



St Mary's Newsletter

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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4EU

<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>

School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"May #OurLadyOfFatima guide our path of conversion and penance so that we may encounter Christ, the sun of justice. Let us #PrayTogether that the gentle light of the Lord may free us from all evil and dispel the darkness of this world tormented by wars." *Pope Francis (@Pontifex)*

Week Commencing 20th May 2024

Tues 21st May: Year 3 Swimming

Fri 24th May: Class Photos (School Jumpers Required)

Fri 24th May: Celebration Assemblies

27th-31st May: Half Term

Tues 11th June: Mass with Bishop Peter in Church at 2.15pm

Parents/carers warmly welcome to attend

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our School Council would like some board games which can be played outside at lunchtime. Do you have any unwanted games that you are able to donate? If you do, please bring them to the school office marked FAO School Council.



The weather at the moment is very changeable so please remember raincoats and sunhats, depending on the weather. All children need a water bottle in school every day, come rain or shine.

Warm Regards
Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

We will be hosting 2 celebration assemblies on Friday 24th May 2023.

Years 1, 2 and 3 at 9am

Years 4, 5 and 6 at 3pm

Both in the school hall. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.



NO PHONES ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Can we please kindly request that parents/carers **do not use mobile phones** anywhere on the school premises (including the playground) due to safeguarding concerns. Many thanks for your support.

READY TO LEARN

Please ensure that your children are in the playground at **8.40am** for when the bell rings. After 8.50am children will be given a late mark. A late arrival after 8.50am means the class has already started and this is disruptive for your child and others in the class. Please remind children to come equipped for the day.



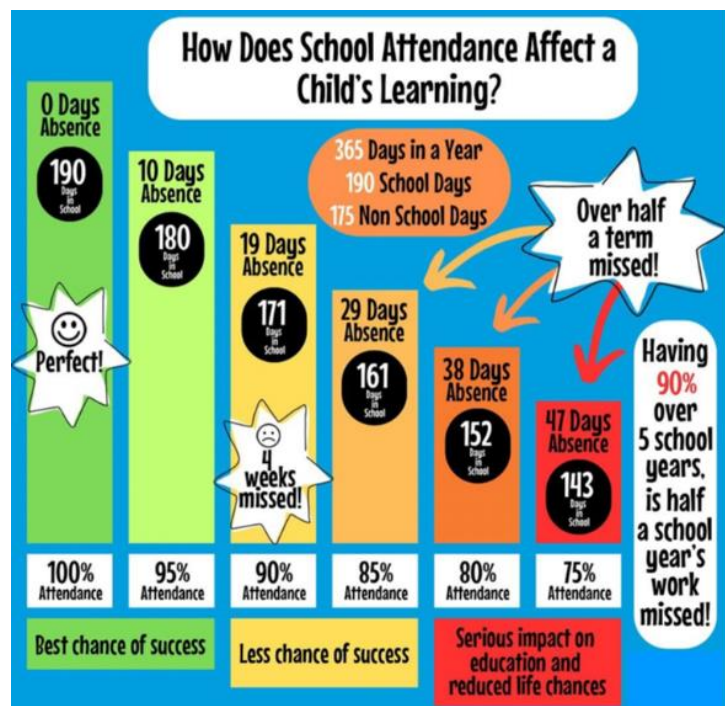
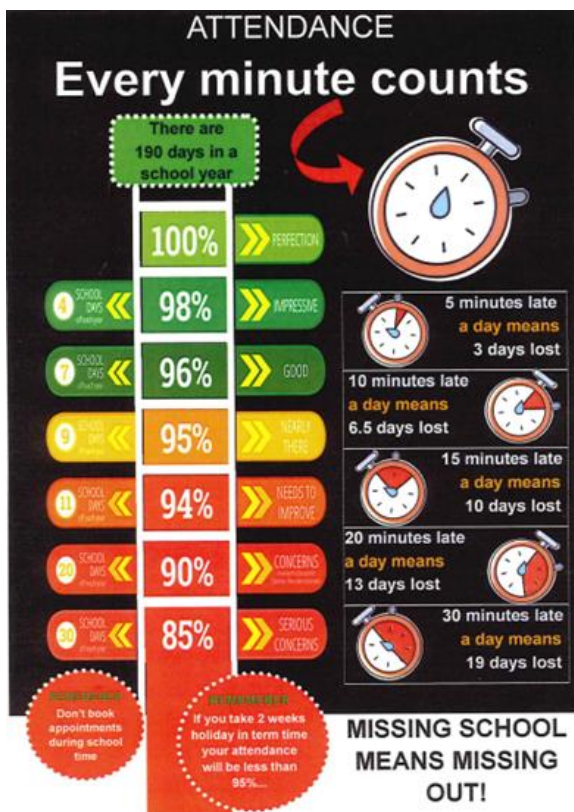
If your child is ill, please leave a message (every day of absence) on the School Absence Line (01473 728372) before 8am, or send an email to: admin@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk We do ask that all children who have been sick or had diarrhoea remain at home until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Please try to make appointments outside of school hours, however, for unavoidable medical appointments we do request notice in advance.

