



12TH JULY 2024

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Another busy and fun filled active week in school, with key stage one sports day, year five bikeability, afternoon tea, the infants trip to the Runway Visitor Centre, Pupil Parliament and the summer fair. A huge thank you to everyone for their help in making these events run so smoothly.

We had 31 adults present at our 'Thank you Volunteers' day. The year six pupils organised this wonderful event. Thank you from all the staff at St. Mary's for all that you do to help our school.

The Pupil Parliament team were in action this week with a trip to Fenny Bentley to review and rebrand the name to 'Ambassadors of Hope' and to create a constitution. We look forward to hearing all about their proposals for next term. All the Little FISH groups had a meeting with Mrs Hodgson to discuss our actions next year to support the most vulnerable in society and to continue our work on sustainability.

We also had our summer fair this week. Thank you to all of the PTA for organising this event and thank you to everyone who came. Events such as these raise much needed funds for school.

Class 1 and 2 had an excellent trip to Manchester Airport on Thursday, please enjoy the photos below. On Friday we had our Mission Day during which the pupils focused on the prayer 'Our Father'. They have used art to recreate the prayer and sign language to say it. Finally our new chaplains had their interviews with the current chaplains. Well done to all of you! We are going to rebrand the name of senior chaplains. The pupils will decide what their new title will be.

Next week, we have our class 4 productions, everyone is welcome to both the dress rehearsal and the evening performance. For the evening performance, could children taking part be back at school for 5.30pm. There will be no after school sports clubs with Mrs Evans next week. Also next week, we have the faith day where we welcome a visitor talking to us about the Islamic faith, we have the leavers Mass at church (Thursday 10.00am, everyone welcome) and the leavers assembly (Friday 1.30pm, everyone welcome). Please see the dates to note below or ClassDojo for more details. School closes at 2.30pm on Friday, all children should be picked up at 2.30pm on Friday.

God bless and have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Chapman.

Copies of both the school newsletters and the Parish newsletters can be found here –

<https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/news/newsletters/>

Our Catholic life and mission newsletter can be found here <https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/catholic-life/catholic-social-teaching/>

