



**22ND NOVEMBER 2024**

# **FRIDAY NEWSLETTER**

## **SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY**

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We had an amazing week! Class 4 visited The Silk Museum in Macclesfield on Tuesday as part of their work around the Victorian era, we had our whole school mini first aid training on Wednesday as well as Red Wednesday. On Thursday we had our class 3 assembly and our Health Champions, Roxanne, Tiarna-Lily, Dylan and Frankie were also in action. On Friday we had our Busyangwa fundraiser day as well a delivery of some amazing diversity toys which are wonderful. Our statement to live by this week was, 'I can work, play, rest and pray each day.'

Class 4 pupils recieved their 'Faith in Action' badges and certificates this week. Year 6 completed their award this year and Year 5 are working towards their award for completion in the summer term. Well done to you all.

Holy Communion sessions – Well done to our Holy Communion candidates who have now completed 5 sessions in preparation for their First Holy Communion in May. We are very proud of you all.

Thank you so much for helping to fund the building of staff toilets in our sister school in Busyangwa. We are trying to raise £350 to support this building project. So far we have raised £34.00. Please donate if you can on the link below.

Pupils in year 4 will recieve a set of times tables to practice at home. Pupils will be informed by their teacher which times tables to practice. Could you please help your child to have regular practice at home? Learning their times tables by heart really helps all pupils in further developing their maths skills.

Next week, we look forward to Class 1's assembly (Thursday at 9.10am, all welcome) and the PTA 'colours of Christmas' day (please see the poster below). Please don't forget that next Friday is an inset day, school is closed to pupils on this day.

God Bless and have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Chapman

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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>

# A MESSAGE FROM DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Derbyshire County Council Household Support Fund As part of the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund Scheme,

Derbyshire County Council is distributing funding to household's struggling to pay for food, energy and essential living costs. As part of the scheme, the Council will again be distributing grocery vouchers to low-income families. Information about who is eligible for the vouchers is available on the website and we hope to start distribution in early January 2025. We will update the website when all vouchers have been distributed and provide details of what parents and carers should do if they haven't received their voucher. Full details about the scheme and the support available for those experiencing financial hardship is available on our website at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)



# HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME (KNOWN AS HAF OR 'IT'S ABOUT ME').



On Thursday, everyone should have received an e-mail from the office with regards to the Derbyshire County Council Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known as HAF or 'it's about me'. If your child is entitled to benefits related Free School Meals (not universal infant free school meals), you should also have received the IAM code to book sessions. Please see the text from the letter send on Thursday as a reminder:

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, you are also entitled to access FREE holiday clubs this summer?

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known throughout Derbyshire as 'It's About Me' is funded by the Department for Education and gives eligible young people access to FREE places at holiday clubs across the county.

If your child is aged between 4-16 and is eligible for benefits-related free school meals, then they are entitled to access It's About Me holiday clubs for free! There are a huge range of activities available including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. All clubs include a nutritious meal too! Programmes vary depending on the type and location of each club.

If your child is not eligible for the It's About Me programme, many clubs also offer paid places where you can book with them directly. To book your It's About Me holiday club you will need your unique IAM code which will be distributed via your child's school. If you have not received your code, but believe your child is eligible for the programme, please contact your school office.

To book your activities and to find out more information go to [www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk](http://www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk) or speak to your school office. To receive programme information and updates directly to your inbox, Sign-Up for It's About Me updates.

The winter holiday clubs will take place from Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January. Excludes Bank Holidays and weekends. Bookings open on Monday 2 December 2024.



### Busyangwa staff toilet project

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.

