



St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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St Mary's RC Primary

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School Newsletter

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.*

GOOD Ofsted Report

We are very proud to share with our whole school community our most recent Ofsted report. The judgement is Good in all areas and we are incredibly proud of all the work everyone at St Mary's put in over the past two years to ensure that our school is the best it can be! We are privileged that you have chosen our school for your children, and we are looking forward to the positive work ahead so that together with the children and parents alike, we can embark on our journey to be Outstanding next time.

Please check your emails for a covering letter from Mrs Armstrong accompanied with our Ofsted report. It will also be published on our school website.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone, with no exception for the diligent and hard work over the past two years. Everyone in our school community always goes the extra mile to support your children. Also, I cannot forget your children- after all they are the reason we chose to be teachers and work at schools; well done and thank you to all the children of St Mary's- you showed great resilience, thirst for learning and excitement which the inspectors recognised and praised your personal development and polite and good behaviour! You are all STARS and we are incredibly proud of every single one of you! Keep being the best you can be children!

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs Parker



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Welcoming Luke Douglas-Home again in our school

On Monday Luke, aka the Coastline Runner, from Future Without Rubbish paid another visit to our school. We had a whole school assembly where Luke shared with the children the kinds of rubbish he collects on his runs and why it is important to look after our environment. We were also pleased to have our new Lowestoft Town Mayor Mrs Nasima Begum, BBC Look East and the Lowestoft Journal. We believe that we all play an important part in looking after our Common Home, the world, and our Eco Council take the lead in educating our local community about the importance of keeping our beaches clean. This is why we partnered with Lowestoft Town Council to create some amazing posters. We are very proud of all the hard work the children with Mrs Tucker's support put into educating the wider community about the negative impact of sea pollution on our environment.

Please keep looking out for more news coverage in the future about the amazing initiatives our Eco Council will do!

If you missed the newspaper report from Lowestoft Journal and BBC Look East, please follow these links to learn more. Thank you!

https://www.lowestoftjournal.co.uk/news/24363061.litter-picking-forrest-gump-luke-douglas-home-lowestoft/?ref=socialflow&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2iGpOIQHUR2jz3vwFYr74sISxbXqWz1NyuQEDQjFZtY8SUqfqAnUJGdqA_aem_AUx883j5PCLVDTnQI1m9eZqNoiEIUlv_sX1ffidP2Q_Wy1AzuOZUgm8UY34kkE5ksOyK_JTPjP92-eqtGIGMc9lx





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Science Workshop

Thank you to Mrs McCarthy, our Y2 class teacher, for organising an exciting day of Scientific Workshops! The children loved learning more about fun experiments and broadening their knowledge and horizons. For more information on what the children are learning now in Science, please check your child's class pages for the most up to date class newsletters.



Y6 residential trip

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves on their residential trip. They were absolutely amazing and showed our STAR motto - be **Safe** , **Try** your best, **Aspire** to be the best you can be and **Respect** yourself and others.

The teachers reported that children showed resilience, good team spirit and looked out for each other! We couldn't ask for more ❤️ We are incredibly proud of the children.





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Y6 residential for the next year.

Please look out for communication within the next couple of weeks as we aim to give parents in Y5 as much notice as possible, so that payments can be made on a monthly basis rather than a big lump sum.

Y5 Annual Walsingham Trip

A massive well done to Y5 class for representing our school on St John The Baptist, Catholic Multi Academy Trust's annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Shrine. Thank you to Mr Cross for preparing the class for such a wonderful Mass and super well done to Evie and Dylan for your great reading at the mass.



Father's Day Messages

As a reminder, the supplement will appear in the Lowestoft Journal next Friday, June 14th





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Sports day trial next week

Can we please ask that **all pupils wear their PE kits next Friday**. We will have a whole school trial of some games etc, and to make sure the children are comfortable, we would like to ask that all children wear their PE kits. Just to be clear this is just a trial of games, not the Sports day, no parents are invited next week. The official Sports Day will be on the 19th June.

