



**11TH JULY 2025**

# **FRIDAY NEWSLETTER**

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

**Welcome to this week's newsletter. Another busy week with school trips, music, visitors and a fun PTA event!**

**On Monday we had a full day learning about other faiths. Imran came into school to talk about the Muslim faith and Jeren's mum visited in her full sari and talked about her culture and the types of food eaten on certain religious festivals.**

**On Tuesday there was a wonderful violin performance to the whole school led by Mrs Porter.**

**Wednesday was very busy with school trips by classes 1, 2 and 3. Class 1 and 2 visited Matlock Farm Park whilst class 3 went on a train to the Buxton Crescent Experience to learn about the Romans.**

**We had our Mission day on Thursday with Dan, our Lay Chaplain. The children were learning about the different apparitions of Mary, their school saint.**

**The PTA were in action again with our amazing colour run on Friday. We had a wonderful time and this was an amazing experience for the children.**

**We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers. PTA members who organised the summer fair, family members who volunteer in school, helpers to come on the school trips – the list is endless! Thank you to you all, school wouldn't be the same without you.**

**Please note that after school sports club with Mrs Evans has now finished. Next week, we look forward to bikeability for year 5 pupils, sports days, our rail safety talk, leavers mass and meet the teacher and our fish and chip lunch outside.**

