



# St. Mary's News

## October 13th 2023



### Provisional Calendar Dates for the Year



#### Important Dates



Wednesday 18th October 2023	Open Afternoon (2.15 - 3.15pm) and Parents' Evening 1 See newsletter for further information
Thursday 19th October 2023	Year 3 trip to Warrington Museum A separate letter has been sent out Payment via School Money
Friday 20th October 2023 9.30am	Reception and KS 1 Harvest Festival Assembly
Tuesday 24th October 2023	Y5 Anglo Saxon and Viking Workshop A separate letter has been sent out Payment via School Money
Tuesday 24th October 2023	Diversity Workshops Key Stage 2
Wednesday 25th October 2023	Open Afternoon (2.15 - 3.15pm) and Parents' Evening 2 See newsletter for further information
Wednesday 25th October 2023	School breaks up for October Half Term
Tuesday 7th November 2023	School re-opens Breakfast Club open as normal
Friday 10th November 2023	Y5/6 children to take part in the Billinge Remembrance Walk and Service
Tuesday 14th November 2023	Reading Workshop for Reception parents/ carers 9.15am–10.00am . Further information to follow
Thursday 30th November 2023	Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Movie Night 3.30–5.15pm
Tuesday 5th December 2023	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Play 2.30pm
Wednesday 6th December 2023	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Play 2.30pm
Thursday 7th December 2023	Key Stage 2 Christmas Movie Night 3.30 - 5.30pm
Friday 15th December 2023	Reception Nativity Play 2.30pm
Friday 22nd December 2023	Christmas Service in Church 2.00pm School closes for Christmas No after school club this evening

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## Reception, Y1 and Y2 Harvest Assembly

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children would like to invite parents/carers to their Harvest Assembly on Friday 20th October at 9.30am. Places are limited to a maximum of 2 per family as we are restricted by the size of the Infant Hall. If you would like to attend, simply sign in at the office from 9.20am. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Harvest Collection



As part of our Harvest celebration we will be collecting in donations of dried and tinned food to send to the local foodbanks which we know are really struggling at this time - they are especially short of the following:

Coffee, Jam, Toiletries, Chocolate & Crisps  
Sugar, Custard, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit  
UHT Milk, Long Life Milk, Pasta Sauces  
Instant Mash, Tinned Potatoes, Noodles and  
Packet Pasta in Sauce



Donations can be sent in, in carrier bags or boxes, the week commencing Monday 16th October. We will then arrange for the donations to be taken to a local food bank.

## Congratulations

A big shout out to Jessica from Y4 and Olivia from Y3 who both had a very successful time at the Eclipse Acro competition in Oldham at the weekend.

Jessica got a fantastic gold medal in her grade 1 acro pairs and Jessica and Oliva were awarded a super silver medal in their grade 2 acro pairs.

Well done girls. It is lovely to hear all about the things that you do when you are not in school.



## Guitar Awards

Congratulations to **Joycelin from Y4** who was chosen as Mrs Connolly's Music Star of the Week this week.



## School Nurse Drop-in Session

School has been allocated a new school nurse - Sarah Chapelhow. She will be holding a drop in session for parents/carers on Wednesday 25th October from 2.00pm—6.00pm to tie in with our open afternoon and parents' evening.

If you would like to speak, in confidence, to the nurse about any worries or concerns that you may have about your child/ren, simply pop into school between 2.00 - 6.00pm on the 25th October.

No appointments are needed.







## Full of Beans Half Term Multi Skills & Football Holiday Camps

We will be holding our popular half-term camp again in October/November — but this time it will be slightly different.

Instead of 1 camp—there will be 2 different camps running.

One camp will be our usual multi activity camp.

The second camp will be a football academy camp.

The camps are flexible and can be mixed - whole days can be booked on each camp e.g your child can attend Football Camp for 2 days and Multi Activity Camp for 3 days.

The pricing and times of each camp remain the same as in the summer.

Sibling discount codes will be automatically applied so no code is needed and if booked before

**MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER**

an EARLYBIRD discount code of 10% will be automatically applied.

Camp places can be booked using the link below.

<https://app.joinin.online/#/app/joinin/organisation/shop/4a3b31f8-f811-4c6d-a826-53b48dd51e02>

If you have any problems, give Rebecca a ring on  
07789  
743893  
She will be  
happy to help.



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**COST**  
£25 Standard day 9am-4pm  
£32 Extended day 8.30am-5.30pm

**LOCATION**  
Birchley St Mary's Primary School  
Birchley Road, Billinge, Wigan

**DATE**  
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## Parents' Evenings/Open Afternoons



We will be holding two open afternoons on Wednesday 18th October and Wednesday 25th October from 2.15pm—3.15pm. If you would like to attend, simply sign in at the school office and you will be taken to your child's class, where you will have the opportunity to look through your child's books with them. You can move between classrooms if you have more than one child.

For safeguarding purposes, we do ask that you leave the site promptly at 3.15pm and make your way round to the school gates for normal pick up procedures. Our staff will then use the last 15mins to set up ready for Parents' Evening and to get the children packed up. No child will be released at 3.15pm to go home with their adult.

Appointment slips for Parents' Evening went out last week. Please return slips ASAP. Staff will not see parents who do not have appointments. PLEASE NOTE that Parents' Evening is for parents only. Children should not attend. They can be signed in to ABC for the 3.30 - 4.30pm slot or the 4.30 - 5.30pm slot at the usual hourly rate of £4.50 if you need childcare whilst you attend. Places can be booked via School Money.

