



**19TH JUNE 2026**

# **FRIDAY NEWSLETTER**

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

**Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has certainly been a fun filled week across all classes!**

**On Monday we had a wonderful sports day for all of our pupils. We even had our parents and carers competing at the end of each event. There was some fierce competition between them. Class 1 had a trip to New Mills Fire Station on Tuesday. They had an amazing time touring the fire station and learning about fire safety, linking to their topic of The Great Fire of London. Mr Stone even dressed up as a Firefighter. Year 5 have been in action learning how to cycle safely during their bikeability sessions. These are offered to all year 5 pupils every year.**

**Wraparound club had great fun on Wednesday with Mrs Wass and Mrs Chamberlain making pizza and enjoying Italian ice cream. There was a delicious smell coming from the hall!**

**Class 1 also led a fantastic assembly on Thursday on their foundation subjects covering; The Great Fire of London, plants and the United Kingdom! Thank you to all the parents and visitors who came to watch and stay to read with the children afterwards.**

**The PTA were in action on both Wednesday and Friday with their organised fundraising activities based on Father's Day (Marvellous Men gifts) and during the World Cup Activity Day. Thank you for all your fantastic contributions to our school. We appreciate everything you do.**

**Please note that class 2 are having a collection of non-perishable foods (such as tinned items) as a donation for our local food bank. Please could all donations be sent into school no later than Thursday 25th June.**

**Just a few quick reminders for next week. Swimming continues as normal on Mondays for year 3, we have our violin recital on Tuesday at 9.20am (all welcome), year 6 head out for their residential trip on Wednesday (please don't forget to check the kit lists and bring a packed lunch for Wednesday) and Friday is the PTA's non uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the summer fair's bottle tombola.**

**Have a lovely weekend everyone,  
Mrs Chapman.**

# THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE WORD



**3rd Week after Pentecost**

**Year A**

Word of the Week

# Missionary Discipleship

Scripture

*First Reading:*  
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

*Gospel Reading:*  
John 6:51-58

Suggestions

*Hebrew Bible:*  
Psalm 105:1-6

*New Testament:*  
Mark 16: 14 - 16

Theme

Missionary Discipleship is the call to share our faith with others. Missionary Discipleship reminds us that we must go out and share the love of Christ with others, to make the world a better place. Missionary Discipleship is a way of life that is full of joy and hope and in living our life in this way we can bring others to encounter Christ through us.

Mission

Find a way to put your faith into action this week to help others to encounter Jesus.

**JUNE 2026 - YEAR A - 11TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**



## Missionary Discipleship

Virtue Link: Fortitude  
 CST Link: Common Good  
 Mission: Find a way to put your faith into action this week to help others to encounter Jesus.

Jesus' apostles were the first missionary disciples; they were given a task by God to go and spread the Good News. Some set up places of worship, some travelled around the world, others wrote about Jesus' life. These are big missions to accomplish! But we don't need to do anything quite so dramatic: we can start this at home with our families.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SUN 14TH</b>	<b>MON 30TH</b>	<b>TUES 1ST</b>	<b>WED 2ND</b>	<b>THURS 3RD</b>	<b>FRI 4TH</b>	<b>SAT 5TH</b>
11 ORDINARY TIME	Monday of Week 11	Tuesday of Week 11	Wednesday of Week 11	Thursday of Week 11	Friday of Week 13	Saturday of Week 11
		St Richard of Chichester Bishop			St Romuald Abbot	St Alban First Martyr of England 
						Memorial Blessed Virgin Mary

# CLASS ONE VISIT TO LEGOLAND AND THE SEALIFE CENTRE









# SPORTS DAY



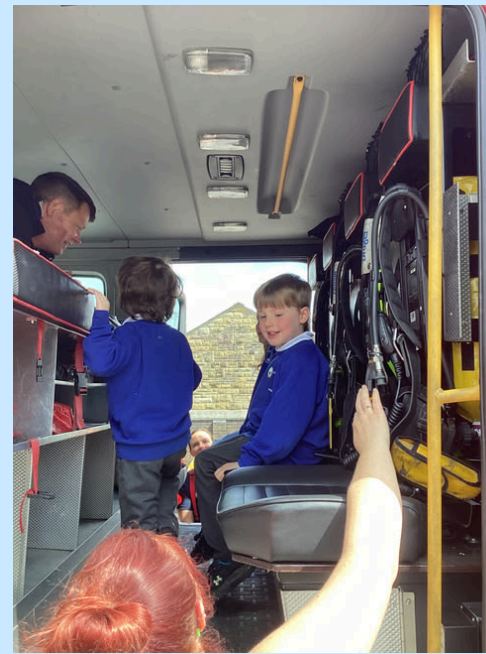


# CLASS ONE VISIT TO THE FIRE STATION









# BIKEABILITY – YEAR FIVE



# WRAPAROUND – PIZZA MAKING





# CLASS ONE ASSEMBLY AND OPEN READING SESSION











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**CASUAL  
CLOTHES DAY**

*Bottle Day*

Friday 26th June

Please bring in a bottle for the tombola at  
the upcoming Summer Fair!