Our Trust newsletter can be found here <https://bit.ly/3UQsldI>

Key stage one sports day



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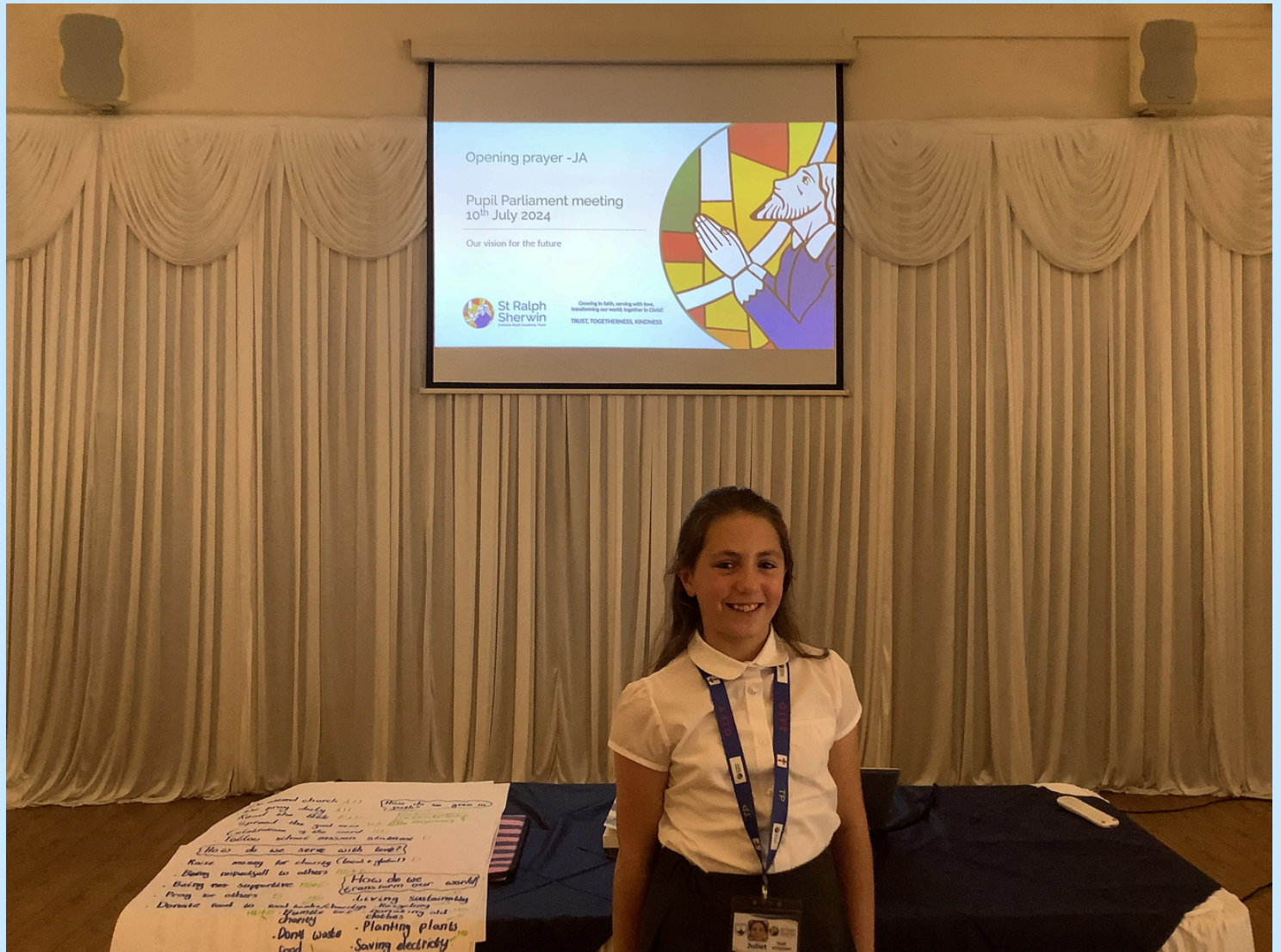
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Pupil parliament



