

18TH JULY 2025



# FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

## SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Welcome to this week's newsletter. An amazing fun filled week was had by all. Sports day went from one extreme to the other with the weather however you certainly couldn't dampen the enthusiasm and passion of our audience who actively participated in adult races over both days. Well done to you all, it was certainly a wonderful event with much laughter.

Many of our year five pupils took part in two days of bikeability training this week. We also had our railway safety talk by Network Rail, helping us to stay safe around the network. Leavers mass on Thursday for our school leavers was a wonderful, spiritual occasion. The children sang and responded beautifully throughout. Fr Emmanuel loved his card and art canvas image of St Bernadette.

Mary's Missionaries interviewed our prospective chaplains for next year. They asked them some very tricky questions, but they all answered each question with strong, accurate and detailed responses. We finished Thursday with our whole school celebration of the word lead by our lay chaplain Dan.

On Friday, we had our fish and chip lunch day. The children always enjoy this special summer meal together. We also sent out the summer reports this week. Please do look our for your child's report and complete the feedback form if you would like to.

From September 2025, our meals prices will be increasing to ±3.38. This charge is dictated by Derbyshire County Council and is out of our control. Breakfast club and after school club prices remain the same.

Looking forward to next week, we have our class 4 end of year production on Monday (1.30pm) and Tuesday (6.00pm). Also on Tuesday we have our Teddy Bears picnic for Special Friends (reception and year 6). The leavers assembly takes place on Wednesday at 1.30pm, everyone is very welcome to attend. School will close after the leavers assembly at 3.00pm. All children need to leave school at 3.00pm on this day. There will be no after school club on this day.

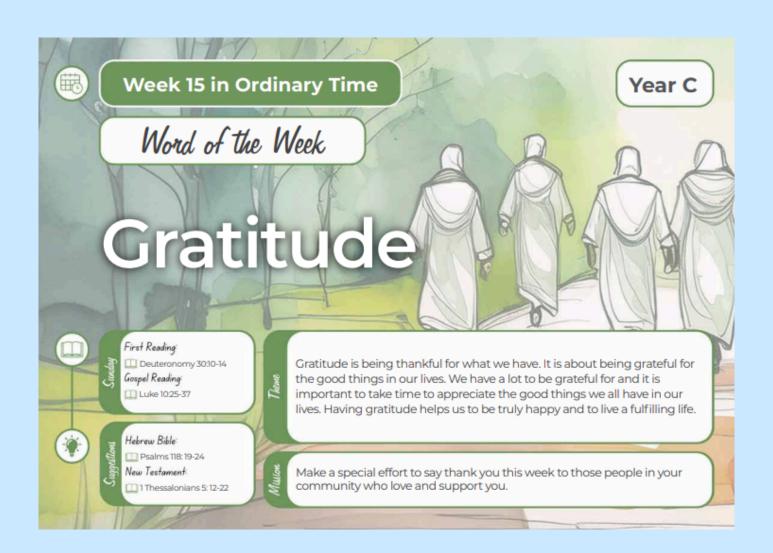
Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Chapman.



### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE WORD







## DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION-FUNDED

# HOLIDAY CLUBS

# Derbyshire's Holiday Activity and Food Programme

# 2025/26

# IN DERBYSHIRE

#### **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**

- Get your unique IAM/ HAF code from your child's school
- Go to our website itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk
- Follow our handy
  How to Book Guide
- Sign-up to receive It'
  About Me updates

\*See website for full eligibility criteria.









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## **PARISH NEWS**



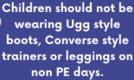
## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY DATES 2025**

**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.







SAINT MARY



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.





# **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 <u>every day</u>.





## <u>LEAVERS 2025 SOUVENIR EDITION</u> 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 <u>buxtonadvertiser.eventbrite.co.uk</u>. 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 specialeditions@nationalworld.com.

Yours faithfully

Amy Best Buxton Advertiser



## **KEY STAGE ONE SPORTS DAY**











## **KEY STAGE TWO SPORTS DAY**













#### **NETWORK RAIL SAFETY TALK**



# STAY SAFE

#### **MEET THE TEACHER**



## **LEAVERS MASS**







## 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?

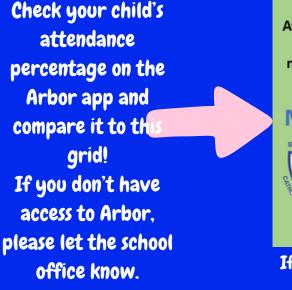
- Pupils with good attendance records generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- · Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life.
- Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour including independence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





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

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Inset day

Thursday 24th July

## 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

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## TAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

## STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.

#### **LEARN SIGNS** AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and

#### STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.

## CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed

#### INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in

## SUPERVISION IS KEY

LIFEGUARD

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily

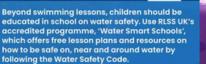
## KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

## FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings

## TEACH WATER SAFETY



#### Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the



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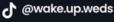
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## IN AN EMERGENCY, WHEN THE SCHOOL ANSWERPHONE IS SWITCHED ON, RING 07355 221723 TO SPEAK TO WRAPAROUND STAFF.





