



St Mary's
Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

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Welcome Back!



A warm welcome back to all our families, particularly those who join St Mary's for the first time! We also extend a warm welcome to Miss Gater Y3, Miss Cooper

Y5 and Miss Bond who will be covering classes. A full list of staff and their classes and year groups can be found overleaf.

The summer break, as usual has been a very busy time at school with improvement projects being undertaken around the site. The most obvious ones of course are the roof, the additional tarmac surfaces and the next phase of the window replacement scheme at Key Stage 2. In addition, an extensive decorating project has been undertaken to spruce up KS1 Hall and some of our classrooms.

The pupils have returned to school looking incredibly smart and are a credit to your hard work, preparation and support. **Thank you.** The shiny new shoes and clean tidy uniform has really set the tone for another successful year at St Mary's! Thank you for your continued support and shared high aspiration for all our pupils.

Parent Information

Curriculum maps outline topic plans, timetables, useful dates and key routine information for each individual class will be issued shortly. Our website is currently being redeveloped. Please bear with us as information is updated over time.



Class Organisation

Please find below a reminder of how our classes are organised this academic year together with their class number for future reference!

Class	Year Group	Teacher/s		
N	FS1 YN	Mrs Kerry		Full Time
1	FS2 YR	Mrs Hindley + Mrs Banwell		4 days / 1 day
2	FS2 YR	Ms Hall	Team Leader EY	Full time
3	FS2 YR	Miss Noyce		Full time
4	Y1	Mrs Ireland / Mrs Orr		3 days / 2 days
5	Y1	Mrs Barnett		Full time
6	Y1	Mrs Cosby / Mrs Parkinson		3 days / 2 days
7	Y2	Miss Johnson		Full time
8	Y2	Mrs Colgan	Team Leader Y1 Y2	Full time
9	Y2	Miss Mayers		Full time
10	Y3	Miss Woodward		Full time
11	Y3	Miss Gater		
12	Y3	Mrs Messenger	Team Leader Y3 Y4	Full time
13	Y4	Mrs Ayre / Mrs Hewitt		3 days / 2 days
14	Y4	Mr Crook		Full time
15	Y4	Miss Hough		Full time
16	Y5	Mrs MacPherson		Full time
17	Y5	Miss Cooper		Full time
18	Y5	Mrs Harding		Full time
19	Y6	Mrs Landstrom		Full time
20	Y6	Mrs Bevington		Full time
21	Y6	Mr Rogers	Team Leader Y5 Y6	Full time

Collection Arrangements

Please ensure that your child is collected promptly at 3:15pm. There is no requirement for school staff to supervise pupils beyond 3:15pm. If your work or other commitments delay you from collecting your child, please make alternative arrangements. Any child not regularly collected by 3:15pm will be enrolled into SMART Club at a cost to parents /carers for childcare.



Attendance

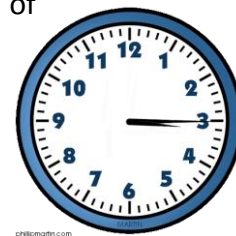


MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

In line with government legislation Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued to parents/carers whose child/ren have a number of unauthorised absences. Please complete a Leave from Learning Request Form which is available from the school office or our website should you need to make any absence requests. As you are aware, Fixed Penalty Notices will now be issued for unauthorised, non exceptional absences in term time. The amount payable to the Local Authority will be: £60 per parent, per child, when paid within 28 days. This amount will increase to £120 per parent, per child thereafter. None payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice within a 42 day period will result in prosecution for the period covered by the Fixed Penalty Notice under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996. There is no right of appeal. **Please visit our website for Procedures and Information for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices.**

Punctuality

Despite the pupils being welcomed into school from 8:50am, we still had a number of pupils last term who were arriving at or after 9:00am and are therefore registered as late. Our expectation is that all pupils will be settled and ready for **learning to begin at 9:00am**. Please help and support your child by arriving on site at or around 8:45am ready for the doors to open at 8:50am. This allows pupils time to unpack, organise themselves and prepare for the first lesson. Pupils who are late not only disturb the office staff, their class and teacher, they also find it very unsettling themselves. Pupils need your support in establishing a positive start to the day. **Please consider the following impact on your child's learning and progress:**



Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of learning lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Thank you for your co-operation.

