the Office to sign the late book. It is really important that you ensure your child arrives at school between 8:40 and 8:50am.



PARENTMAIL/COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

The school uses Parentmail to communicate with parents/carers and it is very important everyone is able to access our messages. Please contact the school office if you are experiencing any difficulties in receiving messages, as you may miss some crucial information.

If you move house or update your telephone number or email address, it is vital that we are kept informed. Please email us so that we can update our records with your new contact details:
admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk



SPORTS CLUBS SUMMER TERM 2024

Mondays

Football Club (years 3, 4 & 5 boys) 3.30-4.30pm.

Thursdays

Football Club (years 3, 4 & 5 girls) starts at 8am.

Fridays

Multisports Club (years 1, 2 & 3) starts at 8am.

Handball & Dodgeball (years 4, 5 & 6) starts at 12.10pm.

Cricket & Rounders Club (years 4, 5 & 6) 3.30-4.30pm.

Please contact the School Office for further information.



SPORTS NEWS FROM MRS DYER

Year 6 footballers had a wonderful time at the School Games Tournament. I saw a great combination of skills, team work and above all, the joy of playing football. Thank you to parents and friends for the support and lifts!



St Mary's had a great 7 - 4 victory against Morland in the netball league. It was a tough game but the girls' passing accuracy shone through. Thank you to supporters for the encouragement and the lifts!



MATCH REPORTS FROM MR HURD

IPSSA Boys/Mixed Small Schools Football League: The team have faced some tough games against St John's, Sprites & St Marks ending in 3 defeats, but positive signs of development. In the team's 4th match against Pipers Vale, they put in their best performance yet, culminating in a 6-0 win! Plenty to look forward to in coming years with half the team coming from Y3, 4 & 5.



IPSSA Girls Small Schools Football League: The girls faced a tough game against Holbrook - who have won all of their games this year. We took the lead before going in 1-1 at half time. The game got away from us a bit and it ended in a 4-2 defeat but a fantastic effort from the girls who put their training sessions into practice perfectly in the first half especially.

IPSSA Girls Football Cup: An outstanding second half performance from the girls secured a 2-1 win away at Morland to progress to the quarter finals of the Cup. 1-0 down at half time, the team came out with a point to prove in the second half and got the winning goal with seconds to go!

IPSSA Netball Cup: St Mary's 13-0 Broke Hall. A great start to the Netball Cup with a dominating win. The team will now face St Marks in the Quarter Finals.



29th April 7-8pm

Come and join us online, we're talking about

Helping kids back into school



FREE

Book online facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to the PARENT page

KEY STAGE 2 VISITS TO DANCE EAST

KS2 have all visited Dance East this term. We have had the most wonderful experience with many children excited to return after last year's amazing workshops. I have been so impressed with the children's enthusiasm and creativity. A big thank you to our adult helpers who have been so supportive in helping the event run smoothly.

Mrs Dyer





Suffolk New College Rural Campus (Otley College) will be holding a family fun day on **Saturday 11th May**. Between

10am - 4pm you can visit and enjoy fun-filled outdoor activities that include: field games, animal petting, arts and craft competitions, face painting, food and drink samples, alongside catering demos and a flame-grilled BBQ.

This event is free to attend – although there is a £5 parking fee - but you will need to have a pre-booked ticket. Spaces are limited so book now to avoid disappointment. Due to the animals on-site and health & safety concerns, dogs are not allowed.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-day-out-tickets-713604108097>



SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 1

Year 1 have been busy this term working hard and learning lots! Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to this half term!

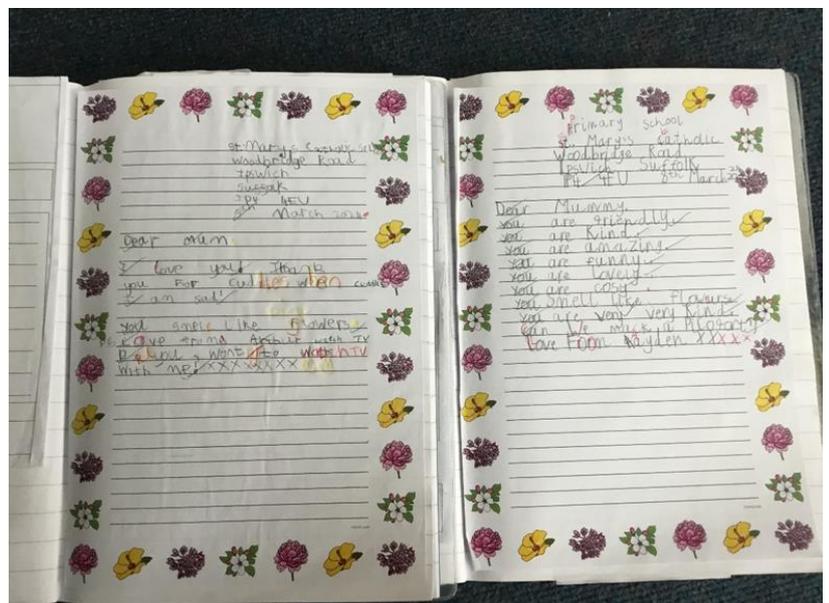
RE

In RE we have really been enjoying the new R.E.D curriculum. We have learnt about Jesus' life as a young boy, considering how we can be a light to others like Jesus, and this half term have focused on the lead up to Easter. We particularly enjoyed learning about Palm Sunday and enjoyed making our own palm leaves. We even tried to imagine what it would have been like for the people in Jerusalem welcoming Jesus!



