



26TH JANUARY 2024

# FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

## SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

A warm welcome to this week's newsletter. The chaplains delivered a whole school, 'Celebration of the Word' based on how we can live out what we learn through scripture from the bible. Our 'I can' statement is - 'I try to follow our school and classroom rules' which links nicely to our rules on ICT and the use of Chromebooks. Please ensure that all iPad, laptop, Chromebook, Xbox, Playstation etc. e-safety checks are in place at home so helping us to keep all our children safe.

This week the pupils are informing the newsletter by telling us about one subject that they enjoyed this week:

### Class 2

Bella- 'I have enjoyed learning about dragons in English and how we use adjectives to describe them.'

Immy- 'I enjoy learning my spellings and it helps my writing.'

Aruna- 'I love mathematics, we are learning about inequality symbols.'

Paisley- 'I love phonics because we learn new sounds.'

William- 'I love using the iPads to learn about numbers and the more I get correct the higher my level goes!'

Alice, Caleb, Elsie, April- 'I like Religious Education as I learn about God, we have pictures to help us. It makes me feel happy.'

Clay- 'In RE we learn about what Jesus did when he was alive.'

### Class 3

Patrick- 'I love learning about our new adventure story 'Rhythm of the rain.'

Jacob- 'Mathematics is great especially learning new times tables, we get to use problem solving.'

Ava- 'I love art as I get to paint rivers and use colours that link to other artists.'

Zach, 'Science is great, we learn how to do practical experiments and how to apply these which also links to God's creation since every plant is different just like each of us, none of us have the same finger print.'

Gracie- 'I love French and the fun activities.'

Ronan- 'ICT 'I am learning how to edit on Canva.'

Henry- 'RE - we are learning about community and how Jesus had a community just like our school community.'

### Class 4

Elizabeth- 'In Global Learning we are learning about war and conflict and comparing war from the past with modern day warfare.'

Alfie- 'Mathematics- 'I know how to multiply fractions and I can do it really quickly.'

Kian- 'I can retrieve key information from our new books called, 'High Rise Mystery.'

Millie- 'RE- 'I love the challenge of identifying scripture using the bible.'

Erin- 'Swimming is great.'

Joseph- 'All about me helps me to understand how to deal with things that might happen.'

Ted and William- 'I love creating our own website based on our history topic of Anglo Saxons.'

Ella- 'I love PE especially dance, we can learn how to create a sequence.'

Eva- 'I love netball, our afterschool club.'

Ava- 'Guided reading because we do lots of different activities.'

Bella- 'Lunch time where I can chat and talk with friends.'

Daisy- 'I enjoy SATs club.'

Maisie- 'I love prayer groups and teaching the younger children.'

Ella- 'I love music especially learning to play the ukulele.'

Antoni- 'I love French and how to say the time in this language.'

The year 3 and 4 Dodgeball team were in action this week. They were absolutely fantastic and placed fourth in a very competitive field. We couldn't get any photos unfortunately but they played really well and made us proud. Next week, we're looking forward to a Panathlon!

On Wednesday afternoon Class One went for a walk down to the Torrs and completed a Geography investigation looking for six key human features within New Mills. Please enjoy the photographs!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Chapman

