



Head's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderfully busy and exciting week in school.

Our Year 3 and 4 students were immersed in history during their fantastic workshop on the Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age. The children loved getting hands-on with artefacts and learning about how people lived in these fascinating eras. It was a brilliant way to bring history to life!

This week, Year 5/6 children welcomed Sophie Khan from Victim Support. The workshop focused on the impact of hate and the importance of kindness, inclusion, and respect for others. This was a valuable experience that will help them build a better understanding of the world around them. We welcome Sophie back in a couple of weeks to work with our Year 3/4 children.

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 students who took part in the maths challenge at Wrekin College. We are so proud of their hard work, enthusiasm, and excellent teamwork during the competition. Well done to all who took part!

I would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone who donated, attended the coffee afternoon, and bought cakes. Your generosity and involvement mean so much, and the funds raised will go a long way in supporting McMillan Cancer Support.

The Student Council had their first meeting of the year and assembly. I was super impressed with their brilliant ideas for class treats for the attendance rewards for the whole school. They are excited about revealing their final plan on Monday. They have a keen interest in helping the school to be environmentally sustainable. They are applying for a grant to support green initiatives both in the classroom and around the school grounds.

We are excited to welcome back last year's Year 6 students, who will be presenting a cheque to the 'Shropshire Refugee' charity following their successful enterprise project. Their hard work and dedication to making a difference in the community is truly commendable, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts.

Lastly, don't forget to bring in your donations for our upcoming Harvest Service. All contributions are warmly welcomed and will be given to Shrewsbury Ark. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Have a super weekend.

Sarah North

Headteacher

Maths Open Lessons

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to attend the maths open lessons on **Wednesday 2nd October**.

You must sign up if you are going to attend, as we need to know numbers to allocate space in the classrooms. There are still a couple of places available in the creche if you require childcare for pre-school siblings.

The lessons begin at 9.30am and last for approximately 40 minutes. If you have not yet signed up and wish to come, please return your letter by Monday morning. Thanks

Arthog Residential 2024

Only 1 week until our year 6 children leave for their residential in Arthog.

Please ensure you have paid in full by Monday 30th September for your child to attend.

After School Clubs

All after school clubs are running this week

Diabetic Screening

The ELSA study for screening children for type 1 diabetes takes place in school next Thursday.

Sign up has now closed for your child to take part.

If you have signed your child up the nurses will be doing the finger stick blood test on them and will contact you direct with any results.

Harvest Service

The whole school (not nursery) will be attending St Mary's Church on Friday next week for our Harvest Service.

Unfortunately we cannot invite parents due to the seating space in the Church.

We will be collecting dried/packet/canned food donations all week next week which will be donated to the Shrewsbury Ark, who support homeless people.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and attended our coffee afternoon. We raised £78.50 for the MacMillan charity.



Good luck to our year 6 children who are attending a Business & Enterprise event at Thomas Adams on Friday next week.



Raffle Winners

Thank you so much to everyone who completed the online update consent form.

Every child, whose parent had completed the form, was entered into the raffle.

The raffle was drawn during assembly on Wednesday this week.

These are our happy winners.

Swimming lessons continue for year 5 on a Monday.

Please remember your child's swimming kit.

Leavers Hoodies

The leavers hoodies have arrived in school and have been handed out to the year 6 children.

Please can we remind you that the hoodies are not to be worn to school until the Arthog residential.

After the residential the children can wear their hoodies on their PE days and to sporting events.

After the year 6 SATs the hoodies can be worn everyday.

Thank you for your support

WANTED



Do you have any preloved soft toy's which now need new homes?

Donations of these would be appreciated by the school fundraising group.

Thank you

Academy Photos

Academy photographers took individual and family photos on Wednesday this week.

We will be sending home the proofs of these photos later next week.

Class PE Days—w/c 30th September

Class 1	Monday and Thursday
Class 3	Tuesday and Friday
Class 4	Tuesday and Friday
Class 5	Wednesday and Friday
Class 6	Tuesday and Thursday
Class 7	Tuesday and Wednesday
Class 8	Monday (swimming) and Friday
Class 9 year 5	Monday (swimming) and Wednesday
Class 9 year 6	Monday and Wednesday
Class 10	Monday and Wednesday



Vote for our school



We are delighted to inform you that our Early Years have been accepted to be part of the Stronger Starts project at Tesco.

By placing your token into our box you will be helping us to gain funds to enhance the education of our 3-5 year old children by creating them an interesting and exciting outdoor area to play, learn, explore, grow and thrive.

Voting starts first week in October and runs until mid January.

Please tell all your friends and family to vote for St Mary's!!

Parking –We have received a few complaints from parents regarding the parking outside our school, with parents parking on pavements and junctions, making it unsafe for parents and children to cross roads.

Please can you be considerate when you park and use the car parks by the Church/village hall.