Also a reminder to make sure your children wear hats and sunscreen, especially now as they spend a lot of time outside during breaks and lunchtime on the field.

Y6 Theatre production at the Seagull theatre

The children are preparing their end of year production with the Seagull Theatre. The tickets are now on sale, so please check the website and purchase your tickets in good time. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/seagulltheatre/st-marys-primary-school-present-who-dunnit/e-vlaqmd>

Uniform Reminder

Please can we remind parents that children should come to school in the correct uniform as stated in the Uniform Policy. No dangling earrings are allowed.

16th July - International Families Day-

Homework for all parents (I hope you can forgive us;)

As a proud, culturally diverse school community, we would like to have an opportunity to celebrate this together through our annual **International Families Day Celebrations**. We encourage all parents and children to prepare short presentations (could just be a simple write up, PPT with photos, or poster) educating pupils in our school, on their parents' own experiences and growing up either in the UK or from abroad. The children love learning facts about other countries and cultures and this will be a perfect opportunity to celebrate our school diversity together and open the horizons for the children. We also encourage all children to dress in the colours of their flag and perhaps even bring a flag to school.

Things we encourage to consider when discussing with the children:

- When I was your age, at school we did.....
- In my free time after school we.....
- My favourite food as a child was.....
- My favourite subject was...because...
- How different was my school to your school?
- Life as a primary school child in my home country...



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If you'd be interested in taking part in this little project, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Masses

We are going to have Mass in school on the following dates at 9am. You are all welcome to join us.

Thursday 20th June - Whole School Mass

Wednesday 3rd July - Year 6 Leaving St Mary's Mass

Wednesday 17th July - End of School Year Mass - Wole School



CALENDAR DATES for 2023 - 2024 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.

June 2024		
12th	New Reception Parent Meeting	
19th	Sports Day - Whole School 9:15am - 11:15am	Whole school Sports Day AM Please be advised that we may need to cancel the Sports Day at a short notice (weather dependent). We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.
20th	Whole School Mass	
20th	Alternate Sports Day	Whole School 9:15am - 11:15am



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25th	School Photos	Professional School Photos taken for the new school's prospectus and MAT photos day.
26-27th	Y6 Theatre Performance	Evening performances for the end of year Y6 theatre production at the Seagulls Theatre https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/seagulltheatre/st-marys-primary-school-present-who-dunnit/e-vlaqmd
27th	Y6 Ignite retreat day	

July 2024		
3rd	Year 6 Leavers Mass and Leavers Assembly All parents/carers are welcome to join. Coffee and biscuits served between.	
3rd	EYFS and KS1 Summer school disco. Children are invited to bring a change of clothes to school. The disco will start at 3:15 and end at 4:30. After the disco, we will dismiss the children from the playground. In order to take part in the disco, we ask for a contribution of £2 for snacks which will be available to the children throughout the disco. Any parents volunteers, wishing to help, please get in touch with the school.	
4th	KS2 Summer school disco Children are invited to bring a change of clothes to school. The disco will start at 3:15 and end at 4:45. After the disco, we will dismiss the children from the playground. In order to take part in the disco, we ask for a contribution of £2 for snacks which will be available to the children throughout the disco. Any parents volunteers, wishing to help, please get in touch with the school.	
12th	Whole School Transition Day	Children will be dismissed from their new class lines or class doors. So if your child is moving to Y1 next year, please collect them from the Y1 class door, if moving to Y3, they will be collected from their new class lines on the playground. From September for dismissal, we will be lining up like during lunchtime, so please, do not congregate outside YR class



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		windows from or in the first basketball lines half.	
16th	International Families Day	We encourage all parents, from all backgrounds to share with their children what it was like to grow up and go to school in my country/ in my time? Please see the info above.	
17th	Whole School End of Year Mass		



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