



Head's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say thank you for the overwhelming positive feedback we received regarding the Maths open lessons. It was wonderful to see so many of you join us in school and participate in your children's learning. Your involvement truly enhances the experience for the children, and we are so grateful for your support.

We are excited to announce our next open lesson, which will be a Science lesson on Friday, 14th March 2025 which coincides with British Science Week. We look forward to seeing you for another opportunity to explore the fantastic work your children are doing in the classroom!

A huge thank you for your generous donations to our harvest appeal. All contributions will be sent to Shrewsbury Ark, where they will be greatly appreciated. During the harvest service, the children sang their hearts out at the church, raising the roof with their beautiful rendition of harvest songs. They had a wonderful time celebrating by eating the harvest bread together.

Congratulations to our Year 6 teams who recently took part in a Business and Enterprise Workshop at Thomas Adams School. They were truly engaged in learning new skills and thinking like budding entrepreneurs. It was an incredible opportunity for them to explore real-world business concepts and get a taste of entrepreneurship.

The student council launched their 'top secret' project this week. They have had a pivotal role in deciding the playing pieces for the 'Attendance Monopoly' and the treats when they land on local streets. This week, we had 6 classes with attendance of 95% or over. Every Monday, they will be rolling the dice on the Monopoly board.

Next week, our Year 6 students are heading off on their much-anticipated residential trip to Arthog. Arthog is a fantastic destination for outdoor learning, and we are sure they will have an amazing time creating lifelong memories with their peers. We wish them a wonderful adventure full of fun, learning, and unforgettable experiences.

Have a super weekend.

Sarah North

Headteacher



YOUNGMINDS

Hello Yellow

We will be joining the world mental health day campaign

‘Mental health is a universal human right’

Please help us to raise awareness to mental health and let your child wear something yellow with their school uniform on

Thursday 10th October.

This could be a yellow t-shirt, yellow socks, yellow hat or ribbon etc.



Arthog Residential 2024

Our year 6 children are leaving for their week in Arthog on Monday morning next week.

We wish them an exciting and memorable time.

The teachers will be posting updates and photos on the school website throughout the week.

Shrewsbury Castle Trip

Years 1 & 2 will be visiting Shrewsbury Castle on Monday 21st October

Please consent and pay on Arbor if you haven't already done so. Only children that have consented on Arbor will be able to attend.

Please return your packed lunch choice to the school office if you haven't already.

Parents Evening

Parents evenings will be taking place on **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October.**

You can book your time slot on the website from Wednesday next week.

We will text you to let you know once the booking system is live.

Thanks

Cross Country Event

On Thursday 17th October some of our year 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 children will be attending a cross country event at The Grove school in Market Drayton.

If your child has been selected to take part they will bring home a letter on Monday.

Thanks



St Mary's Mile House Competition

On **Monday 14th October** the whole school will be taking part in the St Mary's Mile house competition.

Every class will be going onto the playground to run or walk around our mile track. All children need to come to school in their normal PE kit on that Monday to participate.

The St Mary's mile is taking place to promote a healthy and active lifestyle while fostering a sense of friendly competitions, encouraging teamwork and school spirit as children represent their respective houses. By completing the mile-long event all children will gain house points and for the more competitive children a chance to earn more house points and win a small individual trophy and house trophy.

PLP Meetings

Mr Al-Asmar is offering children with a PLP a ten minute parent meeting with himself and the class teacher.

Invites to book a time have been sent to parents via email.

If you would like to book a meeting time please speak to the school office.

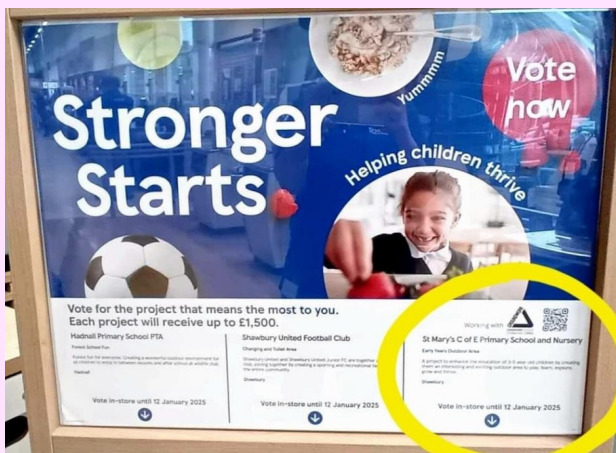
Academy Photos

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

Your child has brought their photo proof home this week. If you wish to order photos you can do this online direct, or return your order form with payment to school. **All orders brought into school must be in by 9am on Monday 14th October**



Vote for our school



Voting has now opened. When you shop at Tesco please put your blue token into our school box and help our early years 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.

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

Swimming lessons continue for year 5 on a Monday.

Please remember your child's swimming kit.