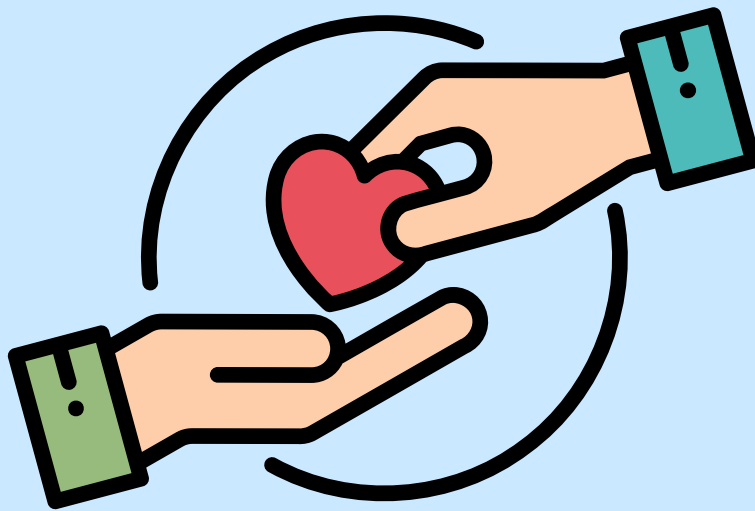
A Staff Accomodation Block is being built by friends of the school to accomodate 4 teachers. This will make the school attractive to younger teachers and also those who walk long distances.

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.

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





## 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 'Youth'.**

**The mission was to complete an act of service to help someone.**

**The Catholic Social Teaching link was 'solidarity for the common good'. As God's people we have to know what is right and what is fair.**

**Week 33 in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

*Word of the Week*

# Youth

**Sunday**

*First Reading:*  
Daniel 12:1-3

*Gospel Reading:*  
Mark 13:24-32

**Suggestions**

*Hebrew Bible:*  
Ecclesiastes 11: 9

*New Testament:*  
Matthew 19: 13-15

**Theme**

Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and in the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. The Church needs young people's voices, involvement, and leadership for it to grow and we are all called to be young in our outlook and our attitude so we can live life to the full.

**Mission**

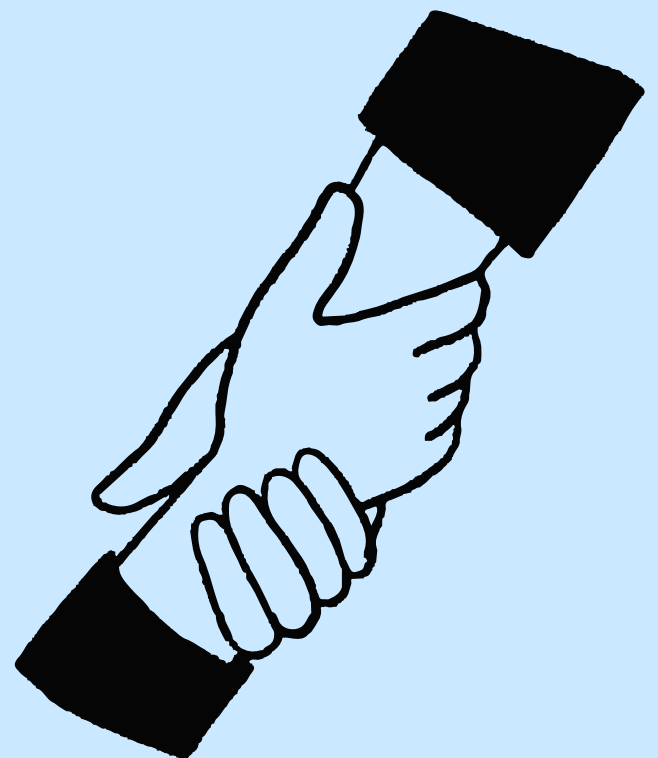
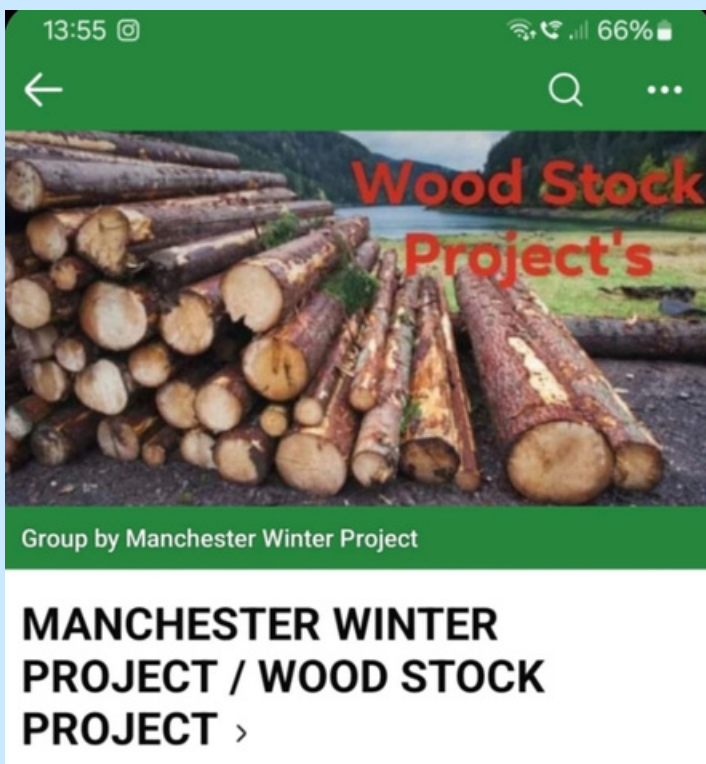
Make the effort to have a positive and youthful attitude this week. Help others to see hope in difficult situations