ATTENDANCE

Please take time to read and familiarise yourself with our Trust Attendance Policy: [Attendance Policy](#)

Please be aware that the school is unable to authorise holiday requests for absence during term time.

If you arrive after 8.50am, please come to the Office to sign the late book. It is really important that you ensure your child arrives at school between 8:40 and 8:50am. Registers close at 9am.



SPORTS CLUBS SUMMER TERM 2024

Mondays

Football Club (years 3, 4 & 5 boys) 3.30-4.30pm.

Thursdays

Football Club (years 3, 4 & 5 girls) starts at 8am.

Fridays

Multisports Club (years 1, 2 & 3) starts at 8am. **FULLY BOOKED**

Handball & Dodgeball (years 4, 5 & 6) starts at 12.10pm. **FULLY BOOKED**

Cricket & Rounders Club (years 4, 5 & 6) 3.30-4.30pm.

Please contact the School Office for further information.



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 15th June 2-4pm



The Friends of St Mary's Summer Fair is coming up! We are holding it slightly earlier than usual this year, on Saturday June 15th between 2 and 4pm.

To help us to put on an amazing fair, we would appreciate your help.

Volunteers – we would be extremely grateful for help on the day, to run a stall, set up or clear away. Please click volunteersignup.org/MHMQ to sign up. Even one hour of your time makes a huge difference to what we can offer.

Donations – soft toys, fidgets, small party bag type toys, bottles of soft or alcoholic drinks, and raffle prizes would all be amazing. There will be a box outside the school office to collect these.

Nearer the fair we will also be asking for lucky bags, and cake donations.

Many thanks for your support

Friends of St Mary's summer fair committee

Suffolk County Council's Children and Young People's Engagement Hub Team has launched an art well-being competition for children and young people in Suffolk, aged 5-25 years old, called 'Someone in My Corner'.

To have someone in your corner means to have someone who is supporting you and helping you in some way. The competition asks children and young people to think about a time when they had someone in their corner and how this helped support their emotional well-being, and to share their stories in the form of creative writing or artwork.

Competition entries can be in the form of:

Creative Writing – e.g. A poem, short story (MAX 500 words)

Artwork – A drawing, painting or doodle.

There will be three age groups for entries:

5 – 10 Year Olds

11 – 15 Year Olds

16 – 25 Year Olds

The competition winner of each age group will receive a £25 online voucher of their choice.

For further information and details of how to enter, visit <https://thesource.me.uk/mycorner/>

IPSWICH WINDRUSH SOCIETY

Ipswich Windrush Society is thrilled to announce Windrush 76 - Heritage & Legacy Festival, returning for its second year to commemorate the 76th anniversary of the arrival of the Windrush Generation to the United Kingdom. The festival will take place on 22nd June 2024, at Murray Road Park from 11am to 4pm, with free entry for all.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, which was very well attended with around 2,000 attendees, Windrush 76 - Heritage & Legacy Festival promises to be an even bigger celebration of the enduring legacy and cultural richness of the Windrush Generation. Attendees can look forward to a day filled with music, food, cultural workshops, and family-friendly activities.

Part of the Festival will be the opening Parade which will travel from Landseer Park to Murray Park (approximately 30 minutes at parade pace) Participants in the parade will walk together waving flags and blowing whistles in celebration of Windrush Day 2024.

Using A4 paper and felt tip pens, we are asking local school children to create their own flags, using the colours represented on the flags of the Caribbean islands, to be brought to the event and waved on the day. For anyone unable to come in person, their flags will be handed out to those taking part in the parade or made into bunting to decorate the event areas of Murray Park and Murrayside Community Centre.