Don't forget  
parents  
evening!

Year One	Isaac	Chloe
Year Two	Alfie	Grace
Year Three	TJ	Wallis
Year Four	Ralph F	Erin
Year Five	Harry S	Eliza
Year Six	Jonathan	Heidi

## Meet our Reading Influencers



We love to read at St. Mary's. Books transport us to different worlds and help us to experience new adventures. In order to share our love of reading and to promote different authors and stories throughout our school community, the following children have been chosen as Reading Influencers to shine a light on all of the wonderful books and authors out there, for

their class mates to read and try out for themselves.

Every week, one of our Influencers will recommend a book for others to read, so look out for their recommendations in our weekly newsletter.

This week, TJ from Year 3 has recommended a book called Far Away from Home. It is a story about a bunny who gets lost. TJ says, *It is a great story and is really enjoyable to read. The story is suitable for children of all ages and I would score it 10/10.*

Thank you for this recommendation. Look out for a new book next week.

## Introducing Mrs Lamb as a reader:

Mrs Lamb loves books but admits that she doesn't read as much as she would like to at the moment! When she does read she enjoys celebrity autobiographies - the last one she read was "Spare" by Prince Harry which was a very interesting read.

When she was young Mrs Lamb loved the Beatrix Potter stories and following the animals on their adventures.

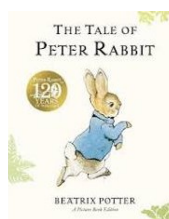
When Mrs Lamb was at primary school, she met the author Rose Impey, who gave her a personalised signed copy of her new book called "The Girls' Gang" which she has kept for all these years!

In high school Miss discovered, Point Horror books - her favourite was called "The Babysitter". This lead onto an enjoyment of thriller and suspense books for many many years. But she's far too chicken to read them anymore!

Mrs Lambs' believes in Joseph Addisons quote of - Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body.



## Class Attendances for the Week



Reception	94.25%
Year 1	99.07%
Year 2	96.03%
Year 3	96.83%
Year 4	98.96%
Year 5	98.96%
Year 6	99.26%





## Celebration Page



### Emile—Key Stage 2 Homework Star of the Week



Year 3	TJ
Year 4	George
Year 5	Alfie Br
Year 6	Angus

### Bucket Fillers

Bucket fillers are children who fill other people's buckets (lives) with kind words and deeds. They are shining examples to others around them.

This week's Bucket Fillers are



Rec	Will for always treating people with kindness
Year 1	Arya for being a polite and respectful member of class
Year 2	Charlie H for always remembering to use good manners
Year 3	Sam for being a super friend
Year 4	Grace for being kind and respectful to everyone
Year 5	Freddie for helping Mrs TD in assembly without being asked to do so
Year 6	Michael for being a champion of others

### Good Work Stars

A big well done to the following children who have all been recognised for their super work week.

Rec	Finn - fantastic decorating of a biscuit to represent the Jamaican flag
Year 1	Sophia - working hard to improve her handwriting
Year 2	Marnie - wonderful writing
Year 3	James - marvellous maths
Year 4	Ally - excellent effort in maths
Year 5	Ewan - fantastic fact file
Year 6	Lucas - writing a good autobiography

### ABC Star of the Week

A big SHOUT OUT to Finn from Reception for settling in so well to life in ABC. Well done Finn. We love having you in club.



### Star Pupil Award



	Matthew House Winner	Mark House Winner	Luke House Winner	John House Winner	Overall Star Pupil
Rec	Darcy	James G	Harry K	Connie	Harry K
Year 1	Lorcan	Heidi	Hunter	Amelia	Hunter
Year 2	Sebi	Skylar	Taylor	Marnie	Sebi
Year 3	Wallis	Olivia	Eliza	Willow	Wallis
Year 4	Jude	Jennifer	Arthur	Delilah	Delilah
Year 5	Theo	Alfie Ba	Amelia	Sophia	Sophia
Year 6	Ruby	Thomas	Molly	Grace	Grace



## **Letter to parents and guardians from Merseyside Police re. Halloween and Bonfire Night**

We are writing to all parents and guardians to ask for your help over the upcoming Halloween and Bonfire Night period.

We want everyone to have fun and we'll be working hard to keep you safe, but we need your help:

### **Know where your children are**

- Encourage kids to go to local events that are being organised, or try a spooky film together
- If your children are going out (particularly on the 30th and 31st of October), make sure you know where they're going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up
- Don't let your children hang around the street
- If they're going somewhere local – walk there with them
- Have an agreed time when they need to be home
- Don't buy fireworks or eggs and flour for them, and don't let them take it out of the house

### **Know the risks**

- Throwing things at cars, buses, shops and houses can hurt people – drivers might swerve if they get distracted and cause a crash, or someone might get hurt by broken glass (and scratched paintwork can be very expensive to fix)
- Getting into trouble with the police can lead to a criminal record, which means not being able to go on holiday to countries like the USA, and not being able to do certain jobs
- Messing around with fireworks is dangerous – some burn as hot as 1,200 degrees - hot enough to melt glass and cause serious or fatal injuries

### **Know the law**

*If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the offences below, the parent/guardian will have to pay the fine.*

- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined if found with an unlit firework
- A person under the age of 16 can also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire
- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined for throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property

Thank you for your help and support. By working together, we can keep your children safe this Halloween and Bonfire Night.