



25TH OCTOBER 2024

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Welcome to the last newsletter of this half term. Our statement to live by this week was: 'I try to be just and fair.' Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the parents meeting on Monday and Tuesday of this week. We hope you found the meetings useful. Please see the photographs of Mrs Evans' after school activity club. The children are certainly enjoying a range of fun filled agility sessions!

Fruit Fridays – Our year 6 pupils are enjoying their enterprise days by selling boxes of raisins every Friday. Thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting them by sending 30p to purchase these each Friday.

On the 5th December we will have a Fairtrade tuckshop morning to raise funds for fairtrade.

Our Ambassadors for Hope completed a Teams meeting with all 25 Trust schools this week and have now designed their own logo and created a child friendly version of the St. Ralph Sherwin prayer. They will meet in person in December to review all of the schools actions on helping the most vulnerable in society and how we are enabling small changes to look after our planet.

Our History collapsed curriculum day was on Thursday this week, thank you for all of your wonderful support in providing your child/ren with a costume. The focus was on people of historical significance and the difference they have made to our world today. We looked at chronology with the pupils so that they could see the different individuals and the different eras/time periods covered.

The Children in Need walk on Friday was a wonderful occasion for all of our pupils, staff and adults. It was lovely to listen to the pupils observations about our beautiful countryside. Thank you to all who attended to support this event.

We are really proud to say that Saint Mary's has been named the best primary school in New Mills! Please see the story in the Buxton Advertiser here – <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/lifestyle/lifestylegeneral/st-marys-named-top-primary-school-in-new-mills/ar-AA1sqaNy?ocid=BingNewsVerp>

Thank you so much to our staff, parents, carers, families, volunteers, governors and friends who all come together to make our little school so special.

For those children who attend the Monday after school sports club with Mrs Evans, from the 4th November the day this club will run on will change to Thursdays (the finish time remains the same).

Christmas carol singing on the 9th November – thank you to the everyone who has confirmed your child's attendance at this event. Children will need to be at the church hall at 11.50am, wearing their school uniforms please.

As part of our charitable support to our sister school in Busyangwa we are hoping to raise £350 to fund a staff toilet block, please see the information below.

God Bless and we will see you all on Monday 4th November.
Mrs Chapman

A moment in prayer:

Peace I leave you;

My peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

(John 14:27)

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/3UQsIdI>

Fundraising

Busyangwa School Staff Accomodation Block

Adding the toilet

Closing date: 15 October 2026

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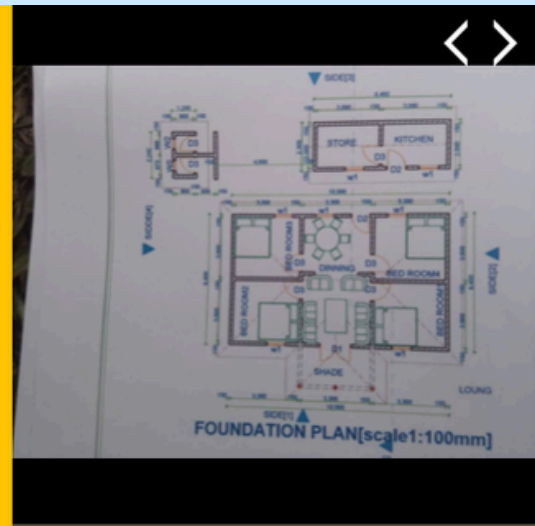
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Including Gift Aid: £ 0

Raised offline: £ 0

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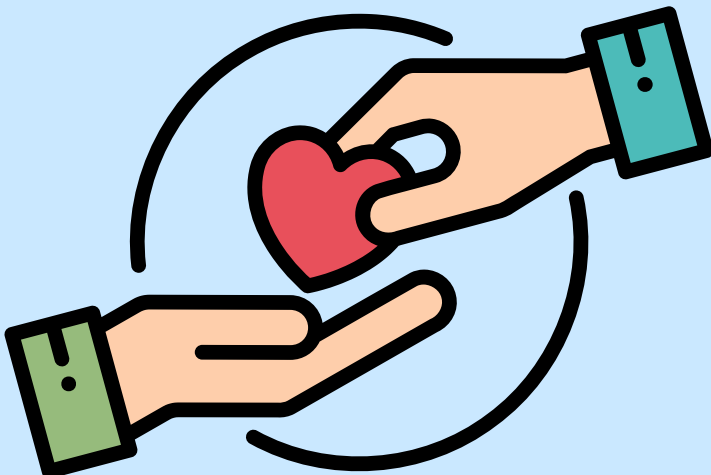


The fundaraising page link is [fundraising page for the Staff Toilet project](#).