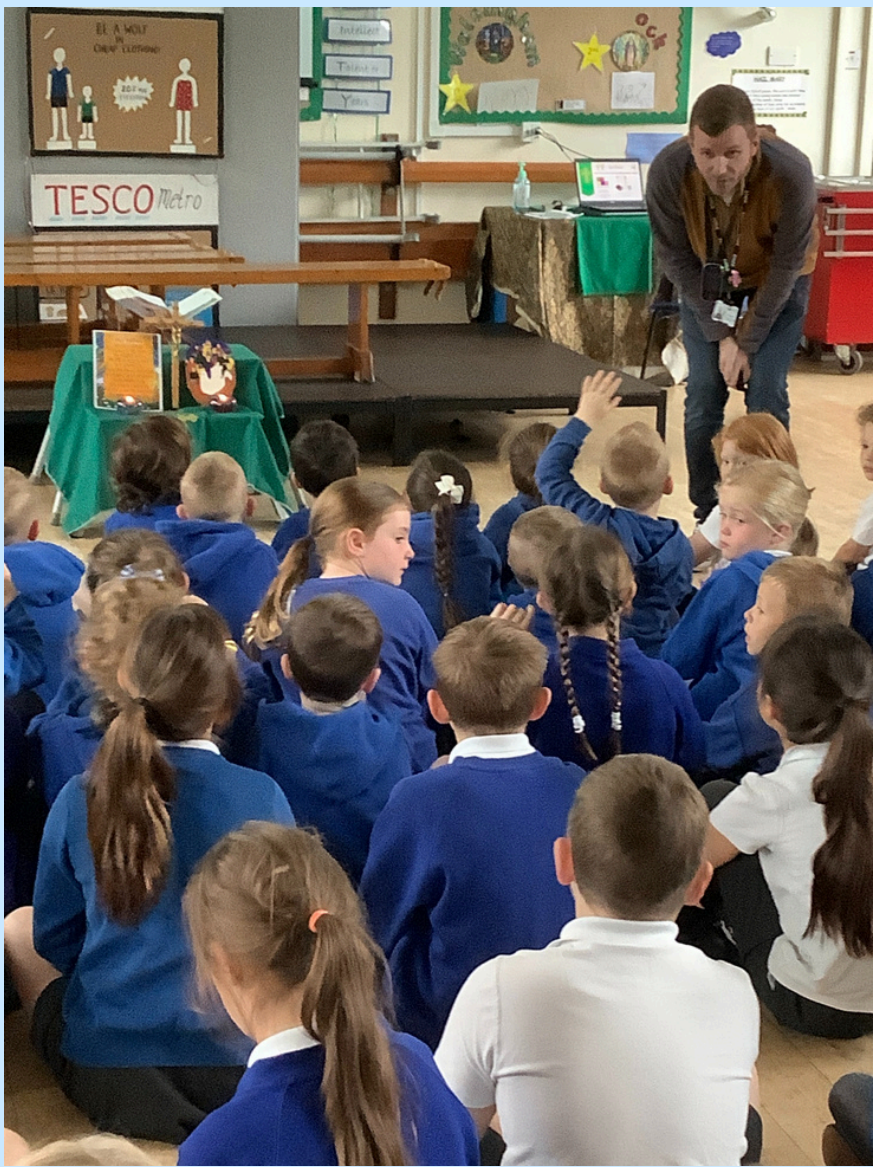
Volunteers tea party



Class three in forest school



Mission day



Infants trip to the Runway Visitor Park



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The party
bus!

DATES TO NOTE

Monday 15th July	Class four end of year production dress rehearsal (all invited) 1.30pm
Tuesday 16th July	Class four end of year production (all invited) 6.00pm. Children in the performance should be back at school for 5.30pm
Thursday 18th July	Leavers Mass, 10.00am at Church. Everyone is welcome.
Friday 19th July	Leavers assembly 1.30pm–2.30pm. All are welcome to attend as we say goodbye to our year 6 pupils.
Friday 19th July	School closes for the summer break at 2.30pm after the leavers assembly. ALL CHILDREN should be picked up at 2.30pm at which time school will close for the summer.

ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME

We continue to receive a number of messages from parents/carers requesting time off school for holidays. Please could we remind everyone of your legal responsibilities in relation to school attendance. In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively. Any requests should be on an official school absence request form and handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

If an absence request is not granted and your child/children are absent on the dates requested, these absences are marked as unauthorised and we have no option but to refer cases to Derbyshire County Council for consideration of legal action.

This may result in:

- A Penalty Notice payable up to £120 fine per child.
- Prosecution under s444 (1) Education Act 1996 where, if convicted, you may be fined up to £1000.
- Prosecution under s444 (1a) Education Act 1996 where, if convicted, you may be fined up to £2500 and/or a community order or imprisonment.

Headteachers of maintained and academy schools across England are expected to abide by these regulations and to request legal action when a child is absent during term time without their permission – regardless of the child's wider school attendance.

Please do not book holidays during term time. We do understand that costs for holidays are higher outside of term time (school staff suffer in the same way), but any time taken out of school for holidays has a negative impact on both the child and the wider school. As a Headteacher, I have a duty to address absences and a duty of my governing body is to hold me accountable for it.

Mrs Chapman.





Saint Mary's
Catholic
Voluntary
Academy, New
Mills.

Wrap Around Club

Our wraparound club includes lots of enrichment activities including gardening, sports, free play and homework support.