Target Setting Meeting 2015



Letters will be circulated shortly inviting parents and carers into school to discuss your child's individual targets on either **Wednesday 21st October** or **Thursday 22nd October**. Please return your slips as soon as possible so appointments can be made. We look forward to seeing you!

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Report Feedback

Although last term seems a long time ago, please return your report feedback form as soon as possible. This information forms part of your child's record of achievement as well as acknowledging receipt of your child's end of year report. Many Thanks!



Uniform



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Our school uniform is available on line to make buying uniform for our parents and carers more straightforward. Simply type www.myschoolstyle.com in the address bar of the browser or search for myschoolstyle. Use the 'find my school' button on the home page. Choose the garments and accessories you require. Select the size, colour or quantity and 'add to basket' button. Click 'continue shopping' to add any further items. When you have finished shopping, click onto the 'checkout' button. Your order will be delivered to your home (or work) within a few days.

School Lunches

Please remember that all KS1 (Classes 1-9) are now entitled to a free school meal every day!



For KS2 pupils in Classes 10 -21 who are having either a school sandwich or a hot school meal the money should be paid each Monday morning to your child's teacher in a clearly marked envelope which includes your child's name, class or Year Group and the amount enclosed. The cost is £2.10 per day (i.e. £10.50 per week) You can also pay on line. Cheques are to be made payable to **Cheshire East Council**. Children must have either hot meals or sandwiches for the whole week and not choose to swap mid-week as food orders have already been placed.

If you think your child may be eligible for **free school meals** please telephone **0300 123 5012**. A decision may be given over the phone. Free school meals are not back dated, and so any meals taken before children are officially added to the register will have to be paid for. An application must be made for each individual child even if you already have an older child in receipt of Free School Meals. Only a handful of staff are aware of which pupils are in receipt of free school meals and there is no reference made either in class or when pupils arrive in the hall for their lunch. **You can register even if you don't wish your child to take the meal as being registered means they are entitled to some additional benefits in school.** If you have any queries regarding school meals please contact the kitchen directly where a member of the catering team will be happy to help you.



SMART Club

A big thank you to all of our superstar children who joined us during the summer holiday club. We have had a fantastic time, enjoying lots of fun activities and trips. Please keep a look out for the **October half term holiday club flier and booking form** which will be available from next week.



SMART club is available to all St Mary's children, before and after school and during the school holidays. We now have some new places available so please call Mrs Keenan for further information on prices and availability . For all SMART club bookings, enquiries and information please contact a member of the team on **07983304425**

Medicine Disclaimer

Please remember that if your child needs a prescription medicine administering **four** times a day, a medicine form must be completed and handed into the school office along with the medicine prior to 8:50am. Without the form, the medicines and full instructions, the medicine cannot be dispensed. For prescription medicines requiring three doses per day, this can be dispensed without a dose in school. Thank you.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a **clear plastic** water bottle with them every day containing clean, fresh water. Please ensure bottles are thoroughly washed each day as bacteria can quickly build in the caps. School water bottles are available on our school uniform order website www.myschoolstyle.com Thank you.



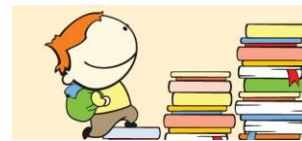
Non Smoking Site



Please may I remind parents and carers that St Mary's is a **non-smoking site**. This includes the e-cigarettes also. It would be very much appreciated if smoking took place **well away from the boundary** as not only are used butts being discarded on the floor by our entrance area, it is unpleasant for other pupils and parents walking through the smoke. Thank you.

