



13TH JUNE 2025

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Saint Mary's achieved third place in the walking group category at New Mills carnival on Saturday. Thank you so much to all the adults and to the PTA for organising and supporting this event, we just about managed to get to the finish before the heavens opened!

This week, class 2 have been busy learning about signs and symbols at church. Wednesday was national road safety day so all children have been learning how to be safe when crossing the road.

For those families who park at the church at drop off and pick up times, please do be careful not to park in the disabled bays unless you have a blue badge. No one should be parking on the zigzags or double yellow lines outside school.

Some class 3 children attended the quadkids event on Wednesday at New Mills School pavilion. You all did really well and enjoyed the event. Class 3 also had their curriculum assembly and open reading session this week. Thank you for a wonderful assembly and thank you also to all of the parents and carers who attended the reading session. It is a joy to share a love of books together.

This week we welcomed our new parents and carers into school to start preparations for September 2025!

Just a quick reminder that school begins at 8.45am, all children should be in school at that time. Classes 1 and 2 should be picked up at 3.15pm and classes 3 and 4 should be picked up at 3.20pm. Please do make sure that you are on time at both ends of the day to help school run smoothly.

This week's Friday assembly was based on road safety and how to be safe crossing the road. We remind our older children to NEVER cross the road whilst looking at their mobile phones.

Next week, we look forward to class 1's assembly and open reading session on Thursday as well as a visit from PCSO Buller to talk to year 6 children about the importance of making good choices as they move towards joining high schools.

Please visit the fundraiser at New Mills Leisure Centre on Saturday if you can, they are raising funds for SEND resources for school. Thank you to everyone involved!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Chapman.

The Diocesan guide to the Jubilee and more information about the Jubilee can be found here - <https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/catholic-life/r-e/>



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/3U0sIdI>

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE WORD



This week's theme was Pentecost. The mission was to tell someone about Pentecost. The Catholic Social Teaching link was rights and responsibilities because everyone has the right to be heard.

Pentecost

Year C

Word of the Week

Pentecost

Sunday

First Reading
Acts 2:1-11
Gospel Reading
John 14:14-16, 23b-26

Time

Pentecost is where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, and they were filled with the Spirit and began to speak in other languages. This day is often referred to as the Church's birthday as it marks the moment when the disciples were inspired to go out into the world to share the good news, and to bring people to Christ.

Suggestion

Hebrew Bible
Exodus 23:16-19
New Testament
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Mission

Find out how to say something nice in a new language this week and take opportunities to share good news with others.

A message from New Mills Helping Hands:

Our local foodbank, New Mills Helping Hands, deliver food parcels directly to peoples homes. To do this we use strong carrier bags to make the deliveries. Since shops have started charging for plastic bags, these are less frequently donated. If any members of your school community have a spare stash of carrier bags that they do not need, our foodbank would be very grateful for them. These can be dropped off at school. Thank you for your support.





We would like to gather some feedback about the recent changes we have made to our reading scheme. If anyone with a child in year 2 or above could spare a minute to answer these 4 short questions we would be very grateful. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/q2yQviWQRr>



DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION-FUNDED

HOLIDAY CLUBS IN DERBYSHIRE

it's about me
Derbyshire's Holiday Activity and
Food Programme

2025/26

MORE INFORMATION

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also benefit from Department for Education-funded spaces at holiday clubs in your local area?

Thanks to the Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Derbyshire as 'It's About Me', your child can experience holiday clubs filled with fun, learning and healthy meals at no cost to you!

If your child is aged between 4-16 years old* and is eligible to receive benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to access It's About Me holiday clubs.

With a wide range of activities such as sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music and more, there's something for everyone! Plus, every session includes a nutritious meal to keep them energised and happy throughout the day. Each club offers a unique programme depending on its location and type—there's so much to explore! Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child has the chance to join the fun.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING

Bookings open: 17th March 2025

Holiday clubs open: 7th April 2025 -
17th April 2025

SUMMER

Bookings open: 30th June 2025

Holiday clubs open: 28th July 2025 -
3rd September 2025

WINTER

Bookings open: 1st December 2025

Holiday clubs open: 22nd December 2025 -
2nd January 2026

All dates exclude bank holidays and weekends.

HOW TO BOOK

1

Get your unique IAM/ HAF code from your child's school

2

Go to our website
itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk

3

Follow our handy
[How to Book Guide](#)

4

Sign-up to receive It's
About Me updates



*See website for full eligibility criteria.



