



St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter – January 2024

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Dear Parent/Carers,

This half term has been a busy time, as usual, with a new library and sensory room being set up in school, and brand new reading books being bought for across the school.

Mr O'Connor and I have always said that we want children here to have as many cultural experiences as possible, and it is great to see our vision coming a reality

We are lucky to be taking part in a project with Opera North, with Y4, who will work with a professional opera singer and pianist. Y4 will perform with other schools at the Central Hall (more details later this term). EYFS and KS1 will watch a performance of 'Cinderella' by Opera North next month in school, and Y2 and Y5 will be taking part in the singing festivals this year at the Grimsby Auditorium. We are looking into further opportunities for other classes as well, so watch this space!

Thank you for your support.
Mrs Steeper

Safeguarding at St Mary's

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please contact our designated safeguarding Team. At St Mary's our safeguarding lead is Mr. J O'Connor, safeguarding officer is Miss C Queen and deputy-safeguarding officers Mrs. M Steeper and Miss D Souter. Level 3 safeguarding trained are Mrs R Walton and Miss B Cullum. Mrs K Tuff is our well-being, personal development and RE lead.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 2nd February

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Wear Red Day
and
Year 5 School Trip

Thursday 8th February

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School Closes for Half Term

Monday 19th February

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School Open

Thursday 28th March

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School Closes

Friday 12th April

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School Opens
(Art Day – Non-Uniform)

WEAR RED DAY – FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY



Please join us by supporting this special cause.

Please donate via ParentPay.

Thank you



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What you need to know about Benefit Free School Meals.

You can claim free school meals for a child/children if they are in full-time education, you are responsible for the child, and you get at least one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- Guaranteed pension credit
- Child tax credit with an annual income each year of less than £16,190 (as assessed by tax credits)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual earned income of no more than £7400 or £616.67 monthly)
- If you receive child tax credit and working tax credit, your child will not qualify for free school meals.

Universal Free School Meals

Even if your child receives Universal Free School Meal (Reception, year 1 and year 2) it is still important to make an application as the school will receive additional funding, known as the pupil premium, for every eligible pupil.

School Milk

School milk is free for children in nursery and reception.

When your child turns 5 years old and not on benefit school meals you will have to order the milk from our new milk provider – Cool Milk – please follow link below to order milk for your child.

www.coolmilk.com. However, if you are entitled to benefit free school meals and your child would like to have milk please pop to the school office or tell your child's teacher.

To order lunches via <https://nel.mealselector.co.uk/>



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Health and Safety.

Here are a few rules about drop off and pick up time.

1. No dogs allowed except guide dogs is a rule that prohibits dogs from entering certain areas or buildings, unless they are guide dogs for people with disabilities.
2. If you pick up your child/children up and come on a scooter or bike. Please dismount before both gates and walk it through.
3. No running or walking through staff car park. This is a very busy area.



We are busy setting up our brand new school library. If you have any good quality children's books you no longer need, we would be grateful if you could donate to school. Thank you.

Parent Assembly in the school hall on Friday 2nd February at 2.45pm.

Please sign in.



Attendance

There will be an attendance newsletter being sent out before the half term break with more information about our school attendance in the advent term. We would like to thank you all for your help with reporting your child's absences and with your continued support in raising the attendance figures for our school.





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Some of St Mary's children took part in some fun sports events. From Year 3 & 4 athletics, Year 5 & 6 cheerleading and Boccia event. These events show the importance of working in a team. Well done to all taking part and Thank you to the teachers and TA who helped and also Mrs. Solomou for organising.



Nursery have been on a bear hunt!

Wow! Nursery have loved our topic book this week. We found a very big bear in our classroom and everyone loves him. We realised he is not scary at all. Some children even read him a story.

Well done everyone.



In Reception, they have learnt about a British artist, photographer and environmentalist - Andy Goldsworthy. We have been looking at different materials and created an 'icy art' collage!





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Year 1 enjoying the school's new library.



Year 2 took a walk to the Town Hall then through the town centre and up to the Minster. They also bumped into Mrs. Steeper who was working at the Town Hall. Year 2 were learning all about the Geography and buildings of Grimsby.



Year 3 - Design and technology lesson learning how to cook tacos. Yum!





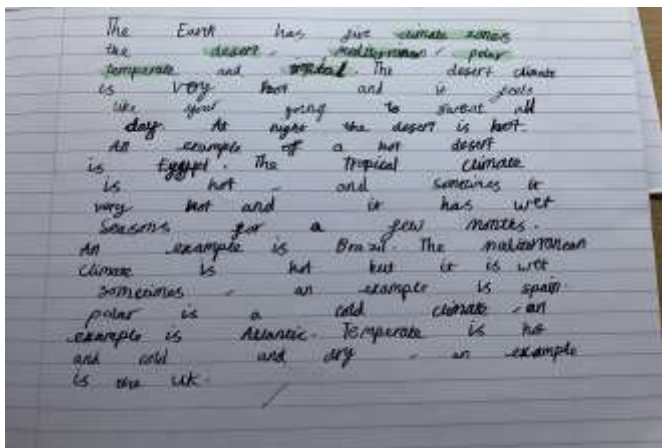
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Year 4 were learning about solid, liquid and gases.



This month the children in Year 5 learnt that weather and climate are different and that there are different climate zones across the world. The children had a map of Norway and the UK and they had to decide what climate zone it was.



Year 6 had a fun time exploring Hull city centre, learning about regeneration, with a joint school trip with Year 2. They all managed to walk around 14,000 steps. Well done to all for representing St Mary's so well.





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Catholic Life at St Mary's


February is dedicated to the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This month serves as a time to reflect on the love, unity, and faith of the Holy Family and how we can incorporate those values into our own families. It is a time to seek the intercession of the Holy Family for our own families, asking for their guidance and protection.



“The charity which burned in the household at Nazareth should be an inspiration for every family. All the Christian virtues should flourish in the family, unity should thrive, and the example of its virtuous living should shine brightly.”

- St. John XXIII

**February, The Month of
the Holy Family**

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