Admission to Secondary School 2016

The application process starts this year early in September 2015. To apply, you need to complete your 'home' local authority's application form (i.e. the authority where you live), even if you plan to apply for a place in a school in another local authority. **It is very important to remember to submit your application by the closing date.**



If your child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) you will have received a separate letter from the Statutory Assessment Manager at Macclesfield Town Hall explaining the secondary transfer process and you should disregard the rest of this letter. If you have any queries and your child has a Statement of SEN please contact Chris Broadhurst tel 01625 378042 or email chris.broadhurst@cheshireeast.gov.uk or write to Chris Broadhurst, Statutory Assessment Team, Macclesfield Town Hall Market Place Macclesfield SK10 1DX.

Most Cheshire East residents choose to **apply online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk**. Applying online is quick and easy. Feedback has shown that one of the main advantages is that you can view your offer online on the published offer date rather than waiting for a letter to be received in the post. You can also follow us on Twitter **@CE_admissions** to receive general information throughout the process. If you do not have web access please contact the team on **0300 123 5012**.

You can apply for up to 3 schools and should rank them in preference order. If you are applying for a place at faith school, you may need to complete a supplementary information form (SIF) which can be downloaded from the Cheshire East website or by contacting the High School. Once completed these SIF forms should be returned to the High School for the attention of the governing body.

If an application is received after the closing date, it will be considered late and processed after all on-time applications, and can therefore be disadvantaged. Only if exceptional circumstances are presented can late applications be considered alongside those received on-time. Full details must be provided for consideration at the time of the application.

Further information about our application process and Cheshire East schools are available on the website, together with information about the Council's school transport policy and eligibility for families on low incomes. www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooltransport. If you do not have access to the Internet, or have an enquiry about the application process or school transport, please contact Cheshire East Admissions Team on 0300 123 5012.

Barbara Dale (School Organisation and Admissions Manager)

Dogs on Site

May I remind all parents and carers that apart from guide dogs, under Health & Safety law, no domestic dogs are permitted on the school site, even if carried. Please ensure they are secured safely beyond the perimeter fence and on a short lead so pedestrians on the narrow footpath are able to pass safely. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



Cheshire East Information Advice & Support



This is a free and confidential service which is available to all parents and carers of children aged 0 to 25 who have Special Educational Needs or Disability. The team can be contacted by telephone: 0300 123 5166 Email: parentpartnership@cheshireeast.gov.uk Post: CEIAS, Floor 4, c/o Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, Cheshire CW1 2BJ The Autumn Newsletter is now available to view on their website www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ceias or you can request a copy by contacting Mrs Clayton, our Special Needs Co ordinator

Extra-Curricular Activities



Please look out for letters and information from staff and organisations offering a wide variety of clubs available to pupils, either before, after or during the school day. Please find below the programme so far:

	KEYSTAGE 1 HALL	KEYSTAGE 2 HALL	KEYSTAGE 1 PLAYGROUND	MUGA
M O N	CHEERLEADING MISS MAYERS/MISS NOYCE Y3-6	LUNCHTIME- PREMIER SPORT STREET DANCE 3/4 CLUB PREMIER SPORTS ARCHERY (Y3-6)		
T U E S	BOXING KS1 CLUB	LUNCHTIME- CREWE ALEX CLUB 12:30-1.30pm CHOIR KS2 HALL MR PLANT	LUNCHTIME- CREWE ALEX CLUB 1pm-1.30pm	TENNIS MR CROOK YEAR 5/6 WEEKS 3, 4, 5
W E D	THE HUB DANCE CLUB TAP & BALLET Y1-Y6	CHONGI THAI BOXING MARK RUSSELL KS2 HALL		
T H U R	GYM CLUB MISS NOYCE ALL CHILDREN	INDOOR ATHLETICS MR ROGERS YR 5/6		
F R I	FOOTBALL CREWE ALEX FC KS1 CHILDREN	GYMNASTICS RECEPTION GYM PREMIER SPORTS		

School Photographer



Please make a note in your diaries. Our school photographers, Academy, will be in school on **Monday 19th October** to take your child's school photograph.

