



School Newsletter



Spring 2

Dates for your diary...

Sunday 22nd March- Confirmation Induction Mass 12:30pm Sacred Heart Church ALW.

Easter celebration week:

Monday 23rd March- Easter Celebration Week/ Science Week- Assembly

Tuesday 24th March- Easter Service in Church 2pm Start. Easter Gardens gallery in school from 2:25pm (Foundation and Key Stage One).

Wednesday 25th March- Rock Steady Performance, Pop up coffee shop from 8:30am. Science week activities in each classroom.

Thursday 26th March- House Science Quiz

Friday 27th March- Egg Hunt day and Easter Raffle draw at 10:30am. Atomic Tom Day!

Dress up or dress down for Science Week. School breaks up for Easter.

Monday 13th April- School reopens to all pupils. Cobblers lunch club. Cobblers Mental Health and Well being sessions for Year 5 and 6.

Tuesday 14th April- Giant Journeys VR experience.

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Clubs Spring 2 + Soon

Summer Club information coming soon!

Monday: Football & Cooking. The Cobblers have been confirmed for Monday lunch times- free of charge to our families! They will also be running Mental Health and well being sessions weekly with Year 5 and 6.

Tuesday: Fencing

Wednesday: Arts and Crafts

Thursday: Film Club and SAINTS Rugby after school club

Friday: No club

Mon-Fri: Rising Stars

Book on ParentPay



Dear Parents,

Headteacher's Message



Teachers have been busy preparing Interim reports for the Spring Tracking update to parents. Children from Years 1-6 will be sent home with an Interim report on Monday next week. If you wish to discuss your child's report please contact the class teacher direct to make an appointment. Children in Year 6 will be sent home with their MOCK SATS results and contextual information from Mrs Morgan and Mr Causebrook. MOCKS are important for us as a school to ensure that the correct access arrangements are requested for the SATS examinations. Mr Causebrook will also be sharing information on revision sessions which the school will be running for Year 6 pupils.

Science week and our Easter celebrations take place next week. I have once again attached the timetable for your reference. Mrs Clipson will be confirming the details of the Science after school club with Atomic Tom as soon. We do hope that you will join us on Tuesday 24th March for the KS2 Easter Service in The Sacred Heart church at 2pm. This will then be followed by Farmers and Fishermen's amazing Easter Garden display in the school hall.

We can't wait to celebrate this terms 'Rockers' with the Rock Steady performance next Wednesday. We have a pop up cafe in the school hall from 8:30am where you can purchase a hot drink and a pastry (you can preorder these on Parent Pay). You will also be able to purchase raffle tickets for the Easter raffle which will be drawn on Friday s 27th March from 10:30am.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Concannon

Value Focus: Humility



Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy: Mrs Vale

Mental Health: Mrs Morgan

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Sport BGN update

Year 1 and 2 Hot shots Football event is in the last week. Mr Causebrook has sent out letters for each event.

Ted Hughes the Iron Man

The children in Year 3 and 4 are going to be studying the text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes next week and to start the unit the children will be making small 'Iron Man' models. Please can I request that you start collecting small boxes and tubes etc for this activity, we should be starting in the next couple of weeks.

Rock Steady Concert
Refreshment prices
Refreshments available from 8.30

Tea/coffee.	£2.00
Pastry	£1.00
Bundle price.	£2.50

Tea/coffee in thermal cups £5.00
Drink and Pastry £6

These can be pre-ordered through parent pay or card machine/cash on the morning.



Attendance

I am writing to remind families of the importance of regular school attendance and to outline our procedures regarding absence. This guidance reflects the Department for Education's statutory guidance, Working Together to Improve School Attendance (August 2024), which places a strong national emphasis on ensuring that children attend school regularly.

At St Marys, attendance has traditionally been strong and our systems are well established. However, we have also seen a decline in attendance in recent years which mirrors the national trend following the Covid pandemic. As a result, schools are now required to ensure that attendance expectations are clearly communicated and consistently applied. Regular attendance is vital for both academic progress and student wellbeing. Even relatively small amounts of absence can have a significant impact on learning. Absence also affects continuity of learning, relationships with peers and teachers, and overall progress. While we always seek to support families and understand that genuine illness or exceptional circumstances do arise, it is important that students attend school whenever possible so they can fully benefit from their education.

If your child starts to struggle with attendance at any stage, please get in touch with us as we want to be able to work in partnership with you and offer as much support as we can.

Reporting absence

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or another unavoidable reason, please use the web reporting form before 8:45am.

If your child will be arriving late but later does not attend school at all, please send a second email to confirm the change of plan and provide the reason for the full-day absence.

Planned absences and appointments

If a future absence is required (for example for a medical appointment), please email head@stmarys-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk or bursar@stmarys-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk in advance with the time and location of the appointment. Wherever possible, appointments should be arranged outside of school hours.

Students should attend school before and/or after appointments where the timing allows.

Holidays

Please note that family holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Government guidance is clear that holidays or leisure activities do not constitute exceptional circumstances and would therefore be coded as unauthorised absence. Only the Head can authorise leave of absence in truly exceptional circumstances, and each request will be considered individually.

Punctuality

School opens from 8.30am, unless pupils are pre-booked into Breakfast Club from 8am. Morning registration takes place at 8.55am.

- School gates and doors will open at 8.30am for all year groups.
- All children will be expected to be in their classroom by 8.45am.
- The register will be taken at 8.55am and will remain open for 15 minutes.
- Pupils arriving after 8.55am but before 9.10am will be marked as late before the register closed.
- Pupils not in school by 9.10am will be recorded as absent.
- Mrs Concannon will contact parents regarding any punctuality or attendance concerns.
- Our attendance target will continue to be 96% of the school year.
- 96% means missing no more than 7 school days no matter what the reasons are. To ensure children receive the best possible education, punctuality and good attendance are both vital.

The legal afternoon register in the Prep School is taken at 1.15pm.

- Students arriving between 1.15pm and 1.30pm are recorded as Late.
- Students arriving after 1.30pm are recorded as Absent for the afternoon session.
- If a student misses AM registration and no acceptable reason is received from parents, the student will be marked with a U code for unauthorised absence "arriving after register has closed". This follows DfE guidance.

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