

Vision for St Mary's C of E Primary School

*Living, Loving and Learning in God's Care; our Christian values,
understanding of the Bible and curriculum teach us how to live, love and learn.
O Lord, teach me how you want me to live. Psalm 86:11*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below the weekly reminders from this week's school calendar:

Week commencing 16th December 2024		
Week 1 for school lunch menu		
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	Children may wear a Christmas jumper with school uniform trousers/skirt/dress and school shoes.
	PE whole school	Pupils to bring their PE kits to change into after lunch. Class 1 & 2 to come to school wearing their PE kit with a Christmas jumper on top.
	Carols by Candlelight	7pm at Knighton Village Hall. Join the Choir and friends of St Mary's Church for carol singing. Refreshments and raffle. Donations to the Children's Society.
Wed 18 th Dec	PTFA Treats Sale	At morning break time, the PTFA will be selling some sweet treats. If children would like to buy one, please send in 50p.
	Singing/Violin/Cello	Mrs Gault will be in school for singing, violin & cello lessons, so please bring in any instruments.
	Christmas Lunch	The children have their Christmas lunch.
Thursday 19 th Dec	Non-Uniform for the winning team	Congratulation to the Blue Team! They may wear their own clothes for the day.
	Party Afternoon	The children may bring in party clothes to change into at lunch time, with sensible shoes please.
Friday 20 th Dec	Christmas Church Service	9.30am St Mary's Church, Mucklestone. All staff and children will be attending. Parents, family and friends are very welcome. Nursery children are also welcome.
	End of school term	Pupils and staff break up for the Christmas holidays

Week commencing 6th January 2025

Week 1 for school lunch menu

Monday 6 th Jan	INSET DAY	School closed to pupils for staff training.
Tuesday 7 th Jan	New Term starts	Pupils return to school for the Spring term.
	PE whole school	Pupils to bring their PE kits to change into after lunch. Class 1 & 2 to come to school wearing their PE kit.
Wed 8 th Jan	Singing/ Violin/ Cello	Mrs Gault will be in school for singing, violin & cello lessons, so please bring in any instruments.
Friday 10 th Jan	Class 3 Swimming Lessons	Years 3 & 4 will start swimming lessons for 6 weeks at Market Drayton Swimming Centre. They will travel by coach to the pool for 2pm. Please ensure that they have swimming trunks/costume and towel. Parents are requested to collect their child from the Swimming Pool (TF9 1JT) at 3.15pm. Please ensure you are at the pool promptly for 3.15pm as staff must leave at 3.20pm. Siblings at school will be looked after by school staff while waiting for their parents to collect from the pool first.
	Woodwind lessons today	Children taking woodwind lessons should bring their instrument to school.
	Fitness Friday	All children (Reception to Year 6) should bring trainers/pumps into school every Friday for their extra PE sessions. Full PE kit is not necessary as they will only need to remove their tie and jumper.
Sunday 12 th Jan	Family Service	11.15am St Mary's Church, Muckleston. All welcome.

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School Choir relaunch	Please see the attached letter form Mrs Higgins and Mrs Hill with information about the relaunch of St Mary's school choir.
Talking Homework	As part of the school's Christian distinctiveness the children have been thinking about spiritual development and, as part of this focus, Mrs Hill will add a question to each weekly newsletter as part of our 'talking homework'. We would like to encourage families to spend some time talking about the question at home and this will then be discussed in school during RE and worship. This week's question is: 'If you were a colour, what would it be and why?'
School's Calendars for sale	Please see the attached Christmas message from the Calendar Team to schools and parents. The School's calendars are available to purchase and all money from sales goes towards the costs of managing the workshops in schools and setting up the public exhibitions. The price of Calendars is £5.00 and they can be bought from the desk at the Festival Drayton Centre, the Library, Glyn's Framing in Stafford Street and Brosy's Computer shop by the Indoor Market.

Celebration Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements week ending: 13th December

Class 1 Award	Jasper
Class 2 Award	Olivia
Class 3 Award	Tabitha & Rufus
Class 4 Award	Samuel, Mollie & Annabelle
Star Reading Award	Lawson
Gold Star	Samuel S
Head Teacher Award	Owen, Leo & Annabelle
Good to be Green Award	Noah
Meercat Award	Class 3
Winning House for the Week	Blue Team