



4TH OCTOBER 2024

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. Erin tells us all about this week's 'Celebration of the Word'. Our statement to live by is, 'I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt.'

Thank you to the parents and carers who came in to visit our maths open day and for your kind comments.

For all key stage 2 pupils – would you like to sing Christmas carols at Saint Mary's church hall on Saturday 9th November? If you would like to be part of this joyous occasion can you please email school to confirm your attendance. Times to follow! All pupils who attend will receive recognition for supporting their local community within school .

A quick snap shot on learning this week – in class four, during global learning, pupils were learning about Katherine Johnson who worked at NASA as a mathematician and helped to calculate accurate co-ordinates for space/earth landings. Class three were focusing on teamwork. In partners (back-to-back) they had to communicate the exact position of the objects in front of them to their partner who cannot see them– tricky! Class two are scientists during this lesson and are identifying within chemistry the properties of materials. Class one have been learning about their class Saint – Terese Lisieux.

Thank you to our visitors, Mr and Mrs Westhead, who came into classes 1 and 2 to talk about old toys and to show us some toys they brought with them.

Well done to our year 5 and 6 girls football team who played this week. They worked hard and played really well, they came a very well deserved third overall. Next week it is the turn of the year 5 and 6 boys to play. The new pavilion isn't finished unfortunately so this will take place at the leisure centre.

**Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Chapman**

*Quote for the week;
You are blessed
because you belong to God-
He chose you,
shaped you,
and prepared you to make a difference
in the world.'*

**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>**

Important update with regards to school meal prices

We want to inform you about an important change regarding the price of school meals. From the 4th November 2024, the cost of school meals will increase from £3.25 to £3.33. This does not impact our infant pupils (class 1 and 2), or any children entitled to a Free School Meal.

In the current financial climate, we know that any price increases are concerning but please do be aware that we as a school do not set meal prices, meals are charged to the school by Derbyshire County Council at £3.33 per meal and we have no choice but to charge parents and carers the same. This price increase is unfortunately out of our hands.

On a separate note, we have noticed that some children who are entitled to a Free School Meal are bringing in a packed lunch. We'd really like to encourage anyone who is entitled to a meal to make sure they have that meal. Having a high quality, healthy meal at lunchtime is extremely important. Children who eat a balanced, nutritious meal are more likely to be alert in class and have more energy to enjoy an active lifestyle. The catering staff are highly skilled and experienced and are passionate about the food they serve.

Children have a choice every day of a main meal, a vegetarian meal, two choices of sandwich and a jacket potato. If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, please do order via ParentPay, there is no charge but meals do still need to be ordered in advance. Derbyshire catering have achieved the Soil Association Food for Life Catering Mark Silver Accreditation in primary schools and the Bronze Catering Mark in all secondary schools. The award means that they use local, seasonal, fresh ingredients which are free from trans fats, harmful additives and are not genetically modified. They only use UK Farm Assured meat which is better for animal welfare, sustainable sources of fish and free-range eggs. All the menus are created using the School Food Standards as set out by the government and adhere to strict nutritional guidelines so you can be assured that your child is receiving a high-quality meal.

We would encourage as many children as possible to have a hot, school dinner every day. As well as being a healthy option, school dinners are also convenient for busy parents, help children with their social skills, encourage good eating habits and support children to try new foods.

We would also urge everyone to see if they are entitled to free school meals (FSM) by completing the application form here:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Active learners



Those families who are new to our school may have noticed that the junior pupils go for a run in the playground before school starts four times a week. This helps our children to begin the day in the best possible way. Our children love to be active! Studies show that children who consider themselves to be active also consider themselves to be happy (70% of children who consider themselves to be active say they are also happy as opposed to 50% who consider themselves to be inactive) and active children consider themselves to be confident (75% as opposed to 38%). Being active helps children to make friends and has a positive impact on pupils' mood and wellbeing. Pupils who are physically active report high levels of happiness and self-worth (Study by Sport England). Active learners are happy learners!



