



# School Newsletter



## Spring 1

### Dates for your diary...

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - 10:30am

'Presentation of the Lord' Service in School led by Year 3 and 4.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Year 5 and 6 Athletics Event

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February - School Disco

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Mental Health Awareness week.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Reading Challenge Cinema Trip.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - School breaks up for half term. Dress Down Day.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - School reopens to all pupils.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February - KS2 Horrible Histories trip.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Quiz night



### Clubs For Spring 1



Monday: Football & Cooking. Activator Sport Lunch club and additional session for Year 3 and 4.

Tuesday: Fencing

Wednesday: Arts and Crafts

Thursday: Film Club and SAINTS Rugby after school club starting January 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 for a full term. Year 5 and 6 also have a Saints Rugby session in school time.

Friday: No club

Mon-Fri: Rising Stars

Book on ParentPay

### Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents,

The Early Years furniture should arrive before the half term break. Mrs Vale has put together an exciting list of additional resources to go with the new furniture too! We are now looking to turn our new tyre flower beds into exciting new herb gardens, if you are able to make any donations of compost of herbs it would be greatly appreciated, Mrs Clipson and the Eco Committee are leading the project.

Mrs Morgan updated the school on the upcoming Mental Health Awareness week activities and I have included further details on the next page.

Mrs King will upload permissions for the Reading Challenge Cinema trip on to Parent Pay, the trip is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Any further certificates awarded will be for the cinema trip next term.

Year 5 and 6 have all been issued with letters for next weeks Athletics event at BGN, please return these by Monday next week. Mr Causebrook is looking forward to reviewing the children's Athletics skills next week on Wednesday morning before the event on Thursday.

It will be lovely to welcome back Mr Causebrook on Monday where Mr Causebrook and Mrs Morgan will resume their normal timetable.

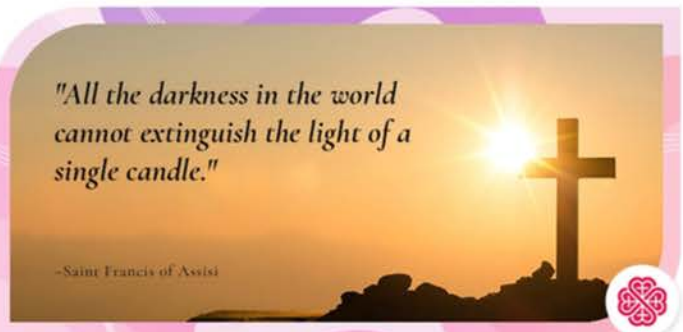
Kind regards,

Mrs L Concannon

### Value Focus: Thoughtfulness

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."

-Saint Francis of Assisi



### Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy: Mrs Vale

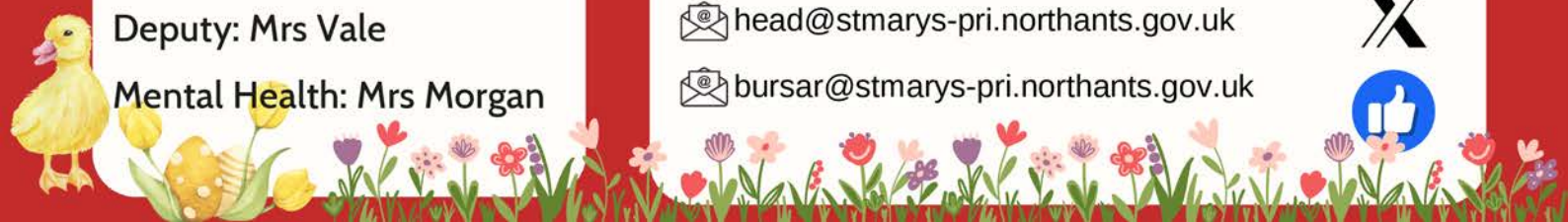
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## After School Clubs

### Craft Club- Jar decorating



## Mental Health Awareness Week

We are writing to inform you that St Mary's Catholic Primary School will be taking part in Place2Be's Mental Health Awareness Week from Monday 9th to Friday 13th February.

This year's theme is "This Is My Place", which we will be linking to our Catholic faith through Laudato Si': Care for Our Common Home. Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of activities inspired by Pope Francis' letter, helping them to reflect on belonging, wellbeing, and caring for one another and the world around us.

Activities planned for the week include:

- Art and craft activity - Each child will create an "I Belong Board" in school, which will be displayed in their classroom.
- "I Belong" activity - Children will be able to choose an activity they would like to take part in on Friday 13th February. Each class will have a sign-up sheet displayed, allowing all children to select their preferred activity.
- Class-based activities - Teachers will be using resources from the Place2Be website.
- Fundraising - A selection of small items (such as keyrings, badges and fidgets) will be available to purchase for £1 throughout the week. Items will be chosen by our Wellbeing Champions and sold by the Head Boy and Head Girl. All money raised will go towards our new school planters.
- Dress Down Day - On Friday 13th February 2026, children and staff are invited to take part in a dress down day for a £1 donation, with proceeds going to Place2Be. Children are encouraged to wear clothes that help them feel comfortable and confident while remaining suitable for a school environment. \* Please note: crop tops, short skirts and low-waisted trousers are not permitted.

In addition to the above activities, the MHST will be running workshops for children and parents on Thursday 12th March 2026:

- KS2 Student workshop on sleep 1pm-2pm/2pm-3pm
- Parent workshop on Recognising anxiety in your child 3pm-4pm

Please register your interest for the parent workshop by emailing Mrs Morgan at: [denise.morgan@stmarysalw.net](mailto:denise.morgan@stmarysalw.net)

## Home Learning

### Maya Civilisation Homework Project- Year 5 and 6

This term in History, Shepherds Class have been learning about the fascinating Maya civilisation. To support and enrich their learning, we would like to invite the children to complete a Maya Project at home.

Children can choose an area of the Maya civilisation that interests them and create a poster, model, or practical task to share their learning. The aim is for children to explore the topic creatively while developing their research and presentation skills.

The children will have the opportunity to share their creations during our history lesson on the first Friday back after the February half term.

Below are some suggested ideas to support your child. These are optional prompts, and children are welcome to come up with their own ideas too.

- Art & Crafts Projects
- Maya Masks using paper plates, cardboard, or paper mache
  - Glyph Writing: writing names or messages using Maya hieroglyphs
  - Clay Pyramids or Stelae (carved stone pillars)
  - Worry Dolls, a traditional Mesoamerican craft
  - Weaving or fabric art inspired by Maya textiles

### History & Geography Projects

- Map a Maya city, including temples, homes, farms, and a ball court (with a key)
- Create a timeline of key Maya events or achievements
- Build a 3D model of a Maya village or temple

We encourage children to enjoy this project and take pride in sharing something they are curious about. Please do not feel any pressure for projects to be overly detailed—creativity and enthusiasm are what matter most.



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