**CASUAL  
CLOTHES DAY**

*Chocolate Day*

Friday 3rd July

Please bring in a bar of chocolate for the  
tombola at the upcoming Summer Fair!



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 - THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

**CLASS TWO- TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY**

**CLASS THREE- MONDAY AND THURSDAY**

**CLASS FOUR- MONDAY AND FRIDAY**



**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.**





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.

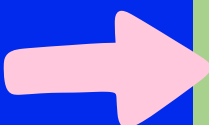
## What are the risks of frequent absences?

- 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. Please note that dates and times may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<p>Violin recital – We would like to invite all parents and carers to a violin recital performed by our talented violinists. This takes place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 9.20am. Everyone is very welcome.</p> 
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Lea Green residential trip for year 6 pupils
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the PTA's summer fair – bottle stall
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 pupils to visit Saint Thomas More
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	New pupils in school for transition sessions
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Class 2 assembly and open reading session. Please join us for class 1's assembly followed by a reading session (outside hopefully) with parents/carers. 9.15am–10.30am. Please bring a picnic blanket for sitting on the grass!
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Non uniform day in exchange for chocolate for the PTA's summer fair – chocolate stall
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit from the Muslim Learner Services – whole school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit from Network Rail – being safe around the rail network safety talk (whole school)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July onwards	Summer holidays

# 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 this 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>

As a reminder, in September 2013 the government introduced new regulations making it clear that Headteachers must not give approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Any requests for term time leave should be made on a 'Leave of Absence' form available from the school office and handed in ten school days before the first date of the requested absence whenever possible. You must have received written authorisation before your child can be absent from school.

Parent/carers may be issued with a penalty notice fine or prosecution should leave of 5 days or more be taken which is not authorised by the Headteacher, or where repeated incidents of leave in term time for less than 5 days occur or where the unauthorised absence contributes to wider poor attendance that meets the legal threshold. Absence deemed for the reason of unauthorised leave in term time will be marked in the register with the Attendance code G.

You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.

**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](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 (World Cup activity day)

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.

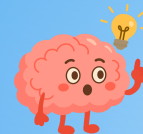
No photography or videos are allowed on personal devices in school. This includes during sports days, assemblies, performances and school trips. This is to keep our most vulnerable children safe.

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.

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.

Our dinnertime discussion this week was –  
'is water porous?'



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WAS 93.3% THIS WEEK!

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## TRANSITION WEEKS

AT YOUTH MATTERS

### STARTING RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER?

Come and join our Primary Youth Club during the **first 3 Fridays in July!**



Join our regular youth club and meet new friends, try fun activities and get familiar with the youth centre before starting school.

YOU'LL JOIN OTHER CHILDREN WHO ALREADY COME TO YOUTH CLUB!



EXTRA STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING TO HELP CHILDREN SETTLE AND FEEL WELCOME.



FIRST 3 FRIDAYS IN JULY



5:00PM - 6:30PM

#### FUN ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



SPORTS & GAMES



ARTS & CRAFTS



FUN ACTIVITIES



MAKE NEW FRIENDS



FRIENDLY STAFF

ONLY

£1

PER SESSION

YOUTH MATTERS NEW MILLS CIC

Longlands Road, New Mills

For more information, please contact us via our Facebook page.



## TRANSITION WEEKS

AT YOUTH MATTERS

### MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

Come and join our Secondary Youth Club during the **first 3 Fridays in July!**



Join our regular youth club and meet new people, try exciting activities and get familiar with the youth centre before your big move.

YOU'LL JOIN OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ALREADY ATTEND YOUTH CLUB!



EXTRA STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING TO HELP YOU SETTLE, MAKE INTRODUCTIONS AND FEEL WELCOME.



FIRST 3 FRIDAYS IN JULY



7:00PM - 8:30PM

#### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



SPORTS & GAMES



GAMING



CHILL & SOCIAL SPACE



MUSIC



MAKE NEW FRIENDS

ONLY

£1

PER SESSION

YOUTH MATTERS NEW MILLS CIC

Longlands Road, New Mills

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# 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 SEND

The SEND page of our school website can be found here – <https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/information/send/>  
There is lots of useful information about our SENCO, our SEND offer and support we can offer.  
Please also see our SEND newsletter here – <https://www.stmarysnewmills.srscmat.co.uk/news/newsletters/>



## Latest news from Mrs Chapman – SENCO

Once a half term, I will also be offering an informal parent drop session, with a key focus. This is an opportunity for parents to chat, share experiences, ask for advice and support one another. I will aim to share resources at the drop-in and share some quick information about our SEND area focus before allowing parents to connect over coffee and cake!