Our pupils say:

They enjoy being active outside school by playing football and running, playing in the park, gardening and being on their bicycles.



They like playing outside and being active.

Playing games with others is fun and makes you happy.



They can play sports with their friends.



They like to have fresh air outside.

You don't have to pay to play outside to be active!



Parents and carers consultation sessions

The parents/carers consultations will take place on Monday 21st October (1.30pm – 5.40pm) and Tuesday 22nd October (1.30pm – 6.00pm). Please click on the links below to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. There is one link per class, and you must book one timeslot per child. Please book a preferred timeslot using the forms here, we will then allocate a ten-minute slot as close to that timeslot as possible for you. Your allocated timeslot will be e-mailed to you in due course (this won't happen straight away).

The appointments are ten minutes long – if you feel you need longer to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the school office on joxley@nmm.srscmat.co.uk to arrange this.

All appointments are in-person appointments taking place in the school hall. If you are not able to attend an in-person appointment, please let the school office know so that a phone appointment can be arranged.

Appointments are allocated on a first come, first served basis. We will do as much as we can to allocate a ten-minute appointment within the slot you have requested but this may not always be possible.

Class one – <https://forms.office.com/e/fDUvmUESdj>

Class two – <https://forms.office.com/e/aaZK6YpxGh>

Class three – <https://forms.office.com/e/ys6qsGfMEF>

Class four – <https://forms.office.com/e/2Qft4P66rr>



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 'fortitude'.

The mission was to be strong and encourage others to be strong and to persevere.


The Catholic Social Teaching link was 'solidarity and the common good'. The disciples learned that it is better to work for Jesus than against Him.

**Week 26 in Ordinary Time**


Year B

Catholic Social Teaching

Solidarity

**Sunday**

First Reading:
Numbers 11:25-29
Gospel Reading:
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Suggestions**

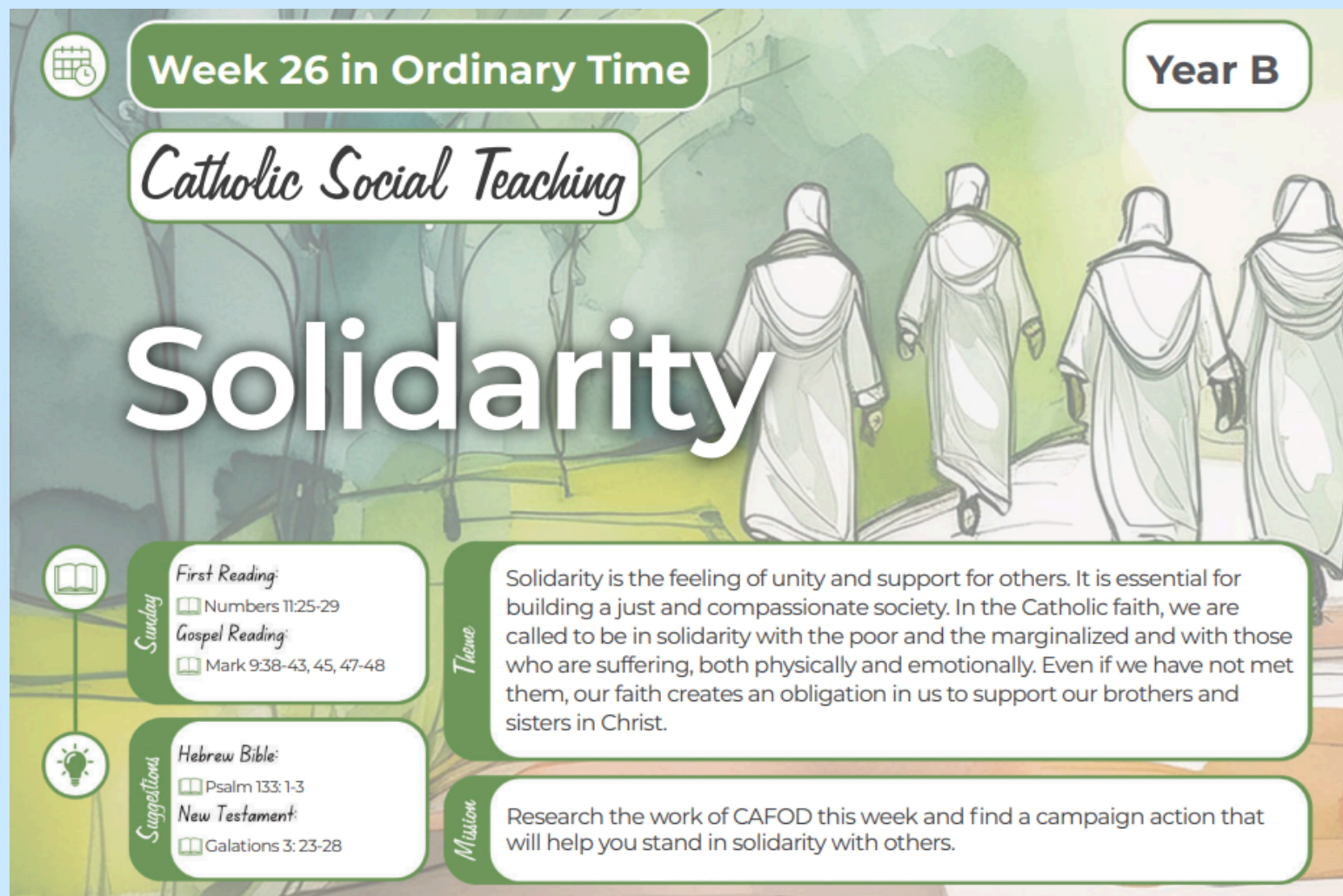
Hebrew Bible:
Psalm 133: 1-3
New Testament:
Galations 3: 23-28