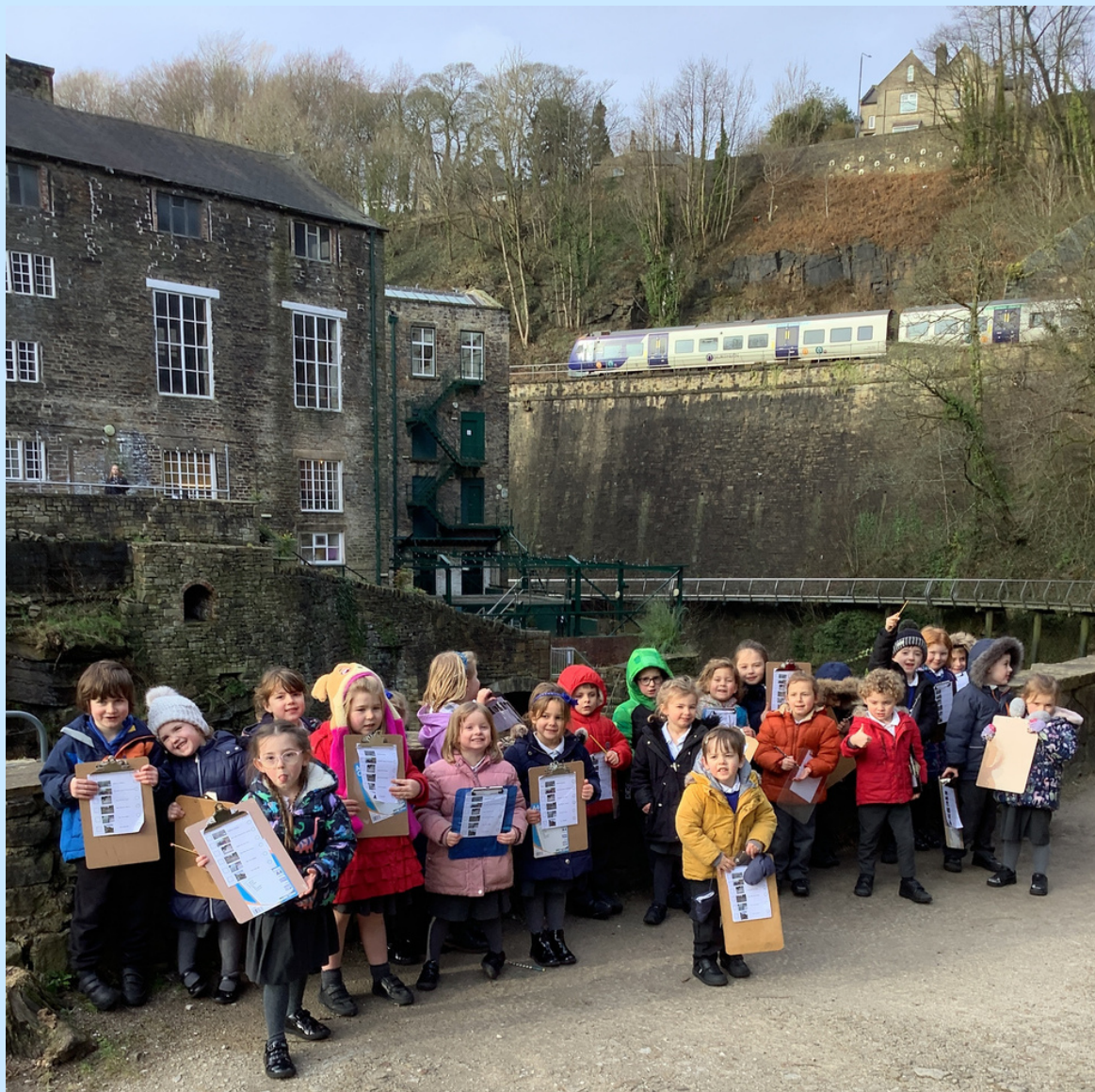
# CLASS 2 PE SESSION





# CLASS ONE GEOGRAPHY INVESTIGATION

On Wednesday afternoon Class One went for a walk down to the Torrs and completed a Geography investigation looking for six key human features within New Mills. They had clipboards each with their "human feature ticklist" sheets ready and listed in which order they found each of the six on their travels! Their focus features were The Bus Station, The Train Station, Torr Vale Mill, The Millennium Walkway, Torrs Hydro and the Steps into the Torrs.





# WRAPAROUND CLUB





# SCHOOL MEALS

On Thursday we had our 'big breakfast' day - our favourite dinner of the week!



