

Dates for the Diary

- 13th Dec - 9.30 Church Service -Tigers
- 13th Dec - 5-7pm Christmas Soiree
- 16/17th Dec - EYFS Nativity 2pm
- 18th Dec - Christmas Jumper & Dinner
- 20th Dec - Last day of Term
- 6th Jan 2025 - INSET day for staff
- 7th Jan - Back to School
- 17th - 21st Feb - half term
- 24th Feb - INSET day for staff
- 25th Feb - Back to School
- 11th April - Last day of term
- 28th April - Back to school
- 5th May - Bank Holiday Monday
- 26th May-30th May - Half term
- 18th July - Last day of term
- 21st July - INSET day for staff



Croft Council

Our Croft Council are an enthusiastic group of children who have been out doing a community litter pick and tidying up the Croft. They have hung some lovely bird feeders in the trees. Next week, there will be bat boxes, bird boxes and hedgehog houses being put on the Croft, as part of our mission to increase bio diversity, especially over winter. This is part of the children's action plan, towards the Green Flag Eco Award for Schools. Soon, we will be planting our new trees too.



Friday 13th December

5.00-7.00pm



St Mary's Christmas Soiree

Once again, our fantastic PTFA team have been working really hard to prepare for this festive event - we do hope you will join us.

You will have a letter next week, explaining the event in a bit more detail and you will have received your child's free ticket.

What a lovely way to celebrate Christmas together. Wrap up warm in the wintery weather. Enjoy some stalls and games, (always a chance for us to fundraise!) have a warm drink and something to eat, and chat with your friends and family, followed by entertainment from our fabulous children. Each class have chosen a Christmas song to perform for you.

Tickets will be available to buy from our PTFA helpers from **Monday 9th December**, after school, outside on the playground. Adult tickets are just £1.00 and children's tickets are free.

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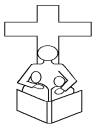
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ST. MARY'S C.E. (A) FIRST SCHOOL



Learning to love
Loving to learn



Croft on the Heath

Here is the rota for the rest of this term. Don't forget your wellies, old trousers, warm coats, hats and gloves.



Mon	Tigers 11/11, 25/11, 9/12	Giraffes 18/11, 2/12, 16/12
Tues	Zebras 12/11, 26/11, 10/12	Crocs & Leopards 19/11, 3/12, 17/12
Weds	Y1 Bears 13/11, 27/11, 11/12	
	EYFS Ladybirds & Bears every week	
Thurs	Penguins every week in the morning	

Messy Church

Thursday 5th December
3.30-4.30pm



Families are invited to come to Messy Church for Advent and Christingle activities, in the Hall,

All children need to be accompanied by a family adult. Juice and biscuits will be available!



Attendance in School

This week's attendance is **95.1%**

If all children arrived on time, our attendance would have been **96.2%**

Please try to get to school before 8.55am!

Worship



We have been focusing on Respect and how we can always show respect. On those occasions where we might not show respect, we have been trying to reflect and redeem ourselves.

#belikeTheGoodSamaritan

FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 2

Autumn Winter
2024-25:
9/9, 30/9, 21/10,
11/1, 2/12,
23/12, 13/1, 3/2

MONDAY

Cheesy Tomato
Pizza Muffins

TUESDAY

Chicken Tikka
Masala

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork,
Roast Potatoes
and Gravy

THURSDAY

Classic
Cottage
Pie

FRIDAY

Battered Fish
and Chips

THE
MAIN
EVENT

MEAT-FREE
MAGIC
Veggie Dish

RAINBOW
ALLEY
Vegetables and Potatoes

BIG
TOPPING
Filled Jackets

DESSERT
TROLLEY

DAILY SALAD BOWL,
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGURTS AND
CUT FRUIT

AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA
TWIRLER
AVAILABLE
EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta
topped with
Homemade
Tomato Sauce &
Cheese

T1



Monday 9th December

Thank you for all your wonderful Rainbow Raffle prize donations 

The PTFA will be preparing some colourful hampers for you to win.

On Monday 9th December - please send your raffle ticket money into school in an envelope with your child's name on, **ONLY ON THIS DAY.**

£1 per ticket - you can buy as many tickets as you like. The raffle will be drawn in the afternoon with the children, and your child will bring home a card if you have won a prize, which you may then collect from the office.

Thank you so much for all your continued support.

Here are some dates to put in your diary:

Friday 13th December

Tigers will be leading the Christmas Service in Church at 9.30am - we will all be walking to church

Mon 16th & Tues 17th December

Penguins/Butterflies/Ladybirds & Bear Cubs will present their Nativity in the Hall at 2pm - tickets will be available nearer the time.

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Jumper Day AND Christmas Lunch

Celebration Worship



Next week, it is Celebration

Worship for Key Stage 1 parents. If it is your child's birthday, you are welcome to attend (we celebrate birthdays during that week, up to Sunday!)

Friday 2nd December - Families of Ladybirds/Bears/Zebras/Tigers (KS1)

Please pop your phones away, and on silent, once you have signed in. This helps to safeguard all our children. Thank you.

Year 4s - make sure you apply for a Middle School place by January 15th 2025.

Nursery - make sure you apply for a Reception place by January 15th 2025. If your child is due to start Ladybirds in September.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>