



## Head's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had the pleasure of welcoming Idris Caldora a celebrity chef to our school. He worked with Year 4 and 5 students, starting everyone's journey with food. The children were fascinated by the taste receptors of the tongue and enjoyed exploring different flavours.

On Tuesday, the whole school participated in Safer Internet Day with celebrations and learning based around the theme, 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online. Children learned valuable lessons about online safety and how to protect themselves and others as well as what support is available

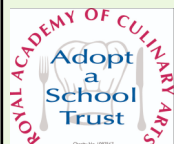
Wednesday was an exciting day for our KS1 children as they re-enacted the Great Fire of London. The children's beautifully crafted houses burned down as a result of the fire in the bakery in Pudding Lane. The children were shocked how fast the fire spread. In addition, the children carried water through a human chain from a water source to a bucket. The children were surprised by how long it took to transport water - a fantastic hands-on learning experience!

The student council have been busy conducting the final voting for the positive postcards. They are thrilled to announce the winners next half term and get the professionally printed.

This half term, we have been proud to share many of the children's talents, both inside and outside of school. Our students have shown incredible abilities, from being agents for change by fundraising for worthy causes, participating in teams, to performing in front of audiences. We are so proud of their diverse talents and achievements!

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful half term break.

Sarah North  
Headteacher



## Cooking with a chef

The year 4 & 5 children had a fantastic time working with Idris Caldora MCA this week.

They looked at different fruit and vegetables from around the world and tasted lots of different items.

The lessons are designed to teach children the basics of food and cookery without the need for cooking facilities, through taste and sensory, knife skills and bread-making.

The next session will be on knife skills and will take place on **Thursday 5th June**.

Please pay your next instalment on Arbor before this date if you haven't paid in full.

## Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

This year we will be holding two afternoon teas in school to celebrate Mothers Day.

### **Wednesday 26th March**

Mothers Day for mums of children

### **Wednesday 9th April**

Grandmothers Day for grandmothers

Both of these sessions will run from 3pm to 4.30pm

The cost of the afternoon tea is £5 for adults and £2.50 per child. Both sessions will be available to book at 9am on Arbor from Monday 24th February. Places are limited so please book early.

## After School Clubs

**Dance Club will continue** every Monday after half term for the same children, starting on **Monday 24th February**. Please book & pay on Arbor

Other clubs available next term are:-

### **Tuesday**

KS2 Fencing

Year 6 maths club (am)

### **Wednesday**

All key stages music club

Year 6 maths club (same children)

### **Thursday**

KS1 Fencing

All clubs will start w/c 3rd March and cost £4 per session. Please book your child in on Arbor from Tuesday 25th February.

## Chess Coaching

Some of our year 4 & 5 children will be lucky enough to have chess coaching from Chris Lewis, a junior chess club coach. Chris will be coming into school on

**Friday 28th February.**

## Term Dates

Half term is

**Monday 17th to Friday 21st February.**

All children return to school on **Monday 24th February.**

Easter holidays are **Monday 14th April to Friday 25th April.**

ST MARYS'S CE PRIMARY &  
NURSERY SCHOOL

# LUNCH MENU

WEEK 1

## MONDAY

Chicken Goujons, Salmon Cakes, Quorn Bites, Jacket Potato,  
Potato wedges, egg noodles, carrots, peas,  
Selection of muffins, fresh mixed fruit, fruity yogurts.

## TUESDAY

Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Jacket Potato,  
Chips, sweetcorn, baked beans.  
Vanilla or Chocolate ice-cream, fresh mixed fruit, fruity  
yogurts.

## WEDNESDAY

Sausage, Quorn Sausage, Jacket Potato.  
Yorkshire pudding, roast potato, mashed potato, carrots,  
green beans, gravy.  
Selection of cookies, fresh mixed fruit, fruity yogurts.

## THURSDAY

Chicken Katsu Curry, Vegetable Curry, Jacket Potato.  
Brown rice, naan bread, cauliflower, peas.  
Iced tray bake, fresh mixed fruit, fruity yogurts.

## FRIDAY

Meatballs in a tomato sauce, Cheesy Pasta Bake, Jacket Potato  
Pasta, garlic bread, sweetcorn, broccoli.  
Flapjack, fresh mixed fruit, fruity yogurts.