Risk Assessment

If your child is attending school with a broken limb, please contact the school office prior to the child being on site to arrange a risk assessment with a member of staff. Together you will be able to complete a risk assessment form to ensure your child is safe on site and all aspects of their day can be considered. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



Behaviour & Safety



Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us and during the school day we endeavour to ensure all the pupils in our care are safe, well behaved and supervised at all times. We also consider the safety and well being of everyone on site, including before and after the school day. We have witnessed pupils, whilst in the care of their parents, climbing on and jumping off school equipment, including the wooden gazebo, interfering with learning activities set up on the patio, jumping on/ off chairs, tables and the wall, and running around wildly. Balls are not permitted in any area of the school except the new sports court before or after school to ensure the safety and well being of everyone. It is vital that we insist upon a **calm, safe, walking site** and that parents and carers supervise and take responsibility for the behaviour and the safety of their children at all times. It is vital that we work together in keeping everyone safe and well behaved on site. Pupils using the trim trail equipment without an adult directly supervising them is not permitted. The trim trail equipment is not for use by St Thomas More pupils at any time. Please ensure this message is shared with your children. Thank you for your co-operation.

House Point System

This time last year we introduced a house points system in Key Stage 2 and subsequently into Key Stage 1 to supplement the good to be green system already in use. We agreed that as well as the sanctions, pupils need to be rewarded and recognised publicly for their amazing attitudes, good behaviour, good manners, good work and so on. The system proved very popular with the pupils. The house points are counted weekly and the winning house is announced in our team assemblies. All pupils have been allocated a house which has a corresponding colour which are as follows:

- **Mother Teresa (blue)**
- **Oscar Romero (red)**
- **St Vincent de Paul (green)**
- **John Paul II (yellow)**

Coloured pin badges are available for the children to buy. These are worn on their school jumpers to show which house they belong to.



Results Summary 2015



Year 1 Phonics Screening 2015

The following table compares the percentages by phonics result for the school in 2015 with the national results for 2014.

		Wa	Wt	A	D
All Pupils	National	74	24	0	2
	School	83	17	0	0
Boys	National	70	27	0	2
	School	79	21	0	0
Girls	National	78	21	0	1
	School	90	10	0	0

Wa Took the phonics screening check and met the required standard

Wt Took the phonics screening check and did not meet the required standard

Year 2 Phonics Screening 2015

The following table contains the 2015 phonics results by the percentage of Year 2 students who achieved the marks in Year 1 and Year 2.

		Wa	Wt
All Pupils	Year 1	83	11
	Year 2	10	7
Boys	Year 1	82	12
	Year 2	8	10
Girls	Year 1	84	11
	Year 2	13	3

National Results

The following table contains the 2014 phonics results for students nationally in England at the end of Year 2.

	Wa	Wt
All Pupils	88	10
Boys	86	12
Girls	91	8



END OF KS1 RESULTS 2015

This table shows a summary of the National Curriculum assessment results of pupils in the school (2015) and nationally (2014) at the end of Key Stage 1, as a percentage of those eligible for assessment.

The number of eligible children is: **90** Figures may not total 100 per cent because of rounding.

RESULTS OF TEACHER ASSESSMENT											
Percentage at each level											
			W	1	2C	2B	2A	3	4	Disapplied Children	Absent Children
Speaking & Listening	Boys	School	0	20	-	59	-	22	0	0	0
		National	2	11	-	67	-	20	0	0	0
	Girls	School	0	15	-	54	-	31	0	0	0
		National	1	6	-	64	-	28	0	0	0
	All	School	0	18	-	57	-	26	0	0	0
		National	2	9	-	66	-	24	0	0	0
Reading	Boys	School	2	12	14	29	22	22	0	0	0
		National	3	10	10	25	26	26	0	0	0
	Girls	School	3	8	8	13	33	36	0	0	0
		National	1	6	8	21	28	35	0	0	0
	All	School	2	10	11	22	27	28	0	0	0
		National	2	8	9	23	27	30	0	0	0
Writing	Boys	School	2	18	22	25	12	22	0	0	0
		National	3	15	20	31	20	11	0	0	0
	Girls	School	3	10	10	18	31	28	0	0	0
		National	2	8	13	29	27	21	0	0	0
	All	School	2	14	17	22	20	24	0	0	0
		National	2	11	16	30	23	16	0	0	0
Mathematics	Boys	School	2	4	4	37	29	24	0	0	0
		National	2	7	12	25	27	26	0	0	0
	Girls	School	3	3	21	18	36	21	0	0	0
		National	1	5	12	28	31	22	0	0	0
	All	School	2	3	11	29	32	22	0	0	0
		National	1	6	12	27	29	24	0	0	0
Science	Boys	School	2	12	-	76	-	10	0	0	-
		National	2	9	-	66	-	23	0	0	-
	Girls	School	3	10	-	69	-	18	0	0	-
		National	1	7	-	71	-	21	0	0	-
	All	School	2	11	-	73	-	13	0	0	-
		National	2	8	-	68	-	22	0	0	-