Theme

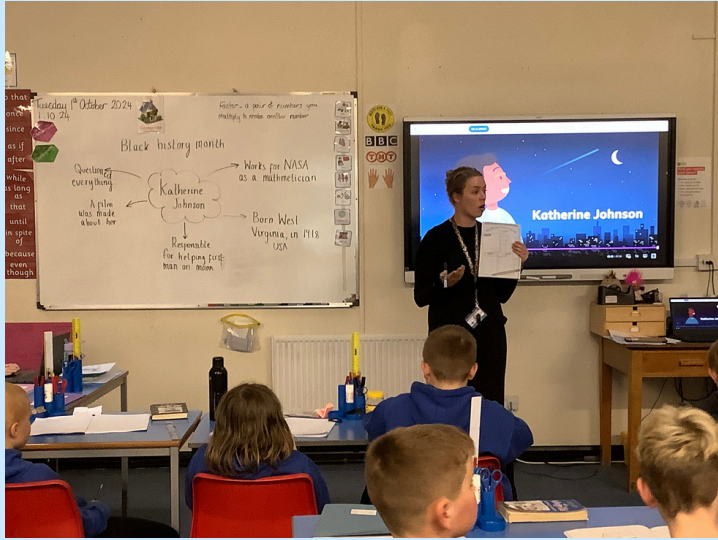
Solidarity is the feeling of unity and support for others. It is essential for building a just and compassionate society. In the Catholic faith, we are called to be in solidarity with the poor and the marginalized and with those who are suffering, both physically and emotionally. Even if we have not met them, our faith creates an obligation in us to support our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mission