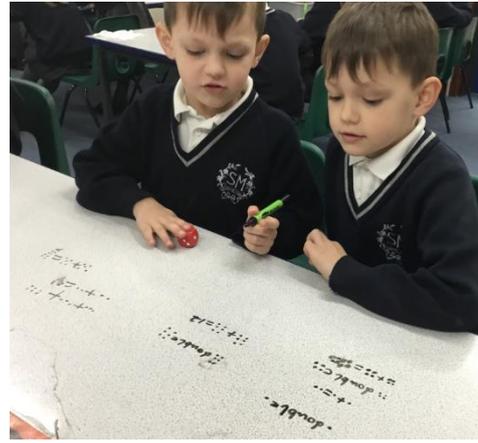
English

I am sure many Year 1 Mummies can guess that we have been learning about informal letters. We really enjoyed having the opportunity to write lovely Mother's Day letters to our Mummy, we even got to stick the stamp on the envelope and post them ourselves!



Mathematics

In Mathematics we have been focusing on addition and subtraction and are now focusing on place value within 50. We enjoyed learning about doubles - we particularly like the doubles song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jOzhiACB68> (Take a listen and you will love it too!) Earlier this term we also looked at shape and tried to figure out how many triangles we could make from a number of straws. Perhaps you could try this at home!



Science

In Science we have learnt about different materials, considering the different properties of materials and which would be most suitable to make a raincoat from! More recently, we have been revisiting our learning module Animals including humans. We have had fun revisiting the knowledge that we looked at last term. This time we have experimented making our own bird beaks and have recently been on a search for amphibians - particularly after we had a visitor in our classroom a few weeks ago! You may have noticed we have a tub of frog spawn and some live tadpoles in our outdoor area, we are eagerly watching to see what happens!

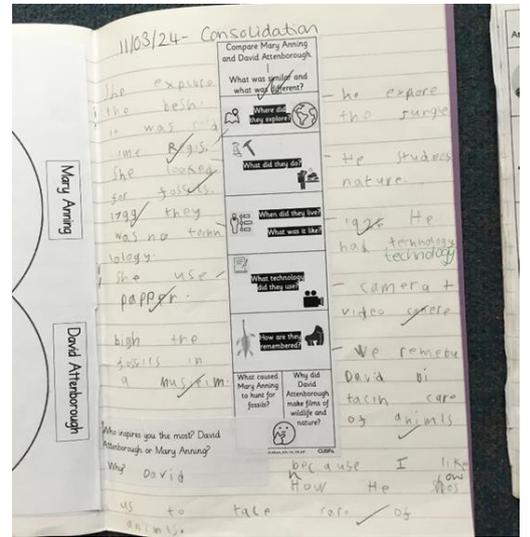


History

In History we have been learning about the lives of significant people. We really enjoyed learning lots about David Attenborough and Mary Anning. We agreed that both of them are significant in their own ways because of what they have contributed.

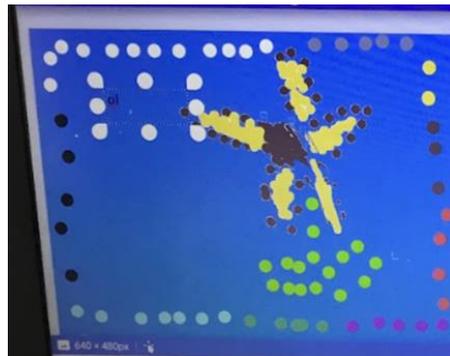
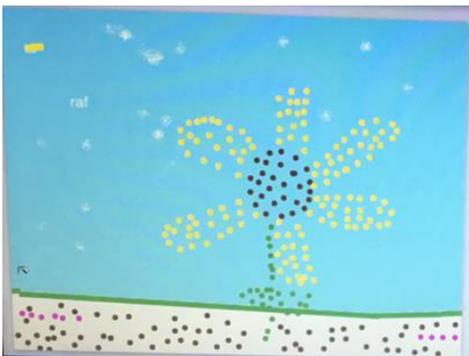
Geography

In Geography we have begun our topic about hot and cold places - we have been thinking about why a place is hot and others cold since our Continent topic! We have enjoyed using words such as equator and hemisphere to discuss the location of different areas of our planet. You may have seen our amazing drawings on the playground where we applied our learning about the location of the equator. We are now beginning to explore why it is hot close to the equator and colder in the polar regions!



Computing

In Computing we have been creating digital art and have been inspired by artists such as Van Gogh and Mondrian. We took time to compare digital art to hand made art work and identified similarities and differences between them.



Art and DT

In art we have been learning about the artist Katherine Hanson and learnt about her techniques to draw pictures of animals. We definitely share Katherine's love of animals in Year 1! In DT we really enjoyed our food unit when we got to make amazing fruit kebabs! They were super tasty and we enjoyed selecting and tasting the fruit! We also had great fun trying to make structures - we had to think carefully about how we could create a strong and stable structure.



Dance East Workshop



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://healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk/signposting/youngpeople/>

You can call Childline about anything on 0800 1111. There is the option to speak with one of its counsellors. 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 [Customer First](#) on 0808 800 4005.

In an emergency, call the Police on 999

Summer Term Dates

2nd May Beginning of Term Mass 2.30pm in Church
W/C 13th May: SATs week
W/C 20th May: Other Faith Week
22nd May Curriculum Evening: Pupil Mental Health
24th May Celebration Assembly
27th – 31st May Half Term
W/C 24th June: Arts Week
25th June School Music Concert
28th June Open Evening
17th & 18th July Key Stage 2 Play
19th July End of Term Mass 2pm in Church

Term dates for 2023 – 2024

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 19th July
Bank holiday: 6th May
Half term: 27th May – 31st May
Staff Training day: 12th April

Term dates for 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Wednesday 4th September – Friday 20th
December
Half term: 28th October – 1st November
Staff Training day: 2nd September, 3rd
September & 4th 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: 26th May – 30th May
Staff Training day: 22nd April