**Have a lovely weekend and please stay safe in the heat.**

**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/>*

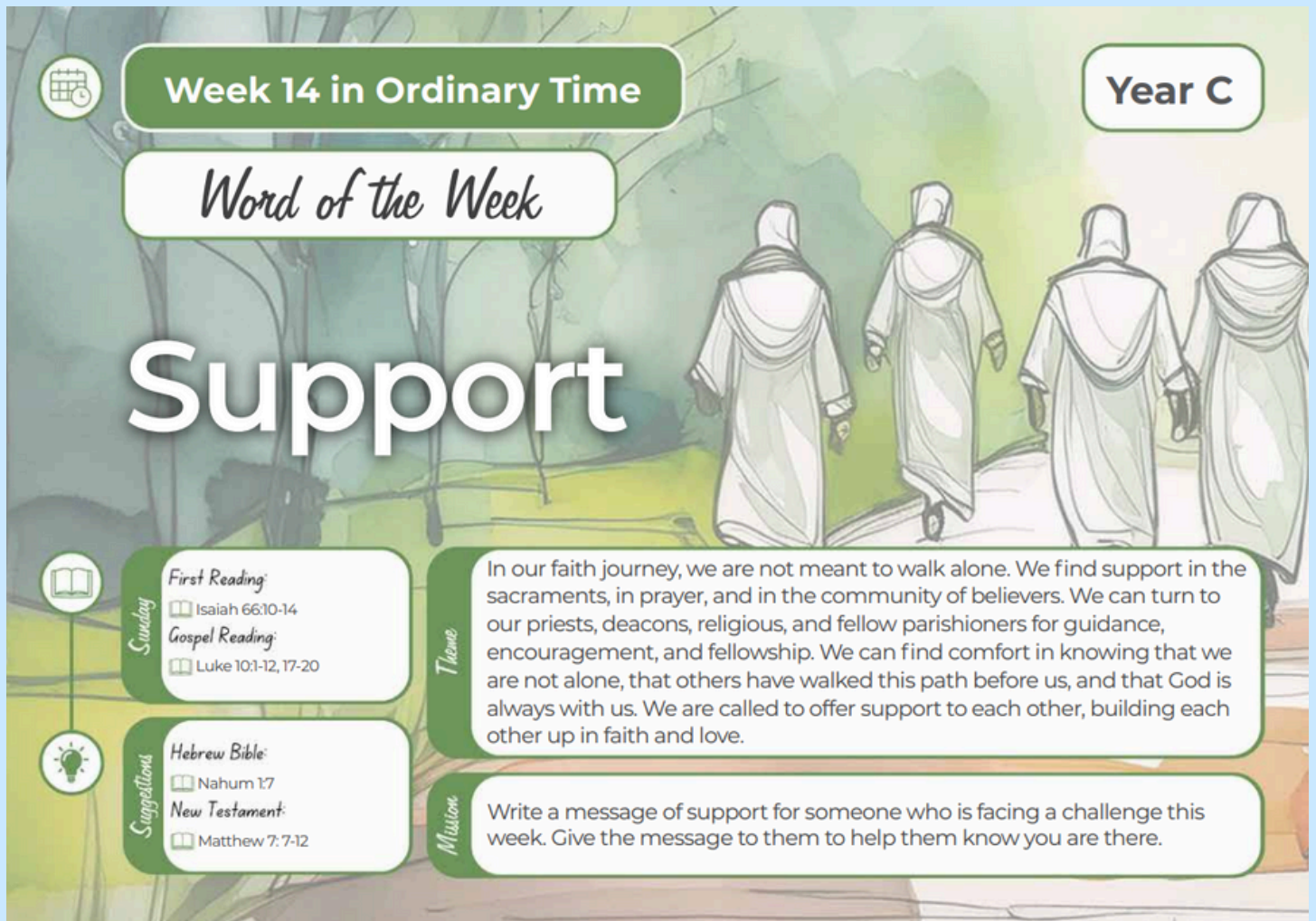



Copies of both the school newsletters and the Parish newsletters can be found here - <https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/newsletters/>  
Our Catholic life and mission newsletter can be found here <https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/catholic-life/catholic-social-teaching/>  
Our Trust newsletter can be found here <https://bit.ly/3U8idII>

# THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE WORD



## Mary's Missionaries




**Week 14 in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**


*Word of the Week*

# Support

*Sunday*

**First Reading:**  
Isaiah 66:10-14

**Gospel Reading:**  
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

*Suggestions*

**Hebrew Bible:**  
Nahum 1:7

**New Testament:**  
Matthew 7: 7-12

*Theme*

In our faith journey, we are not meant to walk alone. We find support in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the community of believers. We can turn to our priests, deacons, religious, and fellow parishioners for guidance, encouragement, and fellowship. We can find comfort in knowing that we are not alone, that others have walked this path before us, and that God is always with us. We are called to offer support to each other, building each other up in faith and love.

*Mission*

Write a message of support for someone who is facing a challenge this week. Give the message to them to help them know you are there.

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](https://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](https://itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk)





To book go to [www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk](http://www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk)

# SUMMER FAMFEST 2025



FREE  
FOR  
CHILDREN  
5-16 YEARS

MON-FRI  
11AM-3PM

28/07/2025-14/08/2025

BOOKINGS LIVE NOW!

New Mills Youth Centre  
Longlands Road, SK22 3BZ

Contact 01663743487







**CHILDREN'S LITURGY DATES 2025**

**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.**



# **Buxton** *Advertiser*

## **LEAVERS 2025 SOUVENIR EDITION** **10TH JULY 2025**

Dear Parent/Guardian

With the summer holidays fast approaching, we are waving off our school leavers with a celebratory class photo special which will be published in the paper on 10th July 2025. This end of year celebratory special will feature full colour photos of leavers' classes from schools around the area, and I am pleased to inform you that your school has submitted a photo of your child's class to us.

This is a lovely farewell gesture from your child's school and the chance for you and your family members to own a keepsake edition, documenting your child's educational journey.

The copies will be available in shops from 10th July 2025 for a week, but demand will be high, so to avoid possible sell out disappointment, or for family members out of the area, we are giving you the chance to pre-order your postal keepsake edition/s

**Postal Pre-order Price** is just £4.45 for one copy or £7.25 for two. Includes a 20% discount on the cover price plus postage.

**Order by Phone:** Call 0330 403 3004, lines open 9.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday

**Order Online:** Visit [buxtonadvertiser.eventbrite.co.uk](https://buxtonadvertiser.eventbrite.co.uk). Please note that website orders are subject to additional fees which are set and charged by Eventbrite.

**Order Deadline :** 6th July 2025

**Delivery:** Copies will be posted to the address supplied in your order via Royal Mail's Tracked 24 service from the day of publication. You will be notified via email/SMS once dispatched with your Tracking Number.

Alternatively copies will be available in all good local retail outlets from 10th July 2025 at the usual cover price.

If you do not want your child to appear in the photograph, please contact your school office. Photographs will be published in the newspaper, may appear online, and may be promoted via social media.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 0330 403 3004 or via email at [specialitions@nationalworld.com](mailto:specialitions@nationalworld.com).