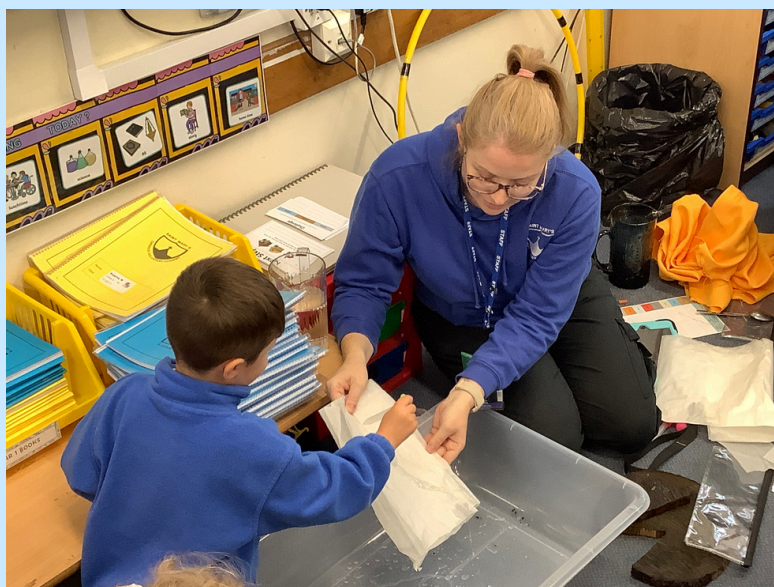
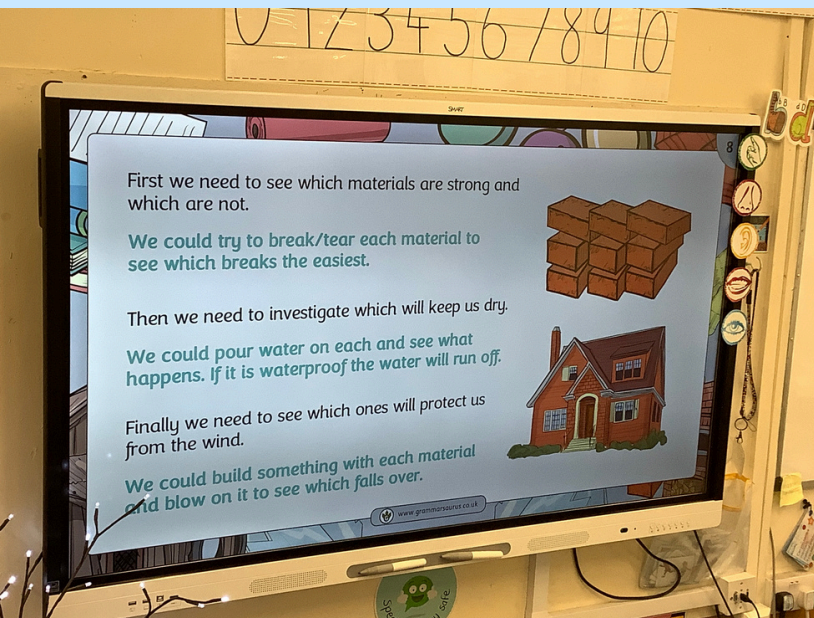
Research the work of CAFOD this week and find a campaign action that will help you stand in solidarity with others.



OUR SCHOOL WEEK



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Our fantastic year 5 and 6 girls football team who played so well to come third overall. Amazing job girls!

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WRAPAROUND CLUB



Countryfile ramble

to raise money for Children in Need

Friday 25th October 2024

leaving school at 2:30 pm

parents and carers welcome!

children can wear their own outdoor/active
clothing to school.

£1 donation for Children in Need

Pudsey ears/decorations welcome!

Please ensure your child wears
suitable footwear and brings a
waterproof coat.



I'M RAISING MONEY
FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

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This activity has been
organised in support of
BBC Children in Need.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

A message from the immunisation team:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/21e510d6>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the 10/10. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2024, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 5.

Thank you.

THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING YOUR CONSENT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MONDAY 7TH (NEXT WEEK) SO PLEASE DO COMPLETE THE FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EITHER WITH CONSENT OR NO CONSENT.





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.

Thursday 10th October	Flu immunisations
Thursday 10th October	Class 4 assembly (Liturgy), 9.10am. Everyone is welcome.
Saturday 12th October	Open morning for prospective parents, please share with your friends and family! 10.00am–11.30am
Thursday 17th October	Class 2 assembly (Liturgy), 9.10am. Everyone is welcome.
Friday 18th October	End of term disco (all year groups). Please pick up at 4.45pm.
Monday 21st October	Parent/carer consultation sessions
Tuesday 22nd October	Parent/carer consultation sessions
Thursday 24th October	History collapsed curriculum day
Friday 25th October	Countryfile ramble – whole school walk from 2.30pm. Everyone is invited to join us. Please send in a £1.00 donation if you can for Children in Need.
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	Half term holidays

HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We are delighted to inform you about the Holy Communion program starting in September for children resident on the Parish of St Mary's, Marple Bridge.