# MANCHESTER WINTER PROJECT

**One of our families has been collecting items for the Manchester Winter Project, who offer warmth, food and security over the winter period for the homeless and rough sleepers of Manchester. Well done to you all for helping those less fortunate than ourselves.**

**<https://www.facebook.com/ManchesterWinterShelter>**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/966053980560871/>**





## THE LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

Beatrix is doing something amazing! She's following in the footsteps of her older sister and brother and she's going to have her lovely, long locks cut off so she can donate them to The Little Princess trust to be made into a wig for a child or young person who needs one. She would like to raise some money to go towards the cost of making the wig – the cost of making and providing a wig is £700, she would be very grateful for anything she can raise towards that cost – Please help her.

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as Alopecia.

The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK. The Little Princess Trust relies solely on the generosity of its wonderful supporters who help the charity give Hair and Hope to so many children and young people with cancer each year.

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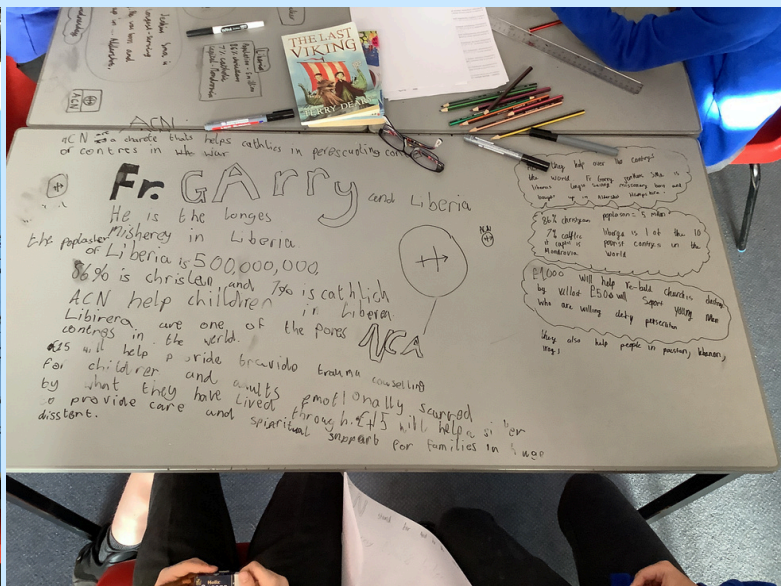
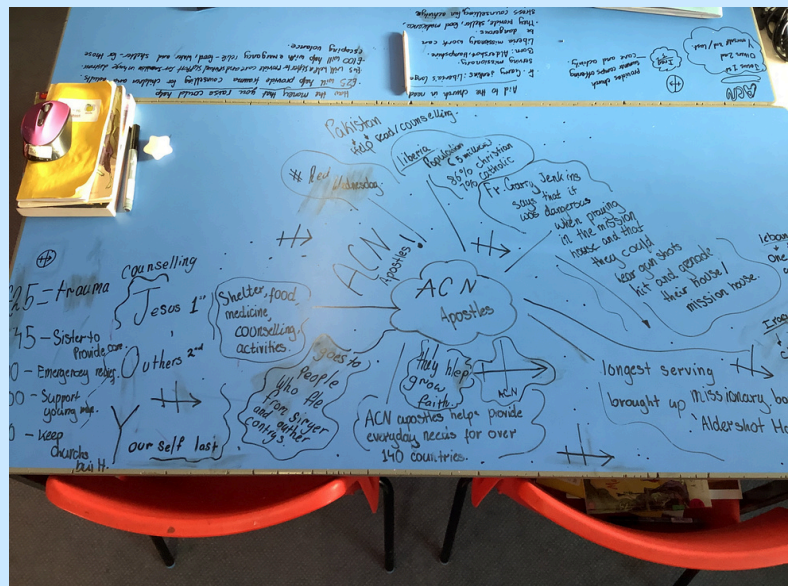
# WHOLE SCHOOL MINI FIRST AID