MORE INFORMATION:

itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk





CHILDREN'S LITURGY DATES 2025

JUNE 15TH

JUNE 22ND

JUNE 29TH

JULY 6TH

JULY 13TH

JULY 20TH

Our PE kit is: a plain white t-shirt and black shorts, black jogging bottoms and a royal blue hoodie or sweatshirt. Trainers should be designed for sport, well fitting and in good condition.



No earrings should be worn on PE days. If you cannot remove your child's earrings, please tape them up before school. This helps to prevent injuries.



Children should not be wearing Ugg style boots, Converse style trainers or leggings on non PE days.

All children with long hair should have their hair tied back every day.



OUR PE DAYS ARE:

CLASS ONE - MONDAY AND FRIDAY

CLASS TWO- MONDAY AND FRIDAY

CLASS THREE- TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

CLASS FOUR- MONDAY AND TUESDAY

✓ **ACTIVE WEAR SHOES TO BE WORN EVERY DAY**



✓ **PE KIT TO BE WORN ON PE DAYS**

✓ **WATER BOTTLE NEEDED EVERY DAY**



✓ **COAT SUITABLE FOR THE CONDITIONS ON THE DAY NEEDED EVERY DAY**



On non PE days, girls should wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan, a white shirt or polo shirt, a grey pinafore, skirt or trousers or a blue gingham summer dress in summer. Boys should wear a school sweatshirt, grey trousers, a white shirt or polo shirt, grey or black socks and grey school shorts in summer.

All items of clothing should be labelled with your child's name.
Active wear shoes should be worn every day.



CARNIVAL JUNE 2025

Thank you to everyone who helped with the carnival both before the event and on the day. We came third in the walking groups. Everyone had a great day despite the rain. Well done!!









QUADKIDS YEAR 3 AND 4



CLASS 3 ASSEMBLY



CLASS 3 OPEN READING SESSION







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.

School attendance

The importance of school attendance

We want our children at Saint Mary's to enjoy coming to school and to love their learning. Our attendance target for the whole school is 95% or above.

Research shows that there is a high correlation between school attendance, academic performance and success. Absence from school is often the biggest single cause of poor performance and achievement.



Why is it so important to attend every day?

- Learning is a progressive activity; each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day(s). Each missed lesson is a missed learning opportunity.
- Reading the material and completing work independently does not compensate for direct interaction with a teacher.
- Teachers often use whole class discussions, demonstrations, debate, experiments and small group work as part of their daily learning activities, and these cannot be caught up by those who are absent.
- Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child receives an education.

Are there other benefits to my child?

- Pupils with good attendance records generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life.
- Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour including independence skills and life skills.

What are the risks of frequent absences?

- A child who does not attend school regularly will be unlikely to keep up with the work.
- The more a child misses school, the lower their grades; the lower their grades, the less they want to stay be school. The only way to break this cycle is regular, high levels of attendance.

What can parents do to help?

- Parents and carers must model how they value education, including the importance of regular attendance, good punctuality, being respectful to teachers etc.
- If your child starts missing school, work with us to put things right. We are here to support you.
- If your child is ill or must miss school for some other reason, contact school immediately.
- Take an interest in your child's schoolwork and be involved in the school as much as possible – your child will value school more if you do. Come to assemblies, join the PTA, attend parent consultation appointments etc.
- Read with your child/children every night. Reading helps to build a strong and rich vocabulary. It increases empathy, showing children new perspectives and new worlds. Even five minutes per night is hugely beneficial.
- If you are not sure if your child should attend school due to illness, contact the school office who will advise you.

Check your child's attendance percentage on the Arbor app and compare it to this grid!

If you don't have access to Arbor, please let the school office know.



If you need help to increase your child's attendance, speak to your class teacher or the school office.