# DATES TO NOTE

<b>Monday 15th January to Monday 29th April</b>	<b>SATs after school revision club for all year six pupils, 3.20pm to 4.15pm every Monday</b>
<b>Thursday 15th February</b>	<b>Geography collapsed curriculum day – normal school uniform on this day please. All parents and carers are invited to come into school at 2.40pm to share in the children’s learning.</b>
<b>Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February</b>	<b>Half term holiday</b>
<b>Monday 26th February</b>	<b>INSET day – school closed to pupils</b>
<b>Thursday 14th March</b>	<b>Parents meeting regarding the residential trip to The Briars (year 5 only) 3.20–4.00pm</b>
<b>Monday 18th and Tuesday 18th March</b>	<b>Parents consultation sessions</b>
<b>W/C Monday 25th March</b>	<b>Holy Week</b>
<b>Thursday 28th March</b>	<b>Lenten service in school at 1.30pm – everyone is very welcome to attend. School closes at 2.00pm on this day. There will be no after school club on this day</b>
<b>Friday 29th March to Monday 15th April</b>	<b>Easter holidays and INSET day</b>
<b>Tuesday 16th April</b>	<b>National primary places offer day</b>
<b>Wednesday 17th April</b>	<b>Class photos</b>
<b>Wednesday 8th May to Friday 10th May</b>	<b>Year five residential trip to The Briars</b>
<b>W/C Monday 13th May</b>	<b>SATs week</b>
<b>Thursday 16th May</b>	<b>Parent meeting regarding the residential trip to Lea Green (year 6 only) 3.20pm–4.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 23rd May</b>	<b>Class one assembly 9.15</b>
<b>Thursday 23rd May</b>	<b>Science collapsed curriculum day</b>
<b>Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May</b>	<b>Half term holidays</b>
<b>Thursday 13th June</b>	<b>Class three assembly 9.15am</b>
<b>Thursday 20th June</b>	<b>Class two assembly 9.15am</b>
<b>Wednesday 26th June to Friday 28th June</b>	<b>Year six residential trip to Lea Green</b>
<b>Monday 15th July</b>	<b>Class four end of year production dress rehearsal (all invited) 1.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 16th July</b>	<b>Class four end of year production (all invited) 6.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 19th July</b>	<b>School closes for the summer break</b>



# SCHOOL COMMUNITY NOTICES



**If anyone has any clothes at home that belong to school, please send them back to us ASAP!!**

**Our dinner table discussion this week was 'can you cast a shadow into a dark room?'**

*If you don't currently have access to ClassDojo but you would like to, please speak to the school office.*

**"Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace." Confucius**

*Please be very careful when parking outside school. Please drive slowly and don't park on the zigzags, even just to drop off. This helps to keep our children safe.*

*If anyone has changed their name, phone number, address, e-mail address etc. recently please do let us know so that we can amend the database. It is vital that we hold the correct contact details for everyone.*

**Star of the Week this week was awarded to someone who enjoys reading.**

*Secondary Admissions Consultation - We have 2 consultations re Admissions in 2025-2026 running. Please click here for further details  
<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/governance/admissions/>*

*High attendance is vitally important to every child, educationally, socially, and legally. This is a good opportunity to remind everyone holidays should not be booked during term time. Headteachers are not permitted to authorise absences unless there are exceptional circumstances. This does not include reduced holiday costs. If a child is not in school and the absence is not authorised, we are under a duty to report this to the Local Authority who may issue you with a penalty notice.*

**Our statement of belief this week was - I try to follow our school and classroom rules.**

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WAS 94.5% THIS WEEK!**

# OUR MISSION STATEMENT

## S – Service and Stewardship

- We care for each other – ‘Love one another as I have loved you’
- We understand our obligation and responsibility to other in our local, national and world wide communities.
- We are learning to become global citizens, courageously following in Jesus’ footsteps.
- We are working together to Building God’s Kingdom on Earth.
- We are helping to look after the most vulnerable in our communities.

## T – Togetherness

- We work together for the greater good.
- We work together cooperatively as a team.
- We are disciples of Christ and we show this through our actions.
- We are stronger together.