All pupils will be coming home with different ideas on how to raise funds over the next week – I think some will be rather amusing!

Story

Busyangwa School sits in the foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains ('Mountains of the Moon') in the far west of Uganda. It serves around 500 children who have to walk considerable distances to attend the school. Many of the teachers also have to walk a long way and climb about 800' with books and other materials. A Staff Accomodation Block is being built by friends of the school to accomodate 4 teachers. This will make the school attractive to younger teachers and also those who walk long distances. St Mary's School (New Mills) is raising money to fund the additional toilet block for the staff which will be 'toilet twinned' with the facilities at the school. By donating to this project you will help build a lasting facility that improves the lives of many children at a cost that is a fraction of a similar project in the UK. Take a look at <https://youtu.be/Zy-3J6wjXSc> to see how the project is proceeding so far. Many thanks for considering a donation to this worthwhile project.





WRAPAROUND CLUBS SURVEY

Thank you so much to everyone who completed the wraparound survey for us. We have compiled the results below:

We had 18 responses altogether.

1. You like the activities, the breakfast, snacks and other food offers and the fun your child has at these sessions. This includes being outside and craft activities. It is convenient for working families.

2. Less than 5 % of respondents would like fruit for breakfast and an earlier start time – we can start to offer fruit, unfortunately due to caretaking commitments we can not open any earlier than 7.30am at the moment.

3. Less than 2% of respondents stated the price as an issue – the price we set is very competitive and much cheaper than most other offers locally.

4. Less than 10% of respondents stated they would like a later opening time (6.00pm) – unfortunately the number is too low to be viable.

5. Less than 25% stated that a Friday afterschool offer was of interest and only one respondent would use this on a regular basis. Again, it isn't viable to operate a Friday after school club on such low numbers.

We are always looking to ensure that what we offer meets the needs of our families, so thank you again to everyone who submitted a response to this survey.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL



Just a quick reminder about medicines in school. Any medicines that are brought into school should be taken to the school office and a 'request to administer medication' form should be completed. This will then be passed on to the class teacher.

School will administer medicines but only when this is essential and cannot be done by parents/carers.

If your child needs antibiotics, school will administer these but only if the medicine needs to be administered four times a day or there is a specific instruction (e.g. before/after lunch). If antibiotics are to be administered three times a day, this should be done at home.

If your child has an inhaler, this should be brought to school in a named bag or box and handed in at the office. Your child will need an inhaler that stays in school. Please also complete the 'consent form for use of the emergency inhaler'. Inhalers should not be kept in school bags.

Inhalers will be sent home at the end of every summer term for cleaning. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to check that inhalers have not expired and are working correctly. We recommend this is done termly.

If your child needs an antihistamine (e.g. Piriton) this should be handed in at the office and a 'request to administer medication' form completed. The named bottle should stay in school.

If medicines do need to come home, these should be collected from the school office. This should be avoided wherever possible. All medicines should have your child's name and class on the bottle/box to avoid confusion with other children's medicines.

No child should have any medicines in their school bags at any time. Please ensure that the school office is told of any changes to your child's required medications or their medical conditions immediately. Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE WORD



Mary's Missionaries – we have been learning about this in Monday's liturgy.

The theme this week was 'service'.

The mission was to always follow the saying 'Jesus first, other second and yourself last.'

The Catholic Social Teaching link was 'family and community because the scripture is all about helping your family'.



Week 29 in Ordinary Time

Year B

Word of the Week

Service



Sunday

First Reading:

Isaiah 53:10-11

Gospel Reading:

Mark 10:35-45 or shorter



Suggestions

Hebrew Bible:

Isaiah 58: 10

New Testament:

Luke 10: 30-37

Theme

Service is the act of helping others, even when it means a sacrifice for ourselves. It is an essential part of the Catholic faith, as it is a way of showing love and compassion for others by putting our faith into action. Our faith calls us to serve others in need, both in our own community and in the world at large as humble servants, just as Christ did.

