

## Dates for the Diary

10<sup>th</sup> Oct - Mental Health day   
 14<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parents Evening  
 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - School photo day  
 28<sup>th</sup> Oct-1<sup>st</sup> Nov - Half Term  
 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Back to school  
 15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Disco  
 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Soiree  
 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day of Term  
 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 - INSET day for staff  
 7<sup>th</sup> Jan - Back to School  
 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - half term  
 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - INSET day for staff  
 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - 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

## Year 4 NEXT WEEK!!

### 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>

## Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

### Wear a little bit of something yellow!

We will be thinking about our own mental health and how to support others. It is important to understand that how you feel matters. You can wear a yellow bow or hat or sock or tights or t-shirt or jumper, or simply a yellow wristband - whatever you have got!! If you don't have anything yellow, just wear your big smile!

It is still a PE day - so please still have some PE kit and trainers on !!



## Poetry Week

We have had a great Poetry Week - a fantastic visit from Pep the Poet, writing and performing our own poetry and KS2 taking part in a Guinness World Record attempt to hold the largest live poetry lesson ever!! Some of our classes went to the Library too. Next week, in Celebration Worship, the children will be performing some of their poetry.



Our brilliant PTFA team met up this week to plan and organise some events for children and families - more information coming soon about....  
 Disco in November and Christmas Soiree!

# Newsletter 5

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



Learning to love  
 Loving to learn

4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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## Worship



This week, we have continued to learn more about the "Fruit of the Holy Spirit". We have been thinking about the ways in which we can show peace in our every day lives.

We also enjoyed the Harvest Festival service in Church this morning, led beautifully by the Leopards class.

Thank you for all your Harvest gifts, which will be donated to our local food banks.



## 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 3

Autumn Winter  
2024-25:  
16/9, 7/10,  
28/10, 18/11,  
9/12, 30/12,  
20/1, 10/2

MONDAY

American Style  
Mac Cheese

Veggie Wholegrain  
Pasta Bolognese

Carrots

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Marble  
Cake

TUESDAY

Sausage and  
Mash

Vegetable Pot  
Pie  
and Mash

Roast Root  
Veggies

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Apple,  
Cinnamon  
Raisin  
Flapjacks

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken,  
Stuffing,  
Roast Potatoes  
and Gravy

Carrot and  
Stuffing Pastry  
Plait

Peas and  
Sweetcorn

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Orange and  
Mango Jelly

THURSDAY

Meatballs in  
Tomato Sauce with  
Rice

Mild Veggie Bean  
Chilli Loaded  
Wedges with  
Cheese

Broccoli

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Banana Bread  
Muffins

FRIDAY

Golden Fish  
Fingers  
and Chips

Vegetable Fingers  
and Chips

Baked  
Beans

Beans,  
Cheese or  
Tuna Mayo

Gingerbread  
Cookies



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## Attendance in School

This week's attendance is  
**95%**



Holidays are affecting our attendance percentage this week

(it would have been **97%**)

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-ttoxeter.staffs.sch.uk/parents/attendance>

## Celebration Worship



Celebration worship on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October - we will be sharing our performance poetry!!

## Census Day!!

Thank you for having a school dinner on Census Day - we beat our record!! 158 children had a school lunch - thank you so much for taking part!

## 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

## Our Sponsored Move

The total keeps climbing!! You have raised an unbelievably fantastic £3720, which will be spent on improving PE and Sports resources in school and providing sporty enrichment activities throughout the year! Thank you so much!

## BIG BOOK sale

Thank you for buying Big Books this week, the total amount raised was £74.00 which will be spent on new books for our Library.



## School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on **Monday 21st October**. They will be taking individual photographs and sibling photographs in school, throughout the day. If you wish your younger siblings to be in a family photo, please be at the Hall back door from 8.30am. There may be a queue, the photographer will go as fast as she can!