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 19th June	Class 1 assembly followed by class 1's open reading session. Parents and carers of class 1 pupils are invited into school to spend some time reading with the children.
Thursday 19 th June	Talk from PCSO Buller for year 6
Monday 23rd June to Wednesday 25th June	Year 6 residential visit to Lea Green
Tuesday 24th June	Year 5 visit to Saint Thomas More
Wednesday 25th June	Year 5 parent and carer open reading session 2.30pm–3.00pm
Thursday 26th June	Musical extravaganza – everyone is welcome
Friday 27 th June	Chocolate non uniform day
Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July	Transition week
Thursday 3 rd July	Class 2 assembly followed by class 2's open reading session. Parents and carers of class 2 pupils are invited into school to spend some time reading with the children.
Friday 4 th July	Summer fair 3.30pm–5.30pm
Thursday 10 th July	Mission Day

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>

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2025

Every year, Ofcom releases its Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report, offering fresh insights into how young people are using digital platforms. The 2025 edition highlights key safeguarding concerns as children's engagement with social media, gaming, and live streaming continues to grow. This guide pulls out the top statistics from the report, focussing on the main areas of concern for parents and educators.

ONLINE LIVES

Children are engaging with social media and online content at increasing rates:

37%
3-5s

now have access to social media platforms; however, only a small proportion use it independently of parents.

79%
3-17s

have a social media profile, with 16% including a public photo.

66%
3-17s

watch livestreamed videos regularly, with 16% of them streaming their own content.

POST

ONLINE GAMING

Gaming remains popular but raises concerns:

74%

of children say they play with someone they know, while 32% report playing with strangers.

62%

of parents worry about their children talking to strangers while gaming.

31%

of children who game online chat with people they don't know.

PARENTAL CONCERNS

Parents are increasingly worried about online risks:

70%

fear their child may see age-inappropriate or sexual content.

68%

fear exposure to content that promotes self-harm.

72%

worry about their child distinguishing real from fake information.

61%

worry about exposure to extreme views.

69%

are concerned about online bullying.

SCREEN TIME

Screen time is still a major challenge for parents:

70%

of parents of 13-17s say it's difficult to manage screen time.

33%

of 8-17s think their own screen time is too high.

At 29% vs 24%

boys were more likely than girls to disagree that their screen time is too high.

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HARMFUL CONTENT & INTERACTIONS

A significant minority of children continue to have negative feelings about social media and messaging apps:

Nearly four in ten 8-17s

believe that people are mean or unkind to each other online all or most of the time.

Girls aged 8-17

are more likely than boys to say they have experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them online (31%).

One third of teenagers

agree that it's important that people can say what they want online, even if it offends someone.

ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

Positively, the vast majority of children reported learning about online safety at school:

92%

of children aged 8-17 recall at least one lesson on online safety and most report finding them useful.

The top three topics covered are:

63%

How to recognise harmful content.

63%

How to keep personal information safe.

62%

Being kind and respectful online.

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College®

**IN AN EMERGENCY, WHEN THE SCHOOL ANSWERPHONE IS SWITCHED ON,
RING 07355 221723 TO SPEAK TO WRAPAROUND STAFF.**



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 those who know how to be safe crossing the road.

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



You can check your child's attendance percentage on Arbor! This is updated daily. Please let the school office know if you need any help with this.

No photography or videos are allowed on personal devices in school. This includes during sports days, assemblies, performances and school trips. This is to keep our most vulnerable children safe.

Our statement of belief this week was – I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others.

Our dinner table discussion this week was 'can you touch the wind?'

If you need to drive to school, please drive and park considerably, avoiding the zigzags. We regularly get complaints from neighbours about poor parking, especially parking across the lane towards the top of Longlands Road. The police have confirmed that this lane is classed as a road, so blocking it is illegal. The people that live there are unable to leave if cars are blocking the lane, which means people are being made late for work, not able to get their own children to school, being late for appointments etc. This isn't fair. Please don't block this lane and please park using consideration.

Parking is available at the church and higher up Longlands road where the youth club is. If you can walk to school, or park a little further away, please do so. Thank you for reading this.

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 97.6% THIS WEEK!

NEWS FROM THE PTA

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY PTA

HELP WANTED PRIZE DONATIONS

CALLING ALL PARENTS, STAFF
AND FRIENDS!!!

Do you or anyone you know, work for or
have a business which may be willing
to donate a prize for the summer fair?

Any donation of vouchers or prizes
is gratefully received!

Please bring any
donations to the
School Office or
contact any member
of the PTA

Thank you!!!!

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY PTA

SUMMER FAIR 25 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL PARENTS, STAFF
AND FRIENDS!!!

Are you able to volunteer any time to run
a stall or activity at the summer fair?