Mission

Seek out those people in your community who serve others and thank them for what they do.



SCHOOL DISCO

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA for organising the disco on Friday night!



AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB WITH MRS EVANS



HISTORY COLLAPSED CURRICULUM DAY



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EVERYONE IS INVITED! STAR OF THE WEEK ASSEMBLY

EVERY FRIDAY WE HAVE A STAR
OF THE WEEK ASSEMBLY
STARTING AT 2.30PM. EVERYONE
IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!



Please check ClassDojo for any changes to
the assemblies.



DATES TO NOTE

Upcoming dates can also be seen on ClassDojo and on our website. Please note that dates and times may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	Half term holidays
Monday 4th November	School photographer – individuals and siblings. Please feel free to bring younger siblings who haven't started school yet at 8.30am. All children should wear uniform on this day!
Tuesday 5th November	Catch up flu immunisation session
Wednesday 6th November	Open day for prospective parents and carers, 9.00am–10.00am
Wednesday 6th November	Lockdown practice
Monday 11th November	Applications for primary places for September 2025 open
Wednesday 13th November	Open day for prospective parents and carers, 9.00am–10.00am
Thursday 14th November	Mission day
Tuesday 19th November	Class 4 trip to The Silk Museum, Macclesfield
Wednesday 20th November	Mini first aid – whole school
Thursday 21st November	Class 3 assembly (Liturgy) 9.10am
Thursday 28th November	Class 1 assembly (Liturgy) 9.10am
Friday 29th November	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 5th December	Fairtrade tuckshop, please bring 50p for a treat!
Monday 9th December	Last swimming lesson for year six

ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME

The Department for Education (DfE) have introduced some new guidance for schools and Local Authorities (LAs) for managing school attendance. They have also introduced a new national framework for penalty notice and amended the law. These changes come into effect from the 19 August 2024 and all schools and LAs across the country will be expected to follow the new statutory guidance.

Support first

The importance of regular attendance at school cannot be stressed enough. All schools and LAs are expected to promote school attendance and provide support to remove barriers where a pupil is struggling to attend school. This may mean that the school raises the issue of attendance even if your child has only had a couple of days off ill. This is not because they don't believe you. By working with you, schools can step in early to help to prevent patterns of absence developing. Schools may identify other underlying issues that are making your child reluctant to attend school and be able to help you and your child.

For this to be successful parents need to work with the school. Where it can be demonstrated that a parent/carer is not fulfilling their parental responsibility to ensure that their child receives a suitable full-time education then the school can consider requesting that the LA take further action. This can be in the form of a penalty notice, prosecution, or the school may suggest other formal interventions.

National Framework for penalty notices

To provide consistency, the Government have introduced a new national framework for when schools and LAs believe that they have exhausted all offers of support and the parent/carer is not engaging with the attempt to improve their child's attendance at school.

The threshold for when a school should consider next steps is 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. A school week means any week in which there is at least one school session. This can be made up of any form of unauthorised absence including late after close (attendance code U) of register and odd days of unauthorised absence (attendance code O) which add up to 5 days within a 10-week period. At this point the school will consider if it is likely that the attendance will improve with further support. They may then decide to refer the case to the LA for formal monitoring. This may proceed to legal action if the attendance does not improve.

Education Penalty Notices are issued to parents of statutory school age children. They can be issued to each parent or carer who is deemed liable for the child's absence from school. The new costs and process is outlined below:

First Offence – The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: **£160** per parent, per child paid within **28** days. Reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within **21** days.

Second Offence (within 3 years) – The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: **£160** per parent, per child paid within **28** days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years) – The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

Term time holidays

Pupils should not be taken out of school during term time unless it is unavoidable. Schools are required to consider requests for leave of absence in term time and should only approve the leave if there are exceptional circumstances. If a request for leave is denied and the pupil is absent for 5 days or more then the school is expected to refer the case to the LA. The LA will issue a penalty notice with no requirement for a formal warning to be issued. Penalty notices can also be issued where a pupil is absent for repeated incidents of unauthorised leave in term time that fall below the 5-day threshold. In every case, the request for the Penalty Notice comes in from the school to the LA for the process to be completed.