## THE INCLUSION SUPPORT ADVISORY SERVICE (ISAS) HAVE SOME UPCOMING WEBINARS

### ISAS WEBINARS – DERBYSHIRE LOCAL OFFER

STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT TRANSITION  
DATE: WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2026, 3:45PM TO 4:45PM  
LOCATION: ONLINE – VIA TEAMS

### SEND Triage Form



Please see the following link or scan the QR code here if you would like to at any point arrange a meeting with myself regarding any SEND matters.  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0F9cIXnjhUaRUhyDCcoxafbPDpgms79Ln-OUTx0e7hZUMU41SOjKQUSZNU9XNFZSRUxTUDZVMOE2UC4u>

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

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)

The Derbyshire Local Offer is in place to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as their parents and carers. It provides clear information about available services and provision, including how to apply for an assessment, early years support, education and learning, care services, preparing for adulthood, health and wellbeing, financial support and travel and transport. The Derbyshire Local Offer contains useful resources for families. The Local Offer includes a directory of local SEND services, support groups, and activities, empowering families to make informed decisions and enhance the quality of life for children and young people with SEND in Derbyshire.

CHANNEL: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@DERBYSHIRESENDLOCALOFFER](https://www.youtube.com/@DERBYSHIRESENDLOCALOFFER)  
VIDEO: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=EGI9PYGQJHM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGI9PYGQJHM)

### DERBYSHIRE LOCAL OFFER

Helping and supporting children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities to be more confident in their communities and live independently.

Early Years	Education and Learning	Preparing for adulthood	Care & support services	Health and Wellbeing	Financial Support
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[www.localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk)

# 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 and class teacher – Designated Safeguarding Lead**

**Mr Matthew Pearson – Designated Safeguarding Lead, Class Teacher**

**Mrs Amy Hodgson – Designated Safeguarding Lead, Class Teacher**

**Mrs Jodie Oxley – Designated Safeguarding Lead, Office Manager**

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.



**Knife crime – We know it can be tricky to start the conversation about knife crime with your children or any young people you're close to, but it can be vital to do so. Please see this information from Derbyshire Police about knife crime and what we can all do to help prevent it –**

**[https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/police-forces/derbyshire-constabulary/areas/derbyshire-force-](https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/police-forces/derbyshire-constabulary/areas/derbyshire-force-content/campaigns/campaigns/2023/knife-crime/for-parents/)**

**[content/campaigns/campaigns/2023/knife-crime/for-parents/](https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/police-forces/derbyshire-constabulary/areas/derbyshire-force-content/campaigns/campaigns/2023/knife-crime/for-parents/)**

**We are hoping to have a visit in the coming months from our PCSO to talk to our older children about the dangers of carrying knives.**

# 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.**



Please find here the link for Internet Matters which is useful in providing step-by-step instructions for increasing security settings for devices used online as well as providing lots of useful information to help ensure that children are only exposed to age-appropriate material online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

# EXTRA INFORMATION

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS



CHILDREN FIND ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL UPSETTING AND THEY MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES. PLEASE WORK WITH US TO PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH THE BEST CHANCES OF LEARNING BY ENSURING THEY ARE IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND ON TIME.

Your child has arrived in good time to meet friends and get ready for morning work in class.

### 8.45AM

The school day begins at 8.45am with soft start for key stage one. The classrooms are open and children should come into school.



### 8.55AM

The register is completed. Children should be ready to start their learning.

9.00am - Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day. 5 minutes late means 3 days lost per year.

### 9.10AM

The teacher has explained the learning and lessons have started.

9.10am - 15 minutes late means 9 days lost per year



### 9.15AM

Lessons are well underway and work is being produced.



9.15am - The register closes. Any arrival after this time is an unauthorised absence.



## Could your child be entitled to Free School Meals?

For every pupil registered, the school will receive additional funding in the school budget called Pupil Premium which is used to help raise achievement levels.

By ensuring that as many eligible families as possible have applied for free school meals, we will receive our maximum Pupil Premium funding which enables us to provide the best education for our pupils.

Search 'Derbyshire County Council Free School Meals' for the link to apply!

We encourage parents of children who receive Universal Infant Free School Meals to still apply for Free School Meals as this will ensure school receives essential funding.

Please contact the school office if you need any support applying for Free School Meals.



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