Arts and crafts



Lego and games



Sports and Fitness



Breakfast club runs Monday to Friday from 7.30am and includes cereal, toast and a drink. £4.00 per day

After school club runs Monday to Thursday (not Fridays) to 5.30pm and includes snacks, such as wraps, cheese and crackers, yogurts and a drink. £8.00 per day

**BOOK VIA
PARENTPAY FOR
THE SESSIONS
YOU NEED**



Call Us
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Or e-mail
info@nmm.srscmat.co.uk



Use your tax-free childcare vouchers

**Speak to the school office
for more information!**

SCHOOL NOTICES



Star of the week this week was awarded to someone who keeps trying even when they find something difficult.

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

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.

**Our statement of belief this week was
– I know how to show I am sorry.**

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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WAS 95.7% 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

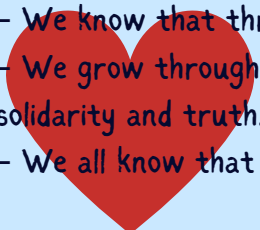
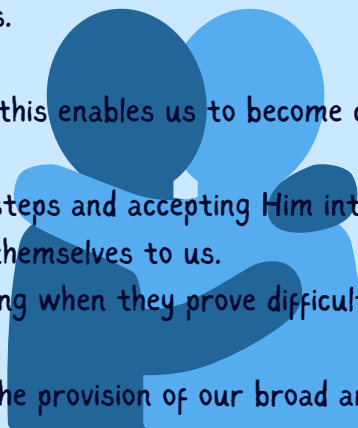
- We know how to say sorry and recognise when we have done something wrong.
- We know how to ask God and others for forgiveness.
- We know how to forgive others as God forgives us.
- We know that we can learn from our mistakes and this enables us to become closer to God.

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



Information about the neurodiversity hub, which is based in Buxton, can be found here – 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, 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

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.





It is important to know who to turn to especially during the holidays. You have the right to stay safe and speak out. Here are some useful links from the NSPCC to help children get the help when they need it and for Parents/carers to get support too.

- **It is up to all of us to keep children safe. Take our free, 10 minute digital training**

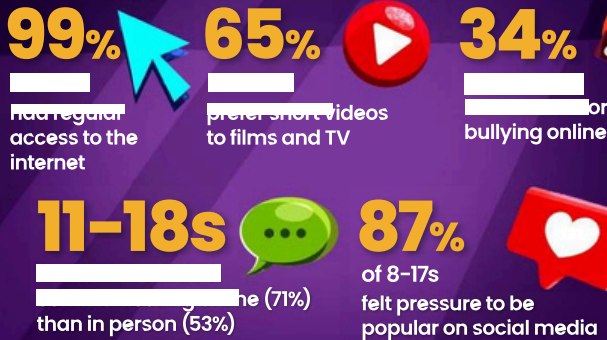
and

- **learn what to do if you're ever worried about a child or their family:**
- [Listen up, Speak up | NSPCC](#)
- **Online safety workshops for parents/carers:** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>
- **Online Safety information packs for parents/carers** [Help keep children safe online with Techosaurus! | NSPCC](#)
- **Support for parents hub:** [Support & advice for parents | NSPCC](#)
- **SEND Support:** [Online safety for children with SEND | NSPCC](#)
- **Right from birth, every time you play with your child, use silly voices, or even sing, you are not just bonding, you are building their brain:** [Look, Say, Sing, Play - Brain-building tips | NSPCC](#)
- [Singing Day | Look Say Sing Play | NSPCC \(youtube.com\)](#)
- **Talk PANTS with your children:** [Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom – the UK's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES



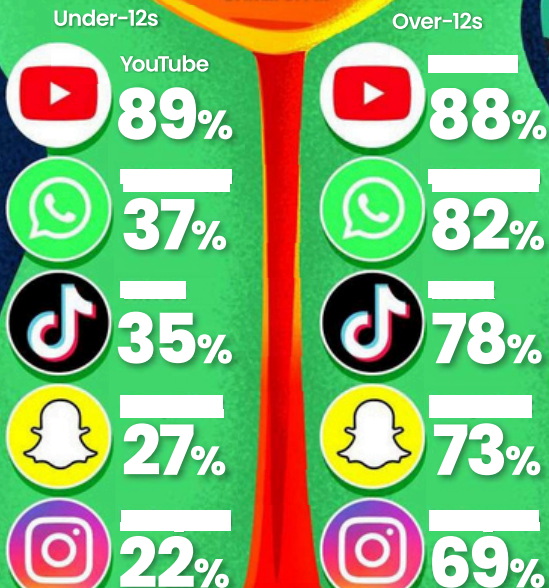
SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...