**YOU AND I  
CAN HELP**



## RED WEDNESDAY



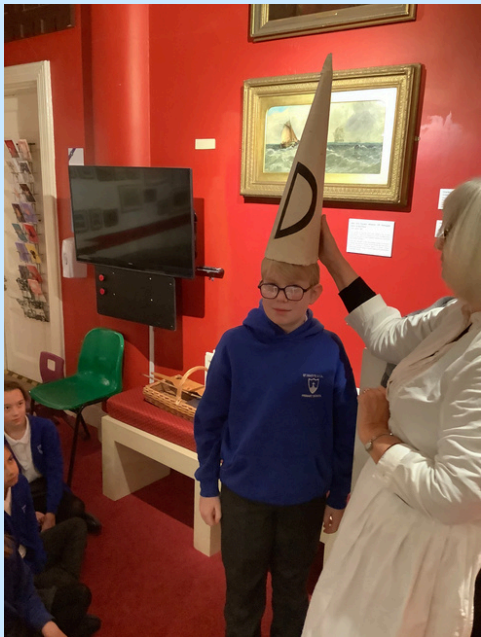


# RED WEDNESDAY





CLASS 4 AT THE SILK MUSEUM







# Colours of Christmas

## Casual Clothes Day – 28<sup>th</sup> November



The PTA will be selling tickets for 4 hampers at the nativities this year to raise money for the school. On the casual clothes day on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November please **bring in something the colour assigned to your class** to help fill our hampers – you can even wear the same colour to school that day if you like!

### Class 1 – please bring in anything red!

Examples: Can of Coca-Cola, Christmas pudding, Maltesers, A red pen, Tomato Sauce, Red wine, A box of celebrations, Skittles, Strawberry Jam, Red lipstick, Red Candle, A red toy, Red lentils, Chilli powder, a candy cane, can of kidney beans, red bubble bath/shower gel, a box of Yorkshire tea, BBQ sauce, jammie dodgers, can of salmon, pringles, anything in a red packet/label...

### Class 2 – please bring in anything yellow/gold!

Examples: Chicken supernoodles, gold blend coffee, gold biscuits, thatchers cider, Yorkshire gold tea, pineapple rings, gold decoration, gold frame, yellow candle, packet of pasta, lemonade, Fanta lemon, Twix, Toblerone, marmalade, a yellow toy, a gold notebook, a gold pen, cello tape, yellow shower gel, anything in a yellow packet/label...

### Class 3 – please bring in anything silver/white!

Examples: white chocolate, pack of Lovehearts, Lees' snowballs, Dove toiletries, white wine, candle, milkybar chocolate, desiccated coconut, white rice, Vanish white stain remover powder, white digestives, white rum, white sauce, white hot chocolate, toothpaste, white sugar, vinegar, white pepper, flour, white toy, notebook, icing, silver tree decoration, corkscrew...

### Class 4 – please bring in anything green!

Examples: a pack of mint clubs, can of apple tango, After Eight Mints, Matchmakers, Mint Aero, Sour cream pringles, jar of green curry paste, onion rings, lime jelly, green bubble bath/shower gel, chicken and mushroom pot noodle, a green toy, a green book, matcha, jar of pesto, olives, green tea, elderflower cordial, green pen, washing up liquid...