Visit: <https://www.ipswichwindrushsociety.org/>

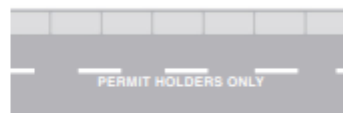


**Think
before you
park**

**POOR AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING CLOSE TO
SCHOOLS CAN PLACE CHILDREN AT RISK**



**DO NOT PARK ON
THE FOLLOWING**



To report problem parking, scan the QR code

Failure to follow these rules may result in a
Penalty Charge Notice being issued.

Please park safely and be considerate of others.



#thinkb4upark

IS THIS OK? – ONLINE SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SUFFOLK

Is This Ok? is a project run by Missing People and has been supporting young people since 2019.



It is a safe, completely anonymous and confidential service, recently launched in Suffolk that allows young people to find out more information about topics affecting them and to speak to a trained member of the team to get support, in efforts to stop exploitation.

The service is open every day and young people can speak to a member of the team between 4pm – 11pm to get specialist, non-judgemental support.

Please visit the Is This Ok? website to find out more: <https://www.isthisok.org.uk/>



Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

For parents / carers of children aged 9 and up

You are invited to attend two **free** online sessions to discuss all things "cyber".

These sessions will be suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world and it shouldn't be missed!

Part 1 will introduce you to the Cyber Choices programme which will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Choices Team. They will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also hear from Kent County Council's Education Safeguarding Team, who will provide an overview of:

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

Please visit the NCA website to find out more about [Cyber Choices](#)

Please register for **one** part 1 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 8th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 5th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Part 2 will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Protect Team. They will provide:

- Advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Identifying and protecting yours (and your children's) key accounts.
- Threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Benefits of family accounts.
- Parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

The aim of the session is to provide you with tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's [Stop! Think Fraud](#) and the National Cyber Security Centres [CyberAware](#) campaigns.

Again, please register for **one** part 2 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 15th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 12th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 10th July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

If you have any questions or would like us to cover a certain topic within our sessions, then please complete our [online form](#).

[NCA Cyber Choices](#)

[5th June Booking Link](#)

[3rd July Booking Link](#)

[12th June Booking Link](#)

[10th July Booking Link](#)

[Online Form](#)



Suffolk Parent Carer Forum **OPEN EVENT**

Meet professionals in SEND & Mental Health from
Suffolk County Council, Health Services, Voluntary
Sector and more

Wednesday 19th June

10:30 – 1:30

United Reformed Church
Ipswich St, Stowmarket
IP14 1AD

Information Stands

Presentations

Refreshments Provided

Free Attendees draw to win an Amazon Voucher

Working towards a brighter future for
Suffolk's children and young people

📍 Suffolk Parent Carer Forum, Brightspace, 160 Hadleigh Road, Ipswich, IP2 0HH
☎ 01473 760933 ✉ info@suffolkpcf.co.uk 🌐 www.suffolkpcf.co.uk

**Parent Carer Drop in for those
caring for a neurodivergent child
or child with SEND**



1st Tues 10am to 11.30am

The Phoenix Family Hub, Tudor Rd, Sudbury, CO10 1NP

2nd Tues 10am to 12noon

**Suffolk Family Carers, Unit 9, Hillview Business Park, Claydon,
IP6 0AJ**

4th Thurs 10am to 12noon- ND Families only

**Neurodivergent Abilities, The Key, St Margarets St, Ipswich,
IP4 2BB**

All sessions term time only
www.suffolkfamilycarers.org

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SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 4

Where did the Spring Term go! And when will we see that blazing ball in the sky? Summer Term has got off to an amazing start as we start to look at new topics and move forward with our learning journey in Year 4. Again, this is a busy term and there are many great opportunities to look forward to. We do have our Multiplication Tables Check to complete and this will take place from 5-7th June. Please ensure that your child is in school.

MATHS

Compare decimals

Write < or > to compare the decimals.

a) $0.7 > 0.5$

b) $0.3 < 0.4$

Draw counters to make the statements correct.

a) $0.7 < 0.5$

b) $0.3 > 0.4$

Ron and Amir have each made a number using counters on a place value chart.

Ron: $7 \text{ Ones} + 6 \text{ Tenths} + 8 \text{ Hundredths}$

Amir: $3 \text{ Ones} + 2 \text{ Tenths} + 5 \text{ Hundredths}$

Ron's number is greater than Amir's, because he has used twice as many counters.

Do you agree with Ting? *No*

Explain your reasoning. *there is no ones in Ron's*

Draw exactly eight counters in each chart to represent a number that matches each statement.

a) a number less than 0.76

b) a number greater than 5.74

c) a number between 5.13 and 5.29

How many different answers are there for each statement?