Reminder—the school car park is for staff and disabled badge holders only. Please DO NOT park in the school car park.

THIS WEEK

LUNCH MENU WEEK 2

Monday

Fish selection, vegetable fingers, jacket potato,
wholemeal pasta, mash potato,
sweetcorn, peas, baked potato
muffins

Tuesday

Lasagne, veggie Bolognese bake, jacket potato,
garlic bread, carrots, broccoli
cookies

Wednesday

Roast chicken, Quorn Sausage, jacket potato
stuffing, roast potato, mash,
cauliflower, green beans
chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce

Thursday

Big Breakfast, Vegetarian breakfast, jacket potato,
hash brown, scrambled eggs, plum tomatoes,
mushrooms & baked beans
mini doughnuts

Friday

Sausage pizza, cheese & tomato pizza, jacket potato
chips, sweetcorn, carrots.
Jelly

Salad bar, fresh bread, fresh fruit and a selection of yogurts are available daily.

Week Commencing Monday 30th September in Stars

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3:15PM - 4:15PM SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND	3:15PM - 4:15PM SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND	3:15PM - 4:15PM SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND	3:15PM - 4:15PM SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND	3:15PM - 4:15PM SNACK TIME/ PLAY GROUND
4:15PM - 5:00PM CRAFT ACTIVITY FINGER PAINT FISH 	4:15PM - 5:00PM ACTIVITY BOARD GAMES 	4:15PM - 5:00PM CRAFT ACTIVITY PLAYDOH 	4:15PM - 5:00PM CRAFT ACTIVITY COLOUR BY NUMBERS 	4:15PM - 4:45PM ACTIVITY BINGO 
5:00PM - 5:30PM LIGHT SNACK MEAL	5:00PM - 5:30PM LIGHT SNACK MEAL	5:00PM - 5:30PM LIGHT SNACK MEAL	5:00PM - 5:30PM LIGHT SNACK MEAL	4:45PM - 5:10PM LIGHT SNACK MEAL
5:30PM - 6:00PM READING	5:30PM - 6:00PM READING	5:30PM - 6:00PM READING	5:30PM - 6:00PM READING	5:10PM - 5:30PM READING

Update contact details

It's that time of year again when we require all parents to check and update their contact details that we hold for them on Arbor.

Quite often people change their mobile numbers or their address and forget to notify the school.

Please could you log into Arbor and check all the details we hold for your child and all contacts on their file are current.

You can update details on your Arbor account yourself or just let the school office know of any changes that are needed.

Reminder—Please send your child with a coat to school everyday as the weather is now getting colder and wetter and we still go out at breaktimes.

House Points at St Mary's CE Primary School and Nursery

Peake	Rashford	Thunberg	Webster
			
217	248	276	333

STARS OF THE WEEK

Oscar
Smith

Oliver
Davies

Teddy
Shufflebotham

Billy
Edwards

Isabelle
Davies

Jared
Bywater

Arthur
Rowland

Elioner
Thomas

Sophia
Kinvig

CONGRATULATIONS

Diary Dates Autumn Term

Wednesday 2nd October	Maths open lessons – parents – 9.30am
Friday 4th October	Harvest Church Service
Monday 7th October	Year 6 to Arthog for week
Thursday 10th October	World mental health day #HelloYellow
Monday 21st October	Year 1 & 2 trip to Shrewsbury Castle
Tuesday 22nd October	Parent Consultations plus open evening Nursery and reception
Wednesday 23rd October	Parent Consultations plus open evening nursery
Thursday 24th October	Trust Collaboration Day
Friday 25th October	PD Day
Mon 28th – Fri 1st Nov	Half Term
Monday 11th November	Anti Bullying Week Remembrance Church Service Year 5 parents
Tuesday 12th November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Friday 22nd November	Reception Open Day
Tuesday 3rd December	Choir @St Chads Church Xmas Concert
Friday 6th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10th December	KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11th December	Flu immunisation day Christmas Panto in school – Snow White
Thursday 12th December	EYFS Christmas Performance
Monday 16th December	Christmas bingo for elderly residents
Friday 20th December	Christmas Church service
Mon 23rd – Fri 3rd Jan	Christmas Holidays

Attendance during week starting – 23rd September 2024

Attendance Target – 96%

Attendance This Week – 95.52%

Attendance This Year – 96.2%

Children who missed morning registration 4.87% (11 children)

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions.

A morning registration at the start of school – 8.45am and an afternoon registration after lunch—1pm for the afternoon session.

Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

Parent Fundraising Group

We are a small team of Parents who are keen to raise extra funds for our school. Throughout the year, we organise extra fun events (big and small) for our school children and wider community.

If you would be interested in joining us or willing to help at an event, please email us or find us on Facebook.

Contact details-

Email- fundraising@stmarys.empowermat.co.uk

Facebook- St Mary's Primary School Fundraising Group



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