



St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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School Newsletter

Friday 20th September 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.*

First School Mass of the year

Thank you to Father Pádraig and all parishioners who joined us for our first mass of the year held in our school. We would like to remind all parents in Y3 and above, wishing for their child to do their First Holy Communion this year, to get in touch with the parish directly. Here is the parish's website with more information: <https://ourladystarofthesealowestoft.wordpress.com/>

and alternatively email our parish priest Father Pádraig Hawkins padraig.hawkins@rcdea.org.uk





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Music lessons

We've had wonderful feedback from the children in regards to our music lessons. Especially in Y6 as for the first time we are teaching keyboards in Y6! Mrs Cheverton, Reception class teacher and our Music lead, has prepared letters which will go home next week as the children may be able to take instruments home to practise in their own time, provided that they look after them, bring them to school for lessons and return after the full year of learning.



As a school we collected a marvellous £153 for Jeans4Genes day! We are very proud to support this good cause! Thank you to all who contributed to this wonderful figure.



Harvest Mass at the school- 2nd October 2024

Minni Vinnies would like everyone in our school community to bring items of food, sanitary products and baby products to school from the 30th September. They will be collecting these products throughout the week and by Friday 4th October, they will contact Lowestoft Food Bank for collection. In this way, our students are active citizens and taking responsibility. On behalf of Mini Vinnies thank you in advance for your kind donations!



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Asda Reward App

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to support our school on the Asda rewards our pot is growing. If you haven't signed up yet please consider doing so there are 71 days to grow our pot of money.



Bringing dogs to school

We are a pet friendly school, however we must ask all parents who bring their dogs to school to be extra cautious and vigilant. We have a growing number of pupils and parents being upset by dogs barking and some reported that they were almost bitten. We cannot have that happening, so we must reiterate that no dogs are allowed on site or being left tied into our fence.

Thank you for your cooperation and helping us keep our children safe.



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Some useful information

Volunteers needed to support with daily reading at the school and regular school trips

If you have some spare time which you could support the school with, in the form of regular visits to listen to various children read in our school or join us for school trips, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Crowe or Miss Darlaston from our administration team to discuss the details and to complete DBS checks. Your support is invaluable, especially now when schools face unprecedented financial struggles.

Nut Free School

Please remember we are a nut free school. It is very important that you do not send your child into school with nuts as we have a number of children who have a severe allergy.





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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			
25th	Supporting your child with reading at home	<p>All parents from Reception and KS1 classes are welcomed for an 8:45-9:30am workshop on supporting your child with phonics. If your child is struggling with reading in KS2, you are welcomed to join too!</p> <p>Coffee and cake provided after the workshop- come in and help us inspire your child's love for reading.</p>	
October 2024			
1st	Individual school photos	All pupils wear full school uniform- no PE kit on that day please. only the children attending the school are allowed to be in for the photo.	
2nd	Harvest Mass	Food bank donations welcomed	
14th -16th	Year 6 Residential	Please speak to staff if you didn't attend the parents information evening	
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		
23rd-24th	Parents evenings bookable via Wisepay website		
November 2024			
11th	2nd Round of Flu vaccination		



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14th	Y2 Maths Cafe	All parents welcomed to join their children at 2:15pm for a Maths Cafe in the hall.
18th	Big Question Time	Year 4 class will do a knowledge based assembly to their parents in the hall from 2:15pm -3:00pm; this will be a showcase of their wider curriculum learning
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
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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