ENGLISH

In English, we have revisited diary entries and have also written Cinquain poems with the additional guidance of our visiting poet, James Carter. We are now starting to explore narrative poetry in more detail and will be writing our own critical analysis of a poem from 'Cautionary Tales for Children' by Hilaire Belloc.

16. 8.2024

Dear Diary, Today was super nice, just day over!

We went to the park and saw lots of butterflies and I had the best time there. We went to the pond and saw the goldfish and I was so happy. I saw a big tree and I was so happy. I was so happy. I was so happy.

The real one was better than the first one. We went to the big city and we went to the beach and we were so happy. I was so happy. I was so happy.

After that we got to the shopping place and we were so happy. I was so happy. I was so happy.

Hope these are good. I don't remember!

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Tuesday 19th April 2024

collected some poppers and we used to capture bees and flies.

Have Eric's hands, was a hot air balloon.

This morning, I threw the notebook outside under the table.

I dropped my school bag on the the way to school.

I got a creative book some red and black.

I got a piece of clothing made a vest.

I got something that is flat and is something that is flat.

29th April 2024

Dear diary,

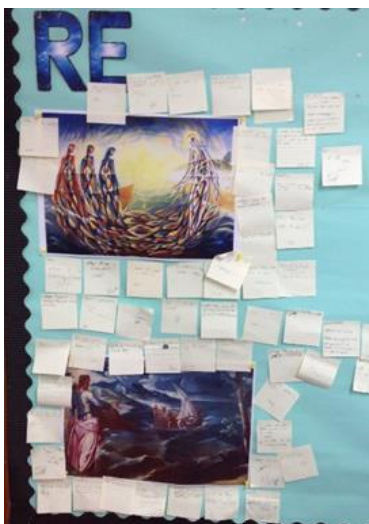
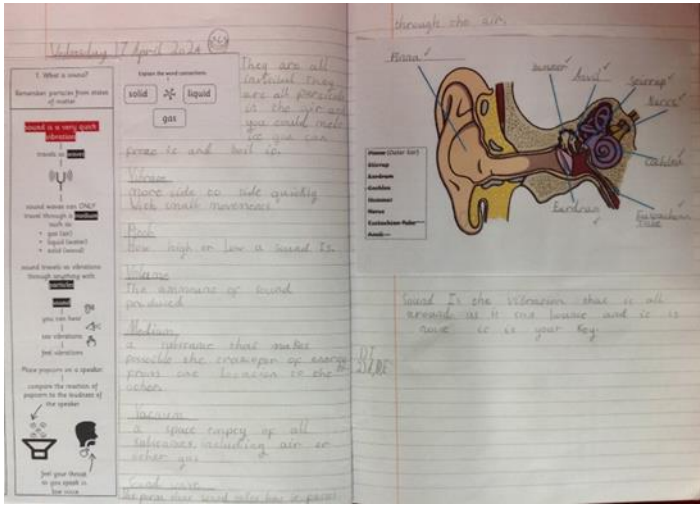
Today, was the most super nice day ever! I was so happy. I was so happy. I was so happy.

But, we only with the poems after lunch and my poem was about a tree that was before we with our poem. It was so nice. I was so happy. I was so happy.

And before we knew it it was finished. We had our lunch and then it was the afternoon and for our lesson we had R.E.

SCIENCE

Our new topic in Science is 'Sound and Electricity'. We have explored how sound travels, how we hear sound and how we can change pitch and volume. Thank you to all parents that were able to join us for our share afternoon. We really enjoyed learning alongside you and we hope that you also learnt something too. Last week we were also fortunate to share time in the Willow Garden with Year One, exploring vibration further and trying out string telephones.



RE

Our learning in RE has been very different this term, as we start our journey on our new RE curriculum 'To Know You More Clearly'. Our first branch 'To the Ends of the Earth' allows the children to learn through the lenses of Hear, Believe, Celebrate and Live. This unit will cover multiple levels of knowledge. (Ask your child how they find our new curriculum.)

ART

In Art, we have responded to the artwork of Suffolk artist Jason Gaythore-Hardy and have been honing our skills in drawing with different mediums. His work includes drawings of livestock and wildlife alongside landscape painting using natural pigments and, more recently, narrative drawings.



YEAR 1 TRIP TO COLCHESTER ZOO

Year 1, accompanied by Miss Southgate and some lovely helpers, enjoyed a visit to Colchester Zoo on 14th May. Although the weather was rather drizzly, the children had a great time and learnt lots of information about the many different animals they saw.