END OF KS2 RESULTS 2015

These tables show the percentage of Year 6 pupils achieving each level in 2015, compared to national end of Key Stage 2 Teacher Assessment Levels and Test Results for 2014.

The number of eligible children was: **76** Figures may not total 100 per cent because of rounding.

TEACHER ASSESSMENTS											
		Percentage at each level									
		W	1	2	3	4	5	6			
English	School	0	0	3	24	51	22	0		D	A
	National	1	1	2	9	47	39	2		0	0
Mathematics	School	0	0	3	14	51	24	8		0	0
	National	1	0	2	9	44	36	8		0	0
Science	School	0	0	1	11	49	39	0		0	0
	National	1	0	2	9	49	38	0		0	0

TEST RESULTS										
		Percentage at each level								
		B	3	4	5	6				
Grammar Punctuation & Spelling*	School	5	17	24	53	1		T	A	
	National	3	18	24	49	4		0	0	
Reading	School	7	7	50	37	0		0	0	
	National	3	6	39	49	0		3	0	
Mathematics	School	3	20	46	25	7		0	0	
	National	3	10	44	33	9		2	0	

Macmillan Cancer Care

On **Friday 25th September**, St Mary's is hosting a whole school coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care. Please come and join us for a drink and a cake!



On Line Payments



Please remember, payments can be made on line for school lunches, Early Years Snack, building fund, trips etc. Visit our website www.stmaryscrewe.co.uk and look for the e-payments to schools under the parent and carer zone.

Bicycles on Site

May I remind parents / carers and pupils who bring a bicycle on site **to dismount at the gate and walk the bike to the rack**. In order to keep everyone safe on site, bicycles need only be **pushed from the gate to the rack and not ridden around the paths and walkways at any time**. Thank you in anticipation of your full co-operation.



Sacramental Programme 2015 2016



Please remember that if your child will be involved in the Sacramental Programme this year, the first meeting will be held in KS1 Hall on **Monday 21st September from 7.00pm-8.00pm**. This meeting is for parents of Y3 pupils and any other pupils from Y4 Y5 or Y6 who wish to make their First Holy Communion. We look forward to seeing you.

Parish Catechist Team

RSPCA Fundraising

Just prior to the summer break, Risa Clarke and classmates Lauren Brooke and Alexis Bennett organised some fundraising activities for the RSPCA. They raised an amazing **£40.00** which will help the charity in many ways. Thank you to all those who supported and helped with the events!



Term Dates 2015 2016

	School Closes	School re-opens
Summer 2015		Thursday 3rd September
Autumn Half Term	Friday 23 rd October	Tuesday 3rd November
Christmas	Friday 18 th December	Monday 4 th January 2016
Spring Half Term	Friday 12th February	Monday 22nd February
Easter 2016	Thursday 24th March	Monday 11 th April
May Day	29 th April	Tuesday 3 rd May
Summer Half Term	Friday 27 th May	Monday 6 th June
Summer 2016	Wednesday 20 th July	

Good Friday 25th March 2016 Easter Monday 28th March 2016 May Day 2nd May 2016
3 remaining INSET DAYS: 2nd November 2015, 21st and 22nd July 2016