## M – Mission

- We ensure all of our pupils receive the best learning opportunities through the provision of a broad and diverse curriculum.
- We bring Christ to all of our children, ensuring that he is front and centre in everything we do – ‘Rip of the Roof’.
- We are the living Gospel.
- We strive to be the best we can be and achieve our God given potential.

## A – Awe and Wonder

- We are inspiring our pupils to be future leaders.
- We recognise the awe and wonder in God’s creation.
- We recognising our uniqueness in the eyes of God.
- We are being inspired to learn more, know more and understand more.

## R – Reconciliation and Forgiveness

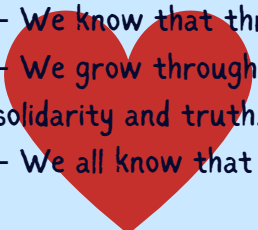
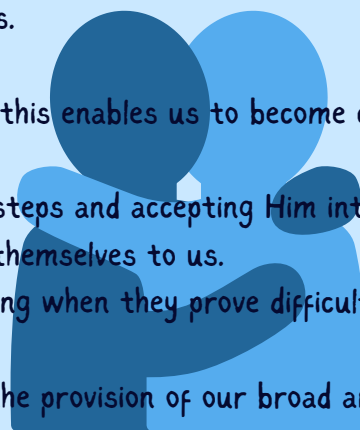
- We know how to say sorry and recognise when we have done something wrong.
- We know how to ask God and others for forgiveness.
- We know how to forgive others as God forgives us.
- We know that we can learn from our mistakes and this enables us to become closer to God.

## Y – Yes!

- We are Saying ‘yes’ to God by following in His footsteps and accepting Him into our hearts.
- We are Saying ‘yes’ to opportunities that present themselves to us.
- We are saying ‘yes’ to new challenges and persevering when they prove difficult.
- We are saying ‘yes’ to helping those in need.
- We are saying ‘yes’ to achieving our best through the provision of our broad and diverse curriculum.
- We are saying ‘yes’ to celebrating our differences.

## S – Spirituality

- We recognise our faith in God and that we are all part of something greater.
- We know that through prayer we discover who we are and why we are here.
- We grow through our Gospel Values, of acceptance, hope, faith, courage, honesty, love, charity, solidarity and truth.
- We all know that “I am Important and Precious because God loves me”.





# SCHOOL HEALTH

There is lots of information available about children and young people's health, including the school nursing team, vaccinations and the national child measurement programme here - [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/health-and-wellbeing/your-health/children-and-young-peoples-health/children-and-young-peoples-health.aspx](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/health-and-wellbeing/your-health/children-and-young-peoples-health/children-and-young-peoples-health.aspx)



Information about the neurodiversity hub, which is based in Buxton, can be found here - [www.zink.ork.uk](http://www.zink.ork.uk)

There is also lots of information on our school website, including information about the foodbank here - <https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/parents/family-support-and-school-health/>





# SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about a child or something else, please contact one of St Mary's designated leads for Safeguarding on [safeguarding@nmm.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@nmm.srscmat.co.uk), who are:

**Mrs Chapman – Headteacher and Senior Safeguarding lead**

**Mrs Mallabar – Designated Safeguarding Lead, Class Teacher and Mental Health Ambassador**

**Mrs Laura Chapman (SENCO) – Designated Safeguarding Lead**

**Mr Matthew Pearson – Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Please see the school website here:

<https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/parents/snow-procedures/>  
for our adverse weather procedures

As a school, we are always here to support you and your family. If your family circumstances have changed, for example a loss of a loved one, a separation or even a house move, please do let us know. Changes like these will impact children and it would really help if we knew about your changing circumstances to help us best support you all.