IPSWICH FIT



May Half Term at Ipswich Fit
Tuesday 28 - Friday 31 May

This May half term come and enjoy some fantastic activities across our facilities, we've got an exciting programme of activities including Bouncy play, Family roller-skating, snorkelling and more!

For more details please visit our website www.ipswichfit.co.uk

Get the best access to our half-term programme with our Young Person iCard for just £14.50, sign up today!

How to book?

Booking for our half-term activity programme will open 7 days before the activity from the 21 May.

Field Studies Council East Bergholt, CO7 6UL
Flatford Mill

29th May 2024 BioBlitz

Free
1 day to find as much of Flatford's wildlife as we can!

Join us at Flatford Mill!
Discover what lives underwater, in the bushes and flower meadows, and what soars above the treetops. What will you find on our Bioblitz?

8am Bird ringing

9am Small mammals & moth trapping

From 10am Many fun drop-in activities

8pm Twilight walks, owl watching & moth spotting

9pm Bat walk

Look a little closer at wildlife

Camera traps
Pond dipping
Butterfly transects
Lichen spotters
Minibeast hunting
Tree trails
Pitfall trapping
Worm charming
Flower folklore
Poo detectives

Contact us:
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enquiries.fm@field-studies-council.org
@FSCFlatfordMill

SCAN ME

St Alban's Catholic High School



Open Mornings

An opportunity to visit and experience the school as a live, learning environment, see our outstanding facilities and talk with key staff members.

Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th July 2024
9.10am – 10:25am

To book a tour please scan the QR code



St Alban's is part of the
Our Lady of Walsingham
Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

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#thestalbansway

ICM Invite you to our annual Health and Wellbeing Day 2024

Wednesday
22nd May 2024
10am-1pm



Meet and interact with more than 20 organisations working in the health and wellbeing sector, like Healthwatch Suffolk, Lighthouse, Feel Good Suffolk, GP Federation and many more.



Fundraising activities will include a plant sale and a henna stall



Burlington Church Hall, 6-2 Burlington Road,
Ipswich, IP1 2HA



NSPCC LISTEN UP, SPEAK UP



Listen up, Speak up

It's up to all of us to keep children safe. Take our free, 10-minute digital training and learn what to do if you're ever worried about a child or their family.

Sign up for our 10-minute training

It takes a village to raise a child. And it takes a community to keep children safe.

That's why the NSPCC is encouraging every adult in the UK to take their 10-minute digital training and learn how to listen up and speak up for children.

Listen up, Speak up will show you:

- *some signs a child might be at risk, and steps you can take to help
- *how to approach difficult conversations to help keep children safe
- *who you can contact if you're ever concerned about a child or their family.

Follow this link: [NSPCC Listen up, Speak up 10-minute Training](#)

Worried about a child?

If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact the NSPCC Helpline to speak to a counsellor. Call us on 0808 800 5000, or email help@nspcc.org.uk

IN NEED OF SUPPORT?

Some sources of support are as follows:

<https://healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk/signposting/youngpeople/>

You can call Childline about anything on 0800 1111. There is the option to speak with one of its councillors. It also has plenty of information on its website, including information about Cyberbullying: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

[Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Hub](#)

Information, advice and support for anyone concerned about the emotional wellbeing and mental health of a child or young person aged 0 to 25 years. Link above or call 0345 600 2090.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Anyone can call Samaritans on 116 123. It does not matter how old you are or what is bothering you. [This page](#) on the Samaritans website tells you what to expect if you call them.

If you are concerned about an immediate risk to the safety of a child, please call [Customer First](#) on 0808 800 4005.

In an emergency, call the Police on 999.

Summer Term Dates

W/C 20th May: Other Faith Week

24th May Celebration Assembly

27th – 31st May Half Term

W/C 24th June: Arts Week

25th June School Music Concert

28th June Open Evening

17th & 18th July Key Stage 2 Play

19th July End of Term Mass 2pm in Church

Term dates for 2023 – 2024

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 19th July

Bank holiday: 6th May

Half term: 27th May – 31st May

Staff Training day: 12th April

Term dates for 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Wednesday 4th September – Friday 20th December

Half term: 28th October – 1st November

Staff Training day: 2nd September, 3rd September &
4th November

Spring Term 2025

Tuesday 7th January – Friday 4th April

Half term: 17th February – 21st February

Staff Training day: 6th January

Summer Term 2025

Wednesday 23rd April – Tuesday 22nd July

Bank holiday: 5th May

Half term: 26th May – 30th May

Staff Training day: 22nd April