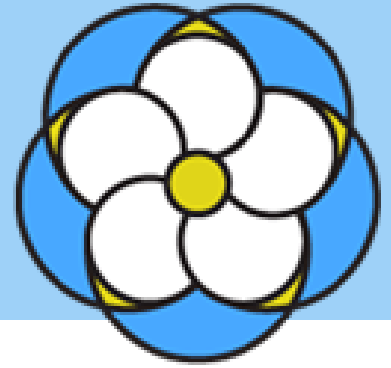


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 12 – 8th December 2023



Christmas Lunch

If you would like to order a Christmas Lunch for your child for Tuesday 19th December, this can be done on Parentmail in the usual way. Please can we ask that your order is placed by **Monday 11th December** to enable us to let our kitchen know the numbers.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide any of the usual alternatives on that day, so please send your child in with a packed lunch if they do not want the Christmas Lunch. Thank you



CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 8th December

Robin – Leelan D

3 Skylark – Caitlyn B

4 Kingfisher – Harper E

4 Woodpecker – Ariella H

5 Avocet – Lily F

5 Curlew – Charlie T

6 Falcon – Mikey A

6 Red Kite – Xavier W

Dates for your Diary

*8th Dec – Yr 3, 4 and Robin Class
Showcase Event 2.15pm in Hall*

*11th Dec – SEND Parents Meetings
3.30pm – 5.00pm*

*13th Dec – SEND Parents Meetings
3.30pm – 5.00pm*

*15th Dec – Whole school going to
St Mary's Church*

*15th Dec – Yr 5 & 6 Showcase Event
2.15pm in Hall*



Year 3 visit to Mayfields

On Tuesday, Skylark Class had a lovely time at Mayfields Care Home making Christmas Cards with the residents.



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Pupil Premium

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to close the gap between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers. National statistics show that these children often underperform even though they may have the same potential as their peers.

The pupil premium was introduced in April 2011 and is allocated to schools to work with pupils who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years (known as 'Ever 6 FSM'). Schools also receive funding for children who have been looked after by Children's Services continuously over more than six months, and for children of armed forces personnel.

Funding

Funding is allocated within the school budget by financial year and not attached to individual children. This budget enables the school to plan its intervention and support programme. Here at St Mary's Junior Academy, we are fortunate to have three pastoral workers, a nurture provision and fantastic Teaching Assistants who run interventions across our school. This would not all be possible without this funding.

Further information

Should you want to see how the money is spent, or further information about Pupil Premium, this can be found on our school website or by following this link:

<https://www.stmaryscoejunior.co.uk/useful-information/pupil-premium/>

If you are uncertain if you qualify for the Pupil Premium funding, then please contact our school office via either **01508 530459** or office@stmarys.stbenets.org

Visit to St Mary's Church

All staff and pupils will be walking down to St Mary's Church on Friday 15th December for a Christmas service. Please make sure that your child has a warm or waterproof coat depending on the weather and hats, scarves and gloves as required. We will be leaving school at 9.00am, so please ensure that your child is in school on time.

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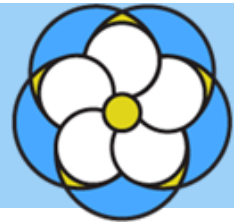


Long Stratton Christmas Event

We hope you all enjoyed yourselves at the Long Stratton Christmas Event on Friday and enjoyed the performance by our School Choir.



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Flu Catch up Clinic

If your child missed having their vaccination at school and you wish to take them to a catch-up clinic in the community, you can arrange an appointment and give online consent using the link attached. See also the attached letter

Please be advised that once you click onto the link, all clinic details will be available.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/book>

Taekwondo

This week the pupils have all experienced a taster session of Taekwondo. If your child would like to continue doing Taekwondo, we will be holding After School sessions on a Thursday from January. For the first half term, please register your interest with school. The cost will be £4.00 per session (£24.00) for six weeks. If your child would then like to continue, payment arrangements will be made direct with the coach, Chris Hemstock.

More information on our other After School Sports Clubs will be in next week's newsletter.

Norfolk & Waveney Autism and ADHD Support Service

If you have a child who is neurodivergent, they may find the festive season unpredictable and overwhelming. Please take a look at Family Action's December Newsletter for ideas to practical ideas to help you through Christmas.

Please click on the following link to view their Newsletter

<https://sway.office.com/QQgFsnXT4pisos2R?ref=email>



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Christmas Card Postbox

The Christmas Card Postbox will be available in Reception from Monday 4th December. Children can bring in their Christmas Cards for other pupils or staff and post them in the Post Box. They will then be delivered at lunchtime each day. Please ensure that they have the full name of the person they are intended for along with their class to help us to deliver them to the correct person. Thank you



Attendance

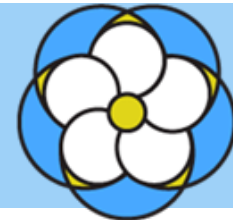
Every day at school adds up, so make the most of it.

As part of the national 'Everyday Counts' attendance campaign, we will continue to monitor attendance very closely. If you need support on this matter please make an appointment to see Mrs Dale our pastoral officer or visit www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 27th November to 1st December 2023

5 Curlew	98.1%
6 Red Kite	96.13%
5 Avocet	95.79%

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Dates for the year ahead:

08/12/23	Year 3, 4 and Robin Class Parents invited in to Open Classrooms 2.15 – 3.00pm
11/12/23	SEND Parent/Teacher/Pupil Meetings to review Autumn SEN Support Plans (3.30 – 5.30pm)
13/12/23	SEND Parent/Teacher/Pupil Meetings to review Autumn SEN Support Plans (3.30 – 5.30pm)
15/12/23	Whole School going to St Mary's Church
15/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Parents invited in to Open classrooms 2.15 – 3.00pm
19/12/23	Year 3 & 4 Nativity Performance at 9.15am
19/12/23	Christmas Lunch (details to follow) Christmas Jumper Day (donations to be made on Parentmail)
20/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Parents invited to our Christmas Carols around the tree at 2.30pm
20/12/22	End of Term (School Closes at normal time)
21/12/22 - 03/01/24	Christmas Holiday
04/01/24	Back to School
08/01/24	After School Sports Clubs start this week
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	Back to School
28/03/24 – 12/04/24	Easter Holidays
15/04/24	Back to School
22/04/24	SENDCo from Long Stratton High School meeting with Yr 6 SEND Pupils re transition
06/05/24	May Bank Holiday
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Back to School
19/07/24	Last day of Term

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