Yours faithfully

**Amy Best**  
**Buxton Advertiser**





# SUMMER FAIR 2025





# LEARNING ABOUT OTHER FAITHS





SUMMER TRIP TO MATLOCK FARM PARK





SUMMER TRIP TO THE BUXTON CRESCENT EXPERIENCE





## MISSION DAY





## CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL – FINDING NEWTS!







# 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.

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 sports day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 sports day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Rail safety talk by Network Rail
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Mass 10.00am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Fish and chip lunch outside
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Class 4 end of year production 1.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Class 4 end of year production 6.00pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers assembly 1.30pm – last day in school for pupils
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset 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 APPLE IPADS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

### COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

### DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

### BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

### REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

### FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

### USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

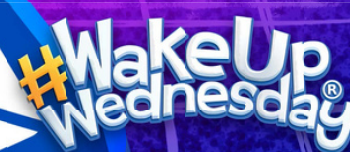
Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

### PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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**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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THE SESSIONS  
YOU NEED**



Call Us  
**01663 742412**  
Or e-mail  
[info@nmm.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:info@nmm.srscmat.co.uk)



Use your tax-free childcare vouchers  
**Speak to the school office  
for more information!**

# SCHOOL NOTICES

No Star of the Week this week.

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.

If you need to drive to school, please drive and park considerately, 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 96.3% THIS WEEK!**



# Summer Camp!

When: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Time: 9-3pm

Where: St Mary's Primary School, New Mills

Price: £25 per child per day or £120 for the week.

10% off additional siblings.

Age 3+



A fun filled week of  
Dance,  
Games,  
Outdoor play  
Arts and Crafts  
and more!



Please email to book your child's place  
[acballetacademy@gmail.com](mailto:acballetacademy@gmail.com)

A £20 non refundable Deposit is required to secure your child's place. Remaining fee will be due 1st April 2025.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES – SUMMER ACTIVITIES



# Summer Workshops!

When: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

Time: 9-3pm

Where: St Mary's Primary School, New Mills

Price: £25 per child per day or £75 for the 3 days.

10% off additional siblings.

Age 6+



# SIX

Day 1: Six inspired workshop  
Day 2: Lyrical and stretch workshop  
Day 3: Musical Theatre workshop

Please email to book your child's place  
[acballetacademy@gmail.com](mailto:acballetacademy@gmail.com)

A £20 non refundable Deposit is required to secure your child's place. Remaining fee will be due 1st April 2025.



# Acro Workshop!

With Holly Hulton!

When: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Time: 9-3pm

Where: Disley Methodist Church

Price: £30 per child

Age 4+



Please email to book your child's place  
[acballetacademy@gmail.com](mailto:acballetacademy@gmail.com)

A £20 non refundable Deposit is required to secure your child's place. Remaining fee will be due 1st April 2025.





New Mills Youth Centre, Longlands Road SK22 3BZ

YOUTH CLUB

# TRANSITION WEEK



**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**5-6:30pm age 4-10**  
**7-8:30pm age 11+**

Transition week is a opportunity for those either starting their Youth Club Journey (age 4 Reception) and for those about to move up into the older Youth Club (Year 6's) to experience their New Youth Club groups. Its a great chance for them to make friends before moving up or onto High school and to meet the Youth Club staff.

For more information please email us at [youthmatternewmills@gmail.com](mailto:youthmatternewmills@gmail.com)



# 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 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](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.org.uk](http://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](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, 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.**







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# Beat the heat

## Plan ahead



Check the weather  
forecast and the news



Plan ahead to  
avoid the heat



Schedule activities to  
cooler times of the day

## Keep yourself cool



Drink plenty of fluids and  
avoid excess alcohol



Wear sunscreen, a  
hat, and sunglasses



Cool your skin with water  
and slow down

## Find somewhere cool



Close blinds and curtains  
during the day

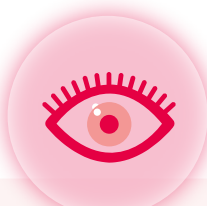


Go indoors or outdoors,  
whichever feels cooler



Avoid closed spaces  
like stationary cars

## Be safe



Be on the lookout  
for signs of heat  
related illness



Look after yourself  
and check in with  
others



Stay safe when  
swimming



Get help. Call  
NHS 111 or in an  
emergency 999

**For more information go to: [gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat](https://gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat)**



# 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.

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 –  
<https://bit.ly/3ZQCRVI>

## 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.



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