

Dates for the Diary

- 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



Thank you so much....

For buying raffle tickets to win our rainbow hampers - well done to all the winners! The money raised will be counted after the Soiree, and we will have a grand total next week!

Croft on the Heath

There will be no planned forest school sessions next week. But.....

All children need to have their wellies in school on Tuesday and Wednesday please!



Bear Cubs, Ladybirds & Penguins would like to present.....

The Big Little Nativity

Monday 16th December at 2pm
Tuesday 17th December at 2pm



There are a few spare tickets left for each performance. Please enquire at the office today, if you would like one more! Please bring your tickets to the performance, with your name on the back, as they are your raffle tickets!! Doors open at 1.45pm.

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13th December 2024



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Attendance in School

This week's attendance is **89.8%**

We have continued to have lots of poorly children this week. Please come to school on time, our attendance would be 91.2% if we didn't have any late children.



Church today

Our Tiger class led a lovely Christmas Worship in church, telling the Nativity story and singing beautifully. Thank you to everyone who joined us, it was lovely to see the church so full.



Celebration Worship

Next week, it is Celebration Worship for EYFS/Key Stage 1 parents. If it is your child's birthday, you are welcome to attend (we celebrate all the birthdays over Christmas)

Friday 20th December - Families of (KS1)

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

Worship

As we continue our journey through Advent, we have lit the second candle which symbolises peace, a reminder that the Christ-child will bring peace to the world.



Our Autumn Worship Teams spent the day at the Renew Church on Thursday on a mission! Their mission was to become secret agents to find out about King Herod and expose the truth about his meddling actions, and to find out about the true meaning of Christmas. The children had a brilliant day, loved all the activities and said a big thank you to Jordan for inviting us.

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner.




FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL
Week 1

Autumn Winter 2024-25:
2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12, 6/1, 27/1

DAY	THE MAIN EVENT	MEAT-FREE MAGIC	RAINBOW ALLEY	BIG TOPPING	DESSERT TROLLEY
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza Slice and Wedges	Veggie Pepper and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice with Wedges	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Frozen Yoghurt
TUESDAY	BBQ Cheesy Chicken	Cheesy Bean Wrap	Apple Slaw and Wholegrain Rice	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Sweet Potato Brownie
WEDNESDAY	 Christmas Dinner Turkey, roast potatoes, stuffing and vegetables Christmas Sprinkle Cake Festive Biscuits (no jacket potatoes, sandwiches or pasta today)				
THURSDAY	Lasagne	Vegetable Lasagne	Green Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cookie Dough Apple Crumble
FRIDAY	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips	Veggie Burger and Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jammy Thumbprint Biscuits

DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT
AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA TWIRLER
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce and Cheese

Christingle Joy

On Tuesday, some of our nursery Penguins visited The Hermitage and helped the ladies to make Christingles, candles and advent wreaths. It was a lovely morning, enjoyed by all.



Reception Class

for September 2025

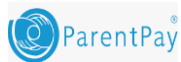
If your child is going to be 5 years old, between Sept 2025 and August 2026, then you need to apply for a Reception place in school. Please click on the link - you need to apply before January 15th 2025.

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

If you know any families who would like to join us at St Mary's, please let them know they can call the office and Mrs Moulton will offer them a guided tour and show them everything St Mary's has to offer.

Parent Pay

Please ensure that your parent pay account is cleared before Friday 20th December.



Dogs, Scooters and Bikes - Safety

Please do not bring dogs onto the playground (in arms, or on foot) Scooters and bikes must not be ridden on the playground under any circumstances. We are trying to keep everyone safe and your help is appreciated.