

## Dates for the Diary



30<sup>th</sup> Sept - Poetry Week  
 4<sup>th</sup> Oct - Harvest in Church  
 14<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parents Evening  
 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - 1<sup>st</sup> Nov - Half Term  
 4<sup>th</sup> November - Back to school  
 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of Term  
 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 - INSET day for staff  
 7<sup>th</sup> January - Back to School  
 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February - half term  
 24<sup>th</sup> February - INSET day for staff  
 25<sup>th</sup> February - Back to School  
 11<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of term  
 28<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school  
 5<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday Monday  
 26<sup>th</sup> May-30<sup>th</sup> May - Half term  
 18<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term  
 21<sup>st</sup> July - INSET day for staff

## Our Sponsored Move

An incredibly huge thank you to all our families who sponsored their children in our sponsored move. You have raised an unbelievably fantastic £3312.90, which will be spent on improving PE and Sports resources in school and providing sporty enrichment activities throughout the year!



## BIG BOOK sale

**Wednesday & Thursday**  
 We are having a BIG BOOK sale! We have lots of pre-loved big books from our Library - they cost just a pound - lots of fiction and non-fiction. If you want to buy, please bring your £1 and they will be on sale at playtime!

## Poetry Week

Next week, we are celebrating poetry! On Tuesday, Pep the Poet will be in school to share his work with the children. You can buy his books (£7.99) and tote bags (£6)

Parents can order books in advance from Pep's website:  
[www.pepthe poet.co.uk/books](http://www.pepthe poet.co.uk/books)  
 Use the code **SCHOOLS** for free postage and packaging. Pep will bring orders to the school on the day of the visit.

When ordering from Pep's Website:  
**The Shipping Address** is your child's name, school and year group.  
**The Billing Address** is your name and your home address.

You can watch him in action on his YouTube channel @pepthe poet



# Newsletter 4

27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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



Learning to love  
 Loving to learn

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## Year 4

### Middle School Open Evenings

Please make sure you visit the middle schools on their open events, to see the options available for your child in September.....

Windsor Park - 8<sup>th</sup> Oct @4pm  
 Oldfields Hall - 9<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 6pm  
 Ryecroft - 12<sup>th</sup> Oct @10am

The online portal to apply for middle school can be found on the Staffordshire County Council website. You can start to apply on the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Application-forms-for-admission-to-school.aspx>

## Worship



This week, we have introduced the "Fruits of the Holy Spirit". This is from the Bible and it sums up all the good parts of a person who lives in the light of God.

We have been thinking about the ways in which we can show joy and love in our every day lives.



## Croft on the Heath

|       |                                    |                                    |
|-------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mon   | Tigers 9/9, 23/9, 7/10, 21/10      | Giraffes 16/9, 30/9, 14/10         |
| Tues  | Zebras 10/9, 24/9, 8/10, 22/10     | Crocs & Leopards 17/9, 1/10, 15/10 |
| Weds  | Y1 Bears 11/9, 25/9, 9/10, 23/10   |                                    |
|       | EYFS Ladybirds & Bears every week  |                                    |
| Thurs | Penguins every week in the morning |                                    |



Please make sure your child has wellies, a waterproof coat and a pair of old tracksuit bottoms in a named bag for their Croft Day. It will often be muddy and/or wet and the children won't be able to access outdoor learning, if they haven't got the right clothing!

**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



BBQ and  
Sweetcorn  
Pizza Slice



Wholegrain  
Pasta Salad and  
Green salad



Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo



Toffee Apple  
Sponge and  
Custard



TUESDAY

Chicken Tikka  
Masala

Winter  
Vegetable  
Crumble

Wholegrain  
Rice and  
Carrots

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Chocolate  
Sprinkle Iced  
Cake

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork,  
Roast Potatoes  
and Gravy

Cauliflower Cheese,  
Crispy Onion Topping  
& Roast Potatoes  
(You don't have to have  
the onions!)

Mixed  
Greens

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Raspberry  
Coconut Jelly

THURSDAY

**Jungle Fest Special**  
Leopard's Spotted Pizza Slice  
Quorn Toad in the Hole  
Roasted new potatoes & Broccoli

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Wild  
Zebra  
Cake Slice



FRIDAY

Battered Fish  
and Chips

Cheese and  
Tomato Toasted  
Wrap with Chips

Baked  
Beans

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Anzac  
Biscuits

## Attendance in School

This week's attendance is

**91.6%**



Holidays are affecting our attendance percentage this week (it would have been 96.1%)

Please be aware that the new govt policy on penalty notices (fines) for holidays, unauthorised absences and lates is now active. Find out more about this on our website <https://www.st-marys-uttoxeter.staffs.sch.uk/parents/attendance>

## Celebration Worship



There will be NO celebration worship on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - as we will be having our daily worship at the church in the morning.

## Thursday is Census Day

There is a special menu to try out - see if we can get our biggest number of children having hot dinners on Thursday. Can you help us to beat our record of 135??!!

## Parents Evening Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Parents evening appointment request letters will be sent out on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please fill it in and return it to your teacher as soon as you can, to ensure you get a time which suits you. Thank you

## Cross Country Competition

Congratulations to the children in KS2 who represented our school at cross country. They were fantastic, and we are very proud of them.



## Harvest Festival in Church

The children in **Leopards** will be leading the Harvest Service at St Mary's Church on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at **9.30am**.

All the classes (except Penguins) will be walking to church at 9am to join in the service. As part of our Good Samaritan kindness, we will be asking for donations of tinned/packet food, which we will donate to our local food banks.

Parents are invited to join us, and we would love you to help us to walk down to the church - the more helpers we have the safer our journey is. **Please let your teacher know on Showbie if you are helping to walk the children to church. You can also sign up on the sheet on the window, nearer the time.**