ONLINE GAMING

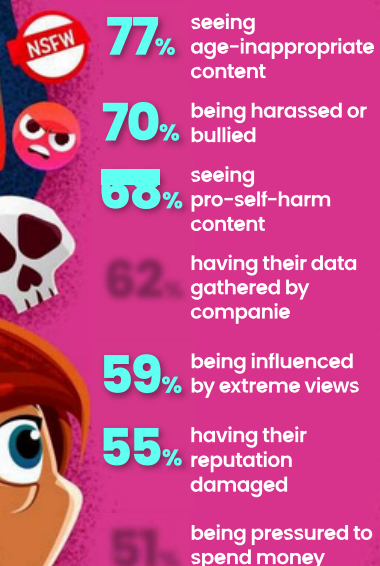
68% of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?

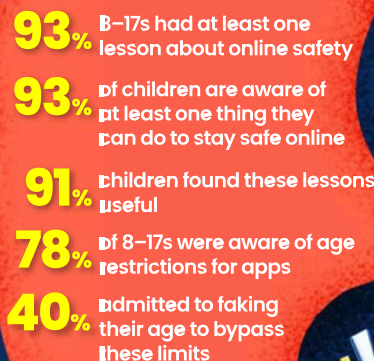


PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...



ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS



DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

SAFEGUARDING ONLINE

It is 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. Primary aged children aren't able to understand the consequences of decisions made when using social media, they are at risk because of WHAT THEY MIGHT SEE, WHO THEY MIGHT SPEAK TO and HOW THEY MIGHT BEHAVE. Please help to keep all of our children safe by ensuring that none of our children are using social media.**

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.

SCHOOL CHROMEBOOKS – AS A REMINDER, THE CHROMEBOOKS THAT CLASS FOUR 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.



EXTRA INFORMATION

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



YOUTH MATTERS SUMMER FAMFEST

Free fun activity program

Jul 22nd- Aug 9th
MON-FRI
11AM-3PM

Multi sports in our sports hall, arts and crafts, musical theatre workshops, animal therapy, outdoor secure playground, bouncy castle and much more!

Bookings live on
www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk



BOOKING NOW OPEN SUMMER WORKSHOPS

with Rachel

PhotoJENIX, Albion Road
New Mills

Tuesday & Wednesdays
throughout the Summer Holidays
10am-3pm
(please check booking link for exact dates)

Early drop off &
late pick up available

Online Booking Essential
<https://kidsartclubs.class4kids.co.uk>



Try Tennis For Free! Open Courts Day

Sunday 7th July and Sunday 14th July 2024
11am-3pm

Take part in:

- Friendly doubles games
- Taster coaching sessions
- Walking Tennis for less mobile players
- Tennis fun with low nets for young families

Midsummer membership discounts

Next to New Mills Cricket Club
off Church Road

[f newmillstenniscub](https://www.facebook.com/newmillstenniscub) [@newmillstenniscub](https://www.instagram.com/newmillstenniscub) John on 07703 501135 new.mills.tc@gmail.com



FAMILY BLACKPOOL TRIP

ITS THAT TIME AGAIN FOR OUR ANNUAL COACH TRIP TO BLACKPOOL. COME ALONG AND SPEND A GREAT DAY BY THE SEA!

FREE COACH SETTING OFF FROM NEW MILLS AT 09:00 AND WE WILL BE LEAVING BLACKPOOL AT 17:00

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR PLACES PLEASE CONTACT US ON FACEBOOK AND POP INTO THE OFFICE FOR A CONSENT FORM

2nd August 2024

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