**All donations must be new/unused, unopened and in date please. Thank you!**

## St. Mary's CVA PTA Events at a Glance

<b>Oct</b> <b>18th</b> End of Term Disco £2 per pupil	<b>Nov</b> <b>28th</b> Colours of Christmas Casual Clothes Day Bring in an item	<b>Dec</b> <b>13th</b> Christmas Carousel £2 per pupil
<b>Jan</b> <b>24th</b> Crazy Hair Day £1 per pupil	<b>Feb</b> <b>13th</b> Valentines Disco £2 per pupil	<b>March</b> Easter Activity No cost
<b>April</b> Whole school Clubbersize! Sponsorship	<b>May</b> Duck Race Carnival Prep No cost	<b>June</b> Casual Clothes Days Bring in an item
<b>July</b> Summer Fair & Colour run! No Cost		

We hope this calendar of events is helpful - more detail for each event will be shared closer to the time.

The biggest strength of our committee is our drive to create the best memories for all children while at school – we look forward to another exciting year!

Feedback is always welcome, please contact us via email: [stmaryspta.newmills@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspta.newmills@gmail.com)



# 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.





# Saint Mary's family



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Follow us for school  
communication, information and  
local events!

View our school website here -  
[www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk](http://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk)



The website contains lots of useful  
information including a school calendar,  
details about the curriculum, latest  
news, the school dinner menu, links to  
ParentPay and information about  
wraparound care!





# 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 28th November	Class 1 assembly (Liturgy) 9.10am
Thursday 28th November	PTA colours of Christmas day
Friday 29th November	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 5th December	Fairtrade tuckshop, please bring 50p for a treat!
Friday 6th December	Christmas crafts
Friday 6th December	Pantomime visit – whole school
Monday 9th December	Last swimming lesson for year six
Tuesday 10th December	Key stage one Christmas performance 9.30am–10.30am then 6.00pm–7.00pm
Wednesday 11th December	Key stage two Christmas performance 9.30am–10.30am then 6.00pm–7.00pm
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas dinner day
Thursday 12th December	Carol singing

# 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>



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



# SCHOOL NOTICES



**Star of the week this week was awarded to someone who knows how to treat others with dignity and respect**

**Our dinner table discussion this week was 'do all animals have feelings?'**

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 can work, play, rest and pray each day.'**

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 92% 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.

YES

## 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**

**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 Children & Young People Need to Know about **FREE VS HATE SPEECH**

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having ours challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

## Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the DEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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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

## 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.



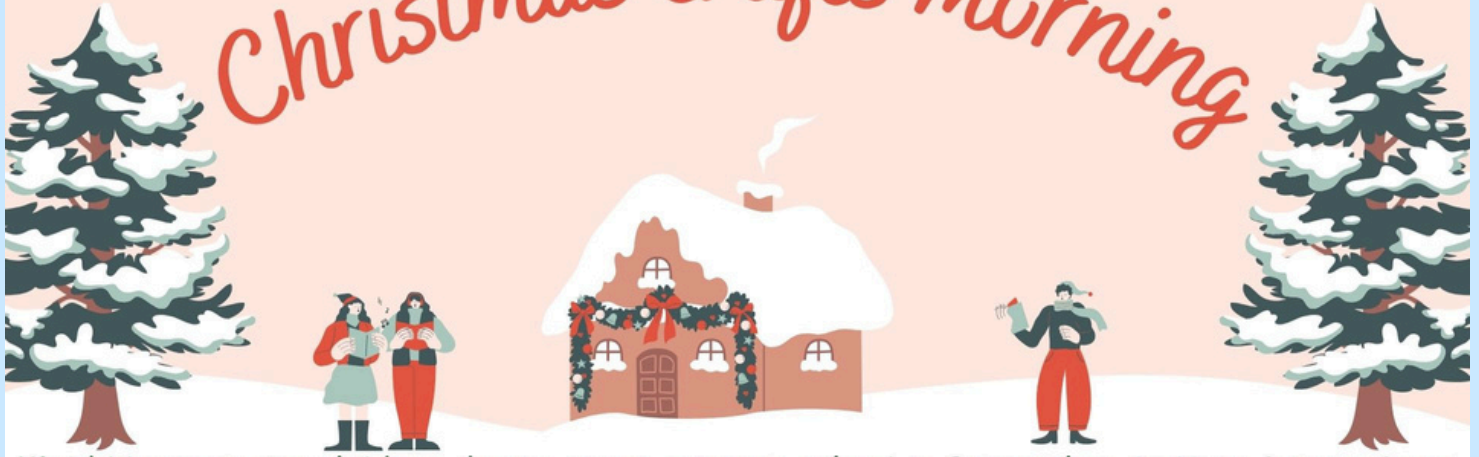
# ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Please do let us know if  
you can come!  
[joxley@nmm.srscmat.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:info@nmm.srscmat.co.uk)

