



The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you who expressed an interest in being a governor following the message in last week's Friday Flyer. It is good to know that parents are keen to undertake this very important role. Governors are responsible for the strategic direction of the school and whilst they largely work 'behind the scenes', their work is nonetheless vital for the continual development of our school.

On another note, I did KS2 door duty this week and it struck me how happy and polite our children are. They arrive at school each morning with smiles on their faces ready for all that the day will bring. They are an absolute delight!

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Leads at St Mary's are Mrs Vassallo, Mrs Durand and Mrs Beirne. They can be contacted at safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk

Our Wednesday Word message

God wants us to be filled with joy – Jesus came to make our joy complete. In the first of his many miracles, Jesus changed the water into wine and brought great joy to the wedding celebration. For us too, Jesus changes our lives when he enters into our hearts and homes; he makes the ordinary special and life more joyful.



Attendance this half term

RAB	96.2	RES	95.8
1SW	95.9	1JB	97.4
2HH	98.4	2NG	97.0
3AW	99.3	3YL	97.5
4BY	96.2	4AC	96.0
5SR	98.7	5LM	97.2
6EW	97.7	6HW	97.9



Mobile facility for absence reporting

We are pleased to inform you that we now have an additional facility for reporting your child's absence. You are now able to send us a text on 07719 085 799.

When you send a text, please provide the following:

- Your child's name
- Your child's class
- The reason for absence

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NUMBER IS FOR TEXTING ONLY.

If you wish to leave a telephone message, please use the school number 020 8650 2355 - Option 1.

On Twitter this week...

Mr McNicholas has been busy updating our Twitter feed with the following events:

Mrs Hunt's farewell
Year 1 yoga
Year 2 at forest school

Little Princess Trust

The Little Princess Trust provides free, real-hair wigs for young cancer sufferers or for children and young people experiencing the devastating effects of hair loss. They also fund pioneering, life-saving research into childhood cancers.

Alice Judson in Year 5 and Cataleya Perkins-Charlie in Year 4 have both recently supported the Little Princess Trust by donating some of their hair to the charity. The links to their fundraising pages are below. Well done girls!

[Alice Judson](#)

[Cataleya Perkins-Charlie](#)

Lego competition winners

Congratulations to the following children- winners of the Christmas Lego competition:

KS1 winner George Mitchell 2NG
KS2 winner Maya Patel 4BY

Thank you to Mrs Conneely for organizing it!



Children's Mass at St Edmund's

Did you know that each Sunday at 9.30 am we have a Mass in the Hall for families with young children. This is a relaxed and friendly Mass which the families who attend seem to enjoy - they certainly come back to it, and we now have a lovely team of children to ring the bell and to carry the cross and to assist with the readings. New families are most welcome to come and join us.

Ankle boots

A reminder that our school uniform policy states that children should wear black shoes (closed toe) and not ankle boots to school. This is unless your child is exempt on medical grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

Imagine Children's Festival

The largest festival of its kind in the UK, *Imagine Children's Festival* is dedicated to families experiencing and enjoying all kinds of art and culture together.

Imagine Children's Festival turns 20 in 2022 but has no intention of growing up any time soon! We've got over 160 events jam-packed into 12 days and over 50% of the festival is completely free.

You can find the very best children's theatre, comedy, music, literature, dance and, most importantly, full-on fun for children and their grown-ups this February half-term.

Visit this link for further information:

[Imagine Children's Festival 2022](#)

COVID-19 update

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home until you are certain they do not have COVID.

In line with the reduced self-isolation approach which came into effect on 17 January, anyone who tests positive will be able to leave self-isolation 5 days after the date of their initial positive test if they receive a negative LFD results on day 6.

Here is the most recent DfE guidance:

Education and childcare settings are not expected to trace contacts of a positive case as this will remain the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. From Tuesday 11 January, contact tracing is triggered once a positive LFD test is reported.

Students should be strongly encouraged to test twice weekly at home and to [report all results to NHS Test and Trace](#).

Anyone with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate and follow self-isolation guidance. Information on the new arrangements can be found in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

This illustrates how the isolation period is calculated.

Day 0: When you develop symptoms or have a positive test

Day 5: First lateral flow test

Day 6: Second lateral flow test. If both Day 5 & 6 are negative you can leave self-isolation - provided you do not have COVID symptoms at this point

Birthday books

Because we have a number of children with allergies, we cannot permit sweets and cakes for birthdays, even if they are to be distributed on the playground after school.

If you wish to mark your child's birthday we would welcome a donation of a book for the class library; a book plate will be added to acknowledge your child's gift.

Next week at St Mary's

Monday 24 th January	3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R-Y2
Tuesday 25 th January	Hockey match Y5&6 NHS Dental Survey – 5 year olds 7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 26 th January	Year 6 road safety talk 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1-2 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Running- Y2&3 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 27 th January	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2 4.45pm – 6.00pm: Spotlights R-Y2
Friday 28 th January	Year 2 forest school 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y4-6 4.25pm- 5.25pm: Karate- Y1-3



All policies are available from the school on request.