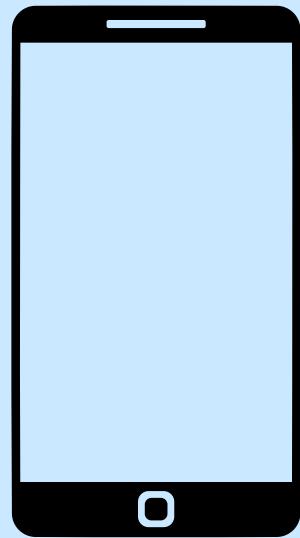




# SAFEGUARDING ONLINE

**SCHOOL CHROMEBOOKS – AS A REMINDER, THE CHROMEBOOKS THAT KEY STAGE TWO CHILDREN BRING HOME EVERYDAY ARE ONLY TO BE USED FOR LEARNING. IN SCHOOL, THE CHROMEBOOKS ARE FILTERED TO ENSURE THAT NO INAPPROPRIATE SITES CAN BE ACCESSED BUT ONCE THE DEVICE IS TAKEN HOME, WE DO NOT HAVE CONTROL OF WHAT IS VIEWED AS THIS IS LINKED TO YOUR HOME WI-FI CONTROLS. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE ACCESSING SITES SUCH AS TIKTOK, YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK ETC. ON THESE DEVICES. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNSUPERVISED ON THEIR CHROMEBOOKS. IF WE FIND THAT CHILDREN ARE NOT USING THEM PROPERLY, WE WILL REMOVE THE DEVICES FOR HOME USE. A NEW ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT WILL BE SENT OUT IN DUE COURSE.**

Some of our children may have been lucky enough to receive new devices for Christmas, such as a mobile phone, games console or tablet. It is therefore really important to think about keeping our children safe online. Please do set parental controls on your children's devices so that you can control what they see and how long they can use their devices for. It is also vital to talk to your children about why you are doing this and let them know that they can talk to you if they see something inappropriate or upsetting.



The NSPCC have some fantastic resources which are free to access, explaining how to keep children safe online and how to set parental controls – <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

They also have guides about social media platforms and how to help children stay safe when using them. As a reminder, **no primary school age pupils should be accessing social media at all.**



Please also be alert to children watching films or playing games which are not appropriate for their age and stage. Always follow the age guidance and be mindful of young children watching upsetting or violent films or playing games not meant for their age. This can be very distressing and can cause long term harm.



# EXTRA INFORMATION



In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

Here are some useful tips to keep safe this winter:



### KEEP BACK FROM THE EDGE

Keep back from slippery banks.  
Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths.  
Never go onto the ice.



### KEEP CHILDREN AND DOGS WITHIN REACH

Teach children not to go onto ice.  
Keep dogs on a lead near ice and slippery banks.  
If out enjoying a winter walk, walk with friends.



Enjoy Water Safely



### IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP.

Stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

Wait for help and keep as still as possible.  
Preserve heat by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water.  
Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



### CALL 999

Do not enter cold water or ice to rescue.

Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

CHILDREN FIND ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL UPSETTING AND THEY MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES. PLEASE WORK WITH US TO PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH THE BEST CHANCES OF LEARNING BY ENSURING THEY ARE IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND ON TIME.

Your child has arrived in good time to meet friends and get ready for morning work in class.

**8.45AM**  
The school day begins at 8.45am with soft start for key stage one. The classrooms are open and children should come into school.

**8.55AM**  
The register is completed. Children should be ready to start their learning.

**9.00am - Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day. 5 minutes late means 3 days lost per year.**

**9.10AM**  
The teacher has explained the learning and lessons have started.

**9.10am - 15 minutes late means 9 days lost per year**

**9.15AM**  
Lessons are well underway and work is being produced.

9.15am - The register closes. Any arrival after this time is an unauthorised absence.

## Could your child be entitled to Free School Meals?

For every pupil registered, the school will receive additional funding in the school budget called Pupil Premium which is used to help raise achievement levels.

By ensuring that as many eligible families as possible have applied for free school meals, we will receive our maximum Pupil Premium funding which enables us to provide the best education for our pupils.

Search 'Derbyshire County Council Free School Meals' for the link to apply!

We encourage parents of children who receive Universal Infant Free School Meals to still apply for Free School Meals as this will ensure school receives essential funding.

Please contact the school office if you need any support applying for Free School Meals.

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