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

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

For vacancies in our Trust, please see – [www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies/](http://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies/)

Latest vacancy: Premises officer at St Thomas More School in Buxton

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?>

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**Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**

Join us at St Thomas More for our Senior Citizens' Christmas Party on

**Friday 13th December 2024**  
**13:30-14:45**

We will be having Carols from the school band, Bingo, cakes and festive fun.

If you wish to attend please contact the school office on 01298 23167 by Monday 9th December

The event is free to attend but we are hoping to fundraise for some of our students to attend the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

St Thomas More, Palace Fields, Buxton SK17 6AF

RAFFLE

BINGO

St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy



YOUTH MATTERS

**BASKETBALL**

**STARTING 26TH NOV**

**TUESDAYS 4:30-6PM**  
**ALL ABILITIES 8+**

**CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION ON 07539001555**

**NICHOLAS LEWIS**  
2023-24 SEASON

**COACH NICHOLAS LEWIS**  
PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYER AND TEAM CAPTAIN FOR Manchester Basketball

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## POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S L2U CONSULTATION 2024/25



Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts, would like to hear views on crime and community safety in Derbyshire. Throughout the year the Commissioner runs a survey called Listening 2 You, asking for Derbyshire residents' views on crime and community safety. This is done to ensure that the priorities the Commissioner sets for policing, community safety and victim services reflect the issues that matter most to Derbyshire residents, wherever they live in the City or the County. Using the responses from the survey, the Commissioner will work with the Chief Constable to ensure that resources are balanced efficiently with residents' concerns.

We need to hear from as many people as possible to ensure the results are fair.

The survey questions cover feelings of safety, experiences of crime and anti-social behaviour in the area where they live, and opinions on local policing. The survey should take no longer than 4 minutes to complete. The link for the survey is below:

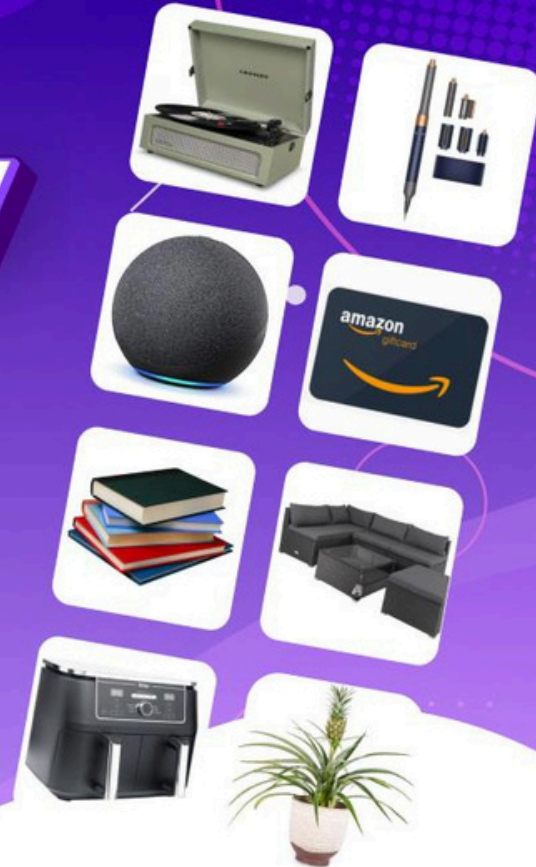
Listening to you | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner ([derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk)) <https://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/taking-part/listening-to-you/>



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