**PACKED LUNCHES ARE AVAILABLE TO ORDER THROUGH  
SCHOOLGRID.**

**A FRESH SALAD BAR AND FRESH BREAD IS AVAILABLE DAILY.**



**The Fundraising Group are looking for book donations.**

Please donate good quality children's books you no longer need. These can be for all age ranges in order for them to be used as part of a book sale on:

**World Book Day  
Thursday 6th March.**

The book sale will take place during the afternoon in school. This will be a good chance for your child to purchase a pre-loved book for a few pence.

**Please drop your donations into the school office.  
Many Thanks**

**St Mary's**  
CE Primary & Nursery School

Please Join us for our  
**CAREER DAY**

We are looking for businesses and individuals to attend our careers day to demonstrate different career paths and support our children.

**Date**  
Wednesday 5th March

**Time**  
13.30 - 15.30

**Location**  
St. Mary's Primary School,  
Shawbury

**More information**  
01939250323  
admin@stmarys.empowermat.co.uk

If this is something you could help with then please send an email to the school office with your contact details and the career you wish to discuss.

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**STAY & PLAY NURSERY**

St. Mary's Primary School and Nursery in Shawbury

Tuesday 25th February  
Tuesday 11th March  
Tuesday 25th March  
Tuesday 8th April

Please join us from 1.30pm till 2.30pm on the above dates if your child is turning 3 or 4 years old

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Call us on 01939 250323

**St Mary's**  
CE Primary & Nursery School

**PE Dates**

<b>Nursery</b>	Monday and Friday
<b>Class 1</b>	Monday and Friday
<b>Class 3</b>	Wednesday & Thursday
<b>Class 4</b>	Wednesday & Thursday
<b>Class 5</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>Class 6</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>Class 7</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>Class 8</b>	Monday & Wednesday
<b>Class 9</b>	Monday & Wednesday
<b>Class 10</b>	Monday & Wednesday



# STARS OF THE WEEK

Isabella  
Hill

Amber  
Froment

Kohen  
Baxter-Smith

Ollie  
Evason

Ted  
Doheny

Jamie-Lee  
Edge

Charlie  
Anson

Arthur  
Rowland

Thomas  
Dale

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Diary Dates Spring Term 2025

<b>Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb</b>	Half Term
<b>Tuesday 25th February</b>	Stay & Play in Nursery
<b>Friday 28th February</b>	Chess Coaching in school—some year 4 & 5
<b>Monday 3rd March</b>	National Careers Week
<b>Wednesday 5th March</b>	Careers Afternoon
<b>Thursday 6th March</b>	World Book Day
	STEM Day year 5/6 girls SHS
<b>Monday 10th March</b>	British Science Week
<b>Tuesday 11th March</b>	Nursery stay and play
<b>Thursday 13th March</b>	Year 5 maths challenge Wrekin College
<b>Friday 14th March</b>	Science lesson in school – parents 9am
<b>Monday 17th March</b>	School of Sanctuary Week
	Boogie Bounce in school
<b>Tuesday 18th March</b>	Gotta Dance @ Theatre Severn
<b>Wednesday 19th March</b>	Skills 4 Bills in school for year 6
<b>Thursday 20th March</b>	Oracy Exhibition – 2pm
<b>Friday 21st March</b>	Down Syndrome Day
<b>Wednesday 26th March</b>	Mother's Day afternoon tea
<b>Tuesday 1st April</b>	Year 3 & 4 Easter Concert
<b>Wednesday 2nd April</b>	Rockkidz workshop in school
<b>Thursday 3rd April</b>	Parent Consultation
	Autism Awareness Day
<b>Monday 7th April</b>	Easter bingo for the elderly
<b>Tuesday 8th April</b>	Parent Consultation
<b>Wednesday 9th April</b>	Grandmothers afternoon tea
<b>Friday 11th April</b>	Easter Church service
<b>Mon 14th – 25th April</b>	Easter holidays

House Points at St Mary's CE Primary School and Nursery			
Peake	Rashford	Thunberg	Webster
			
476	471	464	469

# Week Commencing Monday 24th February 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
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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

## Attendance during week starting – 10th February 2025

Attendance Target – 96%

Attendance This Week – 95.8%

Attendance This Year – 95.8%

Children who missed morning registration 9.87% (23 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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