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

BOOK VIA 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!

## No Star of the Week this week.

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

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

> 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.



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.

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.

Summer Campl

When: Monday IIth August-Friday 15th

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!



#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES - SUMMER ACTIVITIES**



Please email to book your child's place acballetacademy@gmail.com A £20 non refundable Deposit is required to secure your child's place. Remaining fee will be due 1st April 2025.

## Summer Workshops!

When: Wednesday 20th August- Friday 22nd

August 2025 Time: 9-3pm

Where: St Mary's Primary School, New Mills

Price: £25 per child per day or £75 for the  $\overline{3}$ 

days.

10% off additional siblings.

Age 6+





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

Acro Workshop!

When: Tuesday 26th 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 A £20 non refundable Deposit is required to secure your child's place. Remaining fee will be due 1st April 2025.



# Join Hayfield Football Club Today!

Looking for new unattached players. For our under 8 and 9s. We play on Sundays at Macclesfield in the Stockport metro league. Training Tuesdays 6-7 please get in touch if you are interested Jane 07557641752



Hayfield FC



# SUMMER TIMETABLE

## 28th July - 4th September

**BANK HOL MONDAY 26th** 

08:00-08:45 87:88-64:19 LearntoSwim 09:15-10:00 98:88-18:49 **MONDAY** 10:45-11:30 11:35-13:05 Lane Swim\*\* Widths Only\*\* Crash Course\* 4TH and 18th August only Parent & Child 13:30-14:15 14:15-15:00 15:30-19:45 19:50-20:35 **Public Swim** 20:35-22:00

Lane Swim Inflatable NEW Inflatable NEW Learn to Swim Public Swim Stroke Technique

Lane Swim

**TUESDAY** 

Lane Swim

06:45-09:00 09:15-10:00 Lane Swim 09:00-10:00 10:00-11:00 Widths Only\*\* Crash Course\*5th and 19th August only 11:15-12:45 13:00-13:45 Aqua Fit Lane Swim 13:45-14:30 14:30-15:15 15:30-18:45 Family Swim Family Swim Public Swim 18:45-19:30 19:30-21:00 Learn to Swim **Public Swim** 

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**FRIDAY** 

Lane Swim

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STAFF TRAINING Friday 8th August 19:00-21:00 - Limited lane swim Thursday 21st August 13:30-15:30 - No public swim

PUBLIC SWIM SATURDAY 14:30-15:15 FOR THE SUMMER ONLY INFLATABLE FUN SESSIONS



ADMISSION POLICY RATIO 1 ADULT:2 UNDER 8'S

ALL SESSIONS ARE BOOKABLE IN ADVANCE. WE ADVISE TO BOOK AHEAD TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT AS ALL SESSIONS HAVE A MAX CAPACITY.

TIMETABLE CAN BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE/APP FOR UP TO DATE TIMETABLE \*\* SESSIONS WILL RUN ON SPECIFIC DATES ONLY DUE TO CRASH **COURSE CHECK WEBSITE** 

\*CRASH COURSE MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE AND WILL HAVE **EXCLUSIVE USE OF POOL** 





## SUMMER CRASH COURSES

Intro to Swimming Lessons - Confidence Course Course Content

Meet theteacher& PoolTour

The aim of the week will be to work towards encouraging your child to travel across the pool on their front and back independently and build water confidence

There will be an assistant in the water to support your child during the lesson.

## SUITABLE FOR AGE RANGE 4-7 YEARS COURSE DATES:

Course 1: 4th - 8th August

Course 2: 18th - 22nd August

TIME: 09:00-09:45

Price - 5 days for the price of 4 - £27.85

If you enrol swimming lessons on the last day of this course your first month will be half price

A certificate of achievement will be awarded on completion of the course.

To enrol on to any of the Crash Courses or you would like any more information please contact the centre on 01663 748842





## **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.

#### <u>T - Togetherness</u>

- 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 pote

#### 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.

#### <u>R - Reconciliation and Foregiveness</u>

- 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.

#### <u>S - Spirituality</u>

- 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.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/
on our 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**

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

Takiwatanga means "In their own time and

space" in Maori



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 <a href="mailto:safeguarding@nmm.srscmat.co.uk">safeguarding@nmm.srscmat.co.uk</a>, 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 seperation 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.





## **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

## **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/#quides

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 THEN PROPERLY, WE WILL REMOVE THE DEVICES FOR HOME USE.



## **EXTRA INFORMATION**





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



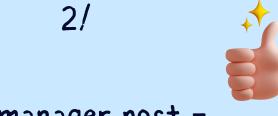


#### 9.15AM

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-



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

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 publis.

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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