FRIDAY 4TH JULY 2025
SETTING UP FROM 2PM
THE FAIR BETWEEN 3.30 AND 5.30
CLEARING UP FROM 5.30

Please let the PTA Committee know if
you can and we can pop your name
down to the list

Many hands make light work!

Thank you!!!!

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY PTA

TEDDY, GIFT & BOOK AMNESTY

CALLING ALL PARENTS, STAFF
AND FRIENDS!!!

Do you have any Teddies or Books that you
no longer need or want?

Would you donate them to the school fair?

Please bring any donations to School, there will be a
donations tub! contact any member of the PTA

Thank you!!!!

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY PTA

NON-UNIFORM DAY BRING CHOCOLATE

27th JUNE 2025

A non-uniform day in return for
bringing chocolate for a tombola
prize!

Anything chocolatey is
welcome! All we ask is that
it is sealed and in date!

**DUE TO ALLERGIES
PLEASE NO NUTS!**

THANK YOU!!!!

SAINT MARYS CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY
ACADEMY PTA PRESENTS

SUMMER FAIR

Friday 4th July 2025
3.30pm to 5.30pm

St Marys CVA, Longlands Road, New
Mills SK1 9EL



FUNDS RAISED FOR CLASSROOM RESOURCES

SUMMER DAYS OUT RAFFLE

£1 PER TICKET

5 AMAZING TRIPS OUT UP FOR GRABS



Thornbridge Hall



FUNDS RAISED FOR CLASSROOM RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY PTA

SUMMER DAYS OUT RAFFLE

£1 per ticket

DRAW TAKES PLACE 27th JULY 2025

PRIZE 1

WIN A FAMILY DAY
TICKET
(2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN)
FOR 8th AUGUST 2025
TO



What to do:

Sell your raffle tickets to
family, friends,
neighbours.
Bring the ticket stubs
and the £££s back to
school by the 16th July
2025

PRIZE 2

4 WEEKEND CAMPING
TICKETS TO:



IF YOU NEED
MORE TICKETS
JUST ASK!



ALSO UP FOR GRABS

FAMILY DAY TICKETS TO



THORNBRIDGE HALL





**DONATIONS
WELCOME**

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025

**MYACTIVE NEW MILLS
HYDE BANK RD, NEW MILLS**

JOIN US FOR OUR 2025

SEND RESOURCES FUNDRAISER

11.00AM-2.00PM

**WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH ST MARYS SCHOOL,
NEW MILLS**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
KIDS CLASSES • FACE PAINTING •
THROW A SPONGE AT A STAFF
MEMBER • BOUNCY CASTLE • PT A PT**



**MyActive
New Mills**



CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS

Calling Foundation Governors

An invitation for you!

Date & Time

**Wednesday 18 June 2025
7.00pm - 8.00pm**

Venue

VIRTUAL - Microsoft Teams

*Christ is the foundation
of the whole educational enterprise
in a Catholic school.*

The Catholic School, §34

Calling Foundation Governors...

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time?

If so, becoming a foundation governor could be just the thing for you.

Bishop Patrick McKinney is seeking practising Catholics to appoint as new foundation governors to our diocesan schools. Foundation governors play a vital role in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our schools.

This event is designed to provide information about the role of a foundation governor, the application process and the support offered.



Serving Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Lincoln and Lincolnshire



Serving Derby, Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Stockport



Serving Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

To reserve your place please contact Gill Burns: gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk

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”.



YES



SCHOOL HEALTH AND SEN

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.org.uk

For more information about Elective Home Education, please see here – <https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/information/send/>

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/>

Takiwatanga means "In their own time and space" in Maori

TAKIWATANGA

Tuck shop, Lego, Arts and Crafts, Football, Basketball, Bouncy castle, Table Tennis, Pool, Air Hockey, large outdoor space and more

Fully inclusive social club
Be yourself in a safe and welcoming space

A quieter space for children and young people with Neurodiversity's to have fun and socialise

WEDNESDAYS
4:30PM | 6PM
AT NEW MILLS YOUTH CENTRE

PARENT PEER SUPPORT GROUP
IN THE CAFE AREA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUTH MATTERS
ON 07539001555



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, Class Teacher

Mrs Amy Hodgson – Designated Safeguarding Lead, Class Teacher

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



SAFEGUARDING ONLINE

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



Would you like to work for the Saint Ralph Sherwin Trust? Job vacancies can be found here -

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-2/>



HR manager post -
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