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 year5

Monday (swimming) and Wednesday

Class 9 year 6

Monday and Wednesday

Class 10

Monday and Wednesday



If you have signed your child up to take part in the Young Voice choir event at the Co-op Live Arena in Manchester, please ensure you have registered on the Young Voice portal to sign yourself up and your child. You have received an email with a link to the portal.

You can also purchase your tickets to watch from here.

Please look at the t-shirt sizes on the portal and let the school office know asap what size t-shirt your child requires, as we need to send the t-shirt order off by **Wednesday 16th October**.

If you would like to travel with us and book seats on the coach, please let us know asap.

We are all really looking forward to the event, which takes place on **7th February 2025**

Any questions please speak to Mrs Cartwright or Mrs Roberts.

Parent Lunches

We are offering parents the chance to come and have lunch with their child.

The first lunch will take place on **Wednesday 16th October** and will be for **Nursery and Class 1 parents**.

The cost of the lunch is £5 for two courses.

You will be able to book your place on Arbor from Tuesday 8th October. Bookings close on Friday 11th October. Places will be limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

We will be offering lunches to each year groups parents in the coming weeks.

After School Clubs

All after school clubs are running as normal next week



Tickets £1

Please purchase at
school Office by
Thursday 17th October

Spooky Disco

Friday 18th October

Drinks, snacks and
Goodies will be
available at each
disco for the children
to purchase.

All priced

20p to £1

Loose change welcomed

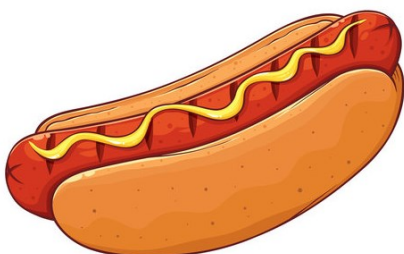
Please, Thank you.

Times:

EYFS; 2-3pm

KS1 3.30-4.30pm

KS2 5-6pm



The school cook will be preparing and selling hot dogs at the KS1 and KS2 disco's. Hot dogs are priced at £1 each, just bring some money to the disco.

THIS WEEK

LUNCH MENU WEEK 3

Monday

Salmon fingers, pasta Neapolitan,
Jacket Potato, wedges
Broccoli & Peas
Chocolate Brownie

Tuesday

Chilli, Macaroni Cheese, jacket potato,
garlic bread, brown rice
sweetcorn, cauliflower, baked beans
Iced Bun

Wednesday

Gammon, Quiche with a Yorkshire, jacket potato
roast potato, mash, green beans & peas
Fruity Muffins

Thursday

Beef burger, vegetable burger, jacket potato
waffles, sweetcorn, carrots,
baked beans
Selection of shortbread

Friday

BBQ Chicken pizza, cheese & tomato pizza, jacket potato
Chips, broccoli & carrots
Ice-cream

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

Secondary Application deadline – 31 October 2024

The closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2024 which falls in the half-term holidays. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible but before the deadline date. This will ensure that if you encounter any problems, you can be supported/helped and to submit your application on time. There is no grace period for late applications. The link for the website is – [Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council](#)





The School Admissions Team strongly encourage parents to name three preferences, particularly if you reside in the Shrewsbury area. Please see the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire Booklet for further information. The link to the document is [Parents' guide to education | Shropshire Council](#)

If you have already made an application and wish to add additional preferences please contact school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

Week Commencing Monday 7th October 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 PLAYDOH ACTIVITY 	4:15PM - 5:00PM COOKING ACTIVITY RICE CRISPY CAKES 	4:15PM - 5:00PM CRAFT ACTIVITY SHADOW DRAWING 	4:15PM - 5:00PM CRAFT ACTIVITY FINGER PAINTING 	4:15PM - 4:45PM CRAFT ACTIVITY DRAW WITH ROB 
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

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

Peake	Rashford	Thunberg	Webster
			
372	373	342	430

STARS OF THE WEEK

James
Wilkes

Arnold
Jackson

Lottie
Meagre

Hollie
Griffiths

Ella
Wilkins

Lucy
Ryan

Luke
Barnett

Harry
O'Connor

Grace
Evans

CONGRATULATIONS

Diary Dates Autumn Term

Monday 7th October	Year 6 to Arthog for week
Thursday 10th October	World mental health day– Wear Yellow
Monday 14th October	St Marys Mile house competition
Thursday 17th October	Cross County event
Monday 21st October	Year 1 & 2 trip to Shrewsbury Castle
Tuesday 22nd October	Hate Crime Session—Year 3 & 4
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
Wednesday 6th Nov	Hoo Zoo visit to school Years 3 & 4
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
Wednesday 27th Nov	Year 6 Height and Weight
Thursday 28th November	Vision Screening Reception
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 – 30th September 2024

Attendance Target – 96%

Attendance This Week – 96.37%

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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