New registration codes

You might find that your child's attendance report looks slightly different next year. The DfE have amended some of the codes to include numbers as well as letters. These new codes are to enable schools, LA and the DfE to better understand the reasons for absence. For example:

Code C: Leave of absence for exceptional circumstance.

Code C1: Leave of absence for the purpose of participating in a regulated performance. The important thing for you as a parent is still the C which means that the absence was authorised. There is also a new code which has been introduced for pupils who are on the school roll but are temporarily being provided with an alternative education by the local authority, such as a home tutor.

Code K: Attending education provision arranged by the local authority.

Full details of all of the changes can be found by visiting the Government webpage: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>



Saint Mary's
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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

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THE SESSIONS
YOU NEED**



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



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

SCHOOL NOTICES



No star of the week this week as we had our whole school ramble!

Our dinner table discussion this week was 'does lined paper weigh more than plain paper?'

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 try to be just and fair.**

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 96.6% 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.



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

With increasing societal pressures, many children struggle with managing emotions, facing challenges and processing failure in a healthy way. This is why building emotional resilience in young people is vital for their mental health and personal success. This guide provides practical strategies for parents and educators to help children develop resilience and foster confidence, adaptability and a positive mindset.

1 ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Regularly engaging children in open dialogue fosters trust and emotional expression. Encourage them to share their thoughts and feelings freely without judgment. Set aside time daily, perhaps during dinner, to ask open-ended questions such as, "What's made you happy today?". This encourages children to express themselves openly.

2 MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Children often learn how to manage emotions by observing adults. By modelling calm and positive responses to challenges, you can teach them valuable emotional management skills. If you've had a difficult day, verbalise how you're feeling and explain how you plan to handle it, such as "I'm a bit worked-up, so I'm going for a walk to clear my mind."

3 TEACH PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

Helping children break down challenges into manageable steps encourages a proactive mindset. Explain that every problem has a solution, even if it's not immediately obvious. For example, if a child is stuck on homework, support them in breaking the task into smaller steps, saying things like "Let's focus on just this first question for now."

4 FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET

Encourage young people to view mistakes as learning opportunities. A growth mindset helps them see setbacks as part of the process, rather than something to be upset about. After a child loses a game or performs poorly on a test, for example, ask them what they've learned from the experience. This reinforces the idea that effort – and even failure – leads to improvement.

5 PROMOTE SELF-CARE PRACTICES

Teaching children about self-care helps them understand the importance of balancing work with relaxation to maintain emotional wellbeing. Parents and carers could start a screen-free hour before bedtime where the family engages in relaxing activities like reading, setting an example to the child for how to unwind.

6 BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Strong relationships with peers and adults provide a support system that enhances resilience. Encourage positive, respectful interactions to develop social skills. Playdates or group activities can be instrumental in teaching children how to resolve conflicts with friends by modelling and practising calm communication.

7 SUPPORT EMOTIONAL AWARENESS

Helping children to identify and name their emotions allows them to manage those feelings more effectively. When a child's upset, encourage them to talk to you about what they're feeling in an empathetic and supportive manner, and ask them why they might be experiencing these emotions.

8 ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

Giving children opportunities to make their own decisions boosts confidence and problem-solving skills. A good example of this would be letting children choose and pack their own lunches for school, guiding them with options but allowing them to assume responsibility for the task to help them take ownership.

9 DEVELOP COPING STRATEGIES

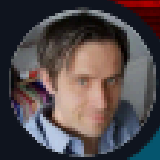
Teaching children techniques like mindfulness, deep breathing or journaling can help them to manage stress. Show them how to perform breathing exercises when they're feeling anxious, and practise this regularly. Reinforcing this behaviour in young people will make it easier for them to use these techniques of their own accord during stressful moments.

10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS

Recognising effort, no matter how small, reinforces perseverance and encourages children to keep trying. After a child completes a difficult task, makes progress on a project or reaches another type of personal goal, praise their efforts. Emphasise the hard work they've put in and be sure to let them know how proud you are!

Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is Associate Vice Principal for Personal Development at Penistone Grammar School and works on secondment one day a week for Minds Ahead, which works with schools on improving their mental health provisions.



#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 SCHOOL CHROMEBOOKS THAT CLASS THREE AND FOUR CHILDREN HAVE 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.

ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025



ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOU:

OUR NEXT OPEN DAYS ARE WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AND WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, BOTH 9.00AM TO 10.00AM. COME AND SEE OUR SCHOOL IN ACTION! WE ALSO HAVE A CHRISTMAS CRAFTS MORNING ON FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER AND WE'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU ALL TO OUR KEY STAGE ONE NATIVITY DRESS REHEARSAL PERFORMANCE ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER.

APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 OPEN ON MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER AT 9.00AM. A GUIDE ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE CAN BE FOUND HERE -

[HTTPS://WWW.DERBYSHIRE.GOV.UK/EDUCATION/SCHOOLS/SCHOOL-PLACES/PRIMARY-ADMISSIONS/PARENTSGUIDE/PARENTS-GUIDE-TO-PRIMARY-ADMISSIONS.ASPX](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/primary-admissions/parentsguide/parents-guide-to-primary-admissions.aspx)

IF YOU NEED ANY HELP WITH THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS OR IF YOU HAVE ANY WORRIES OR QUESTIONS AT ALL, PLEASE JUST LET US KNOW!

INFO@NMM.SRSCMAT.CO.UK OR 01663 742412



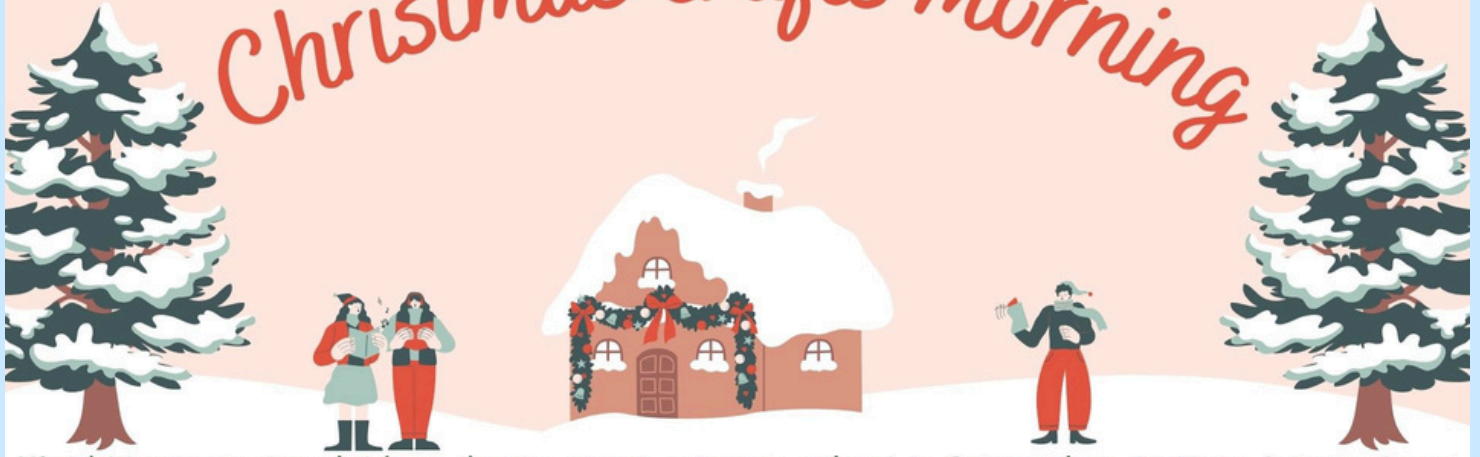
ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Please do let us know if
you can come!
joxley@nmm.srscmat.co.uk
or 01663 742412

You are invited to a:



Christmas crafts morning



We'd like to invite children due to start primary school in September 2025 to join us for a Christmas crafts morning on Friday 6th December from 9.30am to 10.30am at Saint Mary's Primary School, Longlands Road.

An invite to all children due
to start school in September
2025!



Class 1 and 2 would
like to invite you to our Christmas performance. This takes place in
school on Tuesday 10th
December from 9.30am
to 10.30am.



Please let us know if you can come!
info@nmm.srscmat.co.uk

Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Longlands Road, New Mills, High Peak,
Derbyshire, SK22 3BL 01663 742412

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LIGHT PARTY
2024
31ST OCTOBER 2024
5PM-7PM
REVIVE CHURCH, HIGH STREET, SK22 4BR

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