



St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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St Mary's RC Primary

School Newsletter

Friday 19th July 2024

Our Mission Statement

As God's family we are STARs within a loving and thriving community, celebrating our diversity. We ignite lifelong learning where everyone becomes a positive influence on our world.

Our Gospel Values

*Every person is a valued member of our community, invited to follow Christ's call to a life of **love**, **hope** and **forgiveness**. We **respect** and support each other to live in **peace**. We embrace challenges and develop the **courage** to create a better world for us all.*

Dear parents, carers and children!

I cannot believe that it is the Summer holidays already and what a wonderful year it has been! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their immense hard work, the children for their exceptional resilience and positivity, and to you parents and carers for your continued support of our wonderful school. There is so much to celebrate this year!

Children, please know that each and every adult in our school is so proud of you. Never forget- be the best you can be for yourself and for others. Be the STARs sharing the love of learning, sharing kindness and spreading God's love. You are perfect the way you are!

End of year is also the time when we say goodbye to our wonderful Y6 pupils. You have all developed into well rounded young individuals and we wish you all the very best of luck as you move to your high schools. Remember- believe in





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yourselves and be kind. Sky's the limit! You will all be missed however, we know that you are ready for your next adventure in the High Schools of your choice.

We are also very pleased that the Eco Council, yet again received their national award and recognition for all the hard work the children and staff do in order to look after our common home- the earth. There will be more initiatives next year, so please support the children in fundraising events to create a truly amazing wild garden at St Mary's.

Have wonderful summer holidays and we see you all on 3rd September 2024 at 8:35am!

Mrs Parker

Head of School

Some useful information

Safeguarding

Now that the Summer Holidays are here, please stay vigilant to ensure the safety of your children, especially older children who may play outside or go out to play with their friends. During Summer Months, undoubtedly some children will be spending more time online, and therefore we ask that all parents go onto NSPCC website (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children- Every Childhood is worth Fighting For) to find more information for parents on how to keep your children safe online on out and about.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>



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Parental Control: A Safe and Secure online experience for your kids



Youngsters get up to lots of things online



How a good Parental Control solution should work



The Internet



Interacting on social networks



Viewing educational and news websites



Viewing unwanted content (pornography, violence, file shares)



Sharing personal information (home address, phone number, credit card number)



Analyzes instant messages, emails and social network chats for personal data



Blocks phone numbers, addresses, and credit card numbers specified by parents



Blocks unwanted content based on categories and websites specified by parents



Allows parents to control when their kids can go online



Blocks unwanted programs



Easy to set up and manage



They provide an anonymous and encrypted data channel



But they don't work with Kaspersky Lab's Parental Control

SSL traffic is analyzed as well

Unwanted content is still blocked regardless of proxy

Unwanted content

Website categories most frequently blocked by Kaspersky Lab's Parental Control**



Useful content

We all know that the Internet is a great educational tool as well, right?



Kids frequently use web SSL proxy servers to bypass parental controls

** Data from Kaspersky Security Network (January - May 2013)

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Free School Meals

If your financial situation has changed, you might be able to receive **Free School Meals**. We strongly advise you to apply through our website as you might be entitled to some benefits that would support you and your family in these difficult times. Please see more on our website under:

<https://www.stmarysrcps.com/about-us/pupil-and-sports-premium/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/> All our PP children receive full funding for breakfast and after school clubs, **we support financially with part paying for the school uniform as well as school trips**. Please fill in the form just in case, as you might be eligible and therefore missing out on that form of support now.



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Also, if your child has only started our school, and their older siblings receive Free School Meals, that does not automatically make them eligible. You must fill a form and submit it on the government's website in order for your child to be eligible. Use the above link to fill the form. Thank you.

School Uniform

Now, before many of you will start buying the school uniform, can I please remind all parents about our school policy, which can be found on our school's website. I have mentioned this regularly however I wanted to bring some clarity in regards to PE.

<https://www.stmarysrcps.com/uniform-policy/>

From September, we will be making phone calls home or sending text messages to let you know that your child is not wearing the correct school uniform. All children are to be wearing full school uniform and this also includes PE. For clarity, no branded hoodies with logos on, colourful shorts or shoes- plain black shoes/ trainers or plimsolls for PE days only. This also means no jewellery or dangling earrings for girls. This is health and safety, and if children are wearing jewellery they will not be permitted out for playtimes and lunchtimes, or take part in PE lessons. Small stud earrings are ok but need to be removed for PE days.

Wisepay App

Wisepay has finally created an app for parents. This will be an easier way for you all to access.

You will need the school organisation code which is 37564633 and your normal login details.

Please contact the office if you have any problems accessing.





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Circus offer for the Summer Holidays



Circus CORTEX | LOWESTOFT, Royal Green, Marine Parade, Lowestoft, NR33 0QL

Thu 1st Aug to Mon 12th Aug - Shows Twice Daily

Use Code SCHOOL7 at checkout and get £7 Off per ticket on VIP & Grandstand individual seating.

CALENDAR DATES for 2024 - 2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

The following dates and events are subject to change if necessary. Please refer to the most up to date newsletters for termly dates.

September 2024			
4th	First Day Back	Children return to school	All children to be in for 8:45 lessons start
13th	Roald Dahl Day	Celebrating the life and works of Roald Dahl	In class reading
18th	School mass parents and parishioners welcomed		
20th	Jeans 4 Genes Day	Jeans for Genes wear jeans at work or school and raise money for children and families affected by genetic conditions. All children are encouraged to donate £1 for the charity. Non uniform day , but must wear denim 😊	



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25th	Supporting your child with reading at home	All parents are welcomed for an 8:45-9:30am workshop on supporting your child with phonics in KS1 and developing love for reading in KS2. Coffee and cake provided after workshop- come in and help us inspire your child's love for reading	
October 2024			
1st	Individual school photos	All pupils to wear full school uniform- no PE kit on that day please.	
3rd	Harvest Mass	Food bank donations welcomed	
14th -16th	Year 6 Residential	More information to follow	
14th -15th 16th - 17th	Year 5 Bikeability	More information to follow	
10th	Y1 Maths Cafe	All parents welcomed to join their children at 2:15 pm for a Maths Cafe in the hall.	
21st	1st Round of Flu vaccination		
November 2024			
11th	2nd Round of Flu vaccination		
14th	Y2 Maths Cafe	All parents welcomed to join their children at 2:15pm for a Maths Cafe in the hall.	
21st	Crucial Crew Year 6	More information to follow	
December 2024			
4th	Whole School Panto	Outside the Box Pantomime company coming to school donations of £2 towards the cost of the Panto welcomed.	
10th	Reception Seagull Theatre Trip	More information to follow	
9th	KS1 Christmas Disco	Time: 3:15-4:30 collection from the playground at 4:30. Donations of £3 per child	



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10th	KS2 Christmas Disco	Time: 3:15- 4:30pm, collection from the playground. Donations of £3 per child
20th	Last Day of term	We break up at 1:30pm.



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