Sessions for each topic will take place in both St. Mary's New Mills and Marple Bridge primary school from 3.30pm till 4.15pm with our Lay Chaplain Dan Hamilton.

In addition, children will also be expected to attend the Sunday sessions as listed below. These sessions will take place at The Annunciation in New Mills during 9.30am mass and will be led by teachers and catechists. As part of Holy Communion preparation several of these sessions may be in church.

Please see the details below providing the dates for the First Holy Communion sessions in school and the Sunday sessions.

Session	Marple Bridge	New Mills	Sunday
1. All about Me	23/09/24	26/09/24	29/09/24
2. What are the Sacraments	07/10/24	10/10/24	13/10/24
3. Part of God's Family	14/10/24	17/10/24	20/10/24
4. We love one another	04/11/24	7/11/24	10/11/24
5. Better Friends with Jesus	18/11/24	21/11/24	24/11/24
6. The Church	02/12/24	5/12/24	08/12/24
7. We Gather as Part of God's Family	20/01/25	23/01/25	26/01/25
8. Liturgy of the Word	03/02/25	06/02/25	09/02/25
9. Reconciliation- How to receive forgiveness	03/03/25	06/03/25	09/03/25
10. Liturgy of the Eucharist	21/04/25	24/04/25	27/04/25
11. The Last Supper	28/04/25	01/05/25	04/05/25
12. My First Holy Communion	05/05/25	08/05/25	11/05/25

The reconciliation service will be held on: 13th March 2025

First Holy Communion is: 17 May 2025

Kind regards

Mr J Nish and Mrs P Chapman

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>



School attendance update September 2024



Attendance categories

95 to 100% - as expected

91 to 94% - at risk of persistent absence

80 to 90% - persistent absence

51 to 79% - at risk of severe absence

Less than or equal to 50% - severe absence

Support first approach

Missing school means children fall behind. This not only impacts on their future achievement, but also adds additional stress and worry as the pupil attempts to catch up. This can affect their mental health and that of their family.

Schools will always try to offer support to remove barriers to attendance before considering any form of legal intervention however they can only do this with the support of parents. If you do not engage with this support the school may feel that they have no choice than to request the Local Authority consider taking legal action against you for failure to secure your child's regular attendance at school under section 444(T) of the Education Act 1996



Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the below changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines for unauthorised absence after 19th August 2024.

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• 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. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Can my child take a holiday in term time?

The simple answer is NO - pupils can only take leave of absence during term time if this is approved in advance by the school. Leave taken without permission may result in a penalty notice and or prosecution.





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

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PARENTPAY FOR
THE SESSIONS
YOU NEED**



Call Us
01663 742412
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 has a joy for reading.

Our dinner table discussion this week was 'is black a shade?'

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 what to do if I see anyone getting hurt.**

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.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that connects users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't, meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers, emphasising that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how it mainly plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. There 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they're usually the most confident players or younger, more inexperienced gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger or after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, or opponent accidentally or they've just a bad loss. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer an in-game means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and each enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to be invited or request access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the difference between being competitive and being abusive, talk about what constitutes sexual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Encourage children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coleman is the Editor in Chief of iDol.com and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety, talking mainly about tech and games, his work has been published on sites including iDol, iDol.com, and iDol.com.



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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



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Saturday October 12th

10am-11.30am

Wednesday November 6th/13th

9-10am

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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

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Coming in September
ADULT & FAMILY

Cooking Classes

Cooking on a budget
Family meals
Teacher led sessions

MONDAYS
6PM - 7:30PM
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WEDNESDAYS
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