



ST MARY'S CE FIRST ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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"SHINE AS A LIGHT IN THE WORLD"
Matthew 5:16



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has come to an end and it looks like we should have some lovely weather to enjoy over the weekend.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Now COVID is settling we are beginning to look at the general attendance of all of our pupils. We aim for 95% attendance for every child. We understand that hospital or other appointments sometimes have to happen during school hours. Where this is the case please provide written confirmation of your child's appointment so we can update our registers. If your child is ill, and are therefore unable to attend school, we ask that you inform the school office by 9am. Over the next few weeks I will be outlining the Staffordshire attendance policy to support all our St. Mary's families.

I am delighted to inform you that following a rigorous interview process we have offered teaching roles to Miss K Whitaker and Miss R Fowell. They will both be joining the St. Mary's family in September as full time teachers. Over the summer term both Miss Whitaker and Miss Fowell will visit to introduce them selves to the children and yourselves.

Please can I say a big thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to support the PTA Jubilee event on Sunday 5th June. If you are able to help us out, even if it is only for an hour, please email the PTA on PTA@st-marys-wheatonaston.staffs.sch.uk or speak to Mrs Rowley.

Have a lovely weekend.

Many thanks
Mrs N. R Brennan

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

Week Commencing:
25/04, 16/05, 13/06, 04/07

WEEK ONE

DINE

Main Meal

DINE

Vegetarian

Dessert
STOP

Sweet Options

MONDAY

Butter Chicken

Turmeric Rice

Tomato &
Mozzarella Pasta
Bake

*Served with Garlic
Slice*

Apple Crumble

Custard

TUESDAY

Minced Beef and
Onion Pie

Creamy Mash

Cheese and Potato
Pie

Lemon Sponge
Cake

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken and
Stuffing

Roast Potatoes

Sage and Onion
Crust Quorn Roast

Roast Potatoes

Sticky Toffee
Pudding

THURSDAY

Classic Lasagne

Crunchy Salad

Potato and
Spinach Curry

Wholemeal Rice

Mixed Fruit
Pie

Custard

FRIDAY

Battered Fish

Chips

Homemade
Vegetable Burger

Chips

Warm Chocolate
Brownie

Fresh Vegetables & Sides, Bread, Yoghurt and Fruit are
available daily



STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Pupil
Nursery	Layla G
Reception	Olivia
Year 1 & 2	Henry
Year 3	Abi
Year 4	Albert

A massive well done to all children for all their hard work this week. We are proud to call you a part of our St Mary's Family.



Disney+ is the latest big player in the TV streaming market. The global brand has released its own subscription-based streaming service to rival that of competitors such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Apple TV. As the name might suggest, it's designed to be family friendly, with content restricted to PG and PG-13 (UK equivalent 12a). It can be streamed on pretty much any device – mobile phones, tablets, PCs, TVs and games consoles – and features a huge library of classic Disney titles. Below, we've highlighted a few tips for parents to consider to ensure that their children get the most enjoyable experience out of the service.

5 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS DISNEY+

1 Create a strong username & password

On its release in the US, Canada and Netherlands in November 2019, Disney+ was dogged by allegations of being hacked. Many users complained that their account details had been stolen and blamed Disney+ security. To date, Disney+ has confirmed there was no data breach from their end. As Disney+ doesn't use 2-factor authentication, anybody who potentially hacks your username and password could also access your credit card details. Therefore, it's important to create a unique username and a strong password that isn't used for other sites. Always use a mixture of letters (upper and lowercase), numbers and symbols and try to ensure the minimum length is 8 characters.

2 Monitor your child's usage

Whilst the ability to stream on almost any device capable of connecting to the internet might seem great at first, parents may also want to exercise a little bit of caution. Parental controls on Disney+ are quite limited and there are no settings to help with screen time or usage, so it can be easy for children to binge watch, particularly given the amount of content available. Apple, Google and Amazon devices all provide options to limit children's screen time so parents can manage how long their child uses the app.

3 Enable 'Kid's Profile' mode

Although Disney+ is billed as family friendly, there is still an option to enable a 'kid's profile' which removes all PG and PG-13 rated content. This adds an extra level of safety if you're still concerned that your child may watch something that could be deemed too 'intense' for their age. Setting up a kid's profile also switches off autoplay which means the next video in any series won't automatically play once one episode has finished. It should be noted though that children can easily switch between accounts themselves given there is no security required to get into profiles.

4 Double check for films with 'outdated cultural depictions'

The Disney+ service includes programs and movies that go back to the 1920s and which have been left in their original format, with their original content. Some of this programming contains cultural insensitivities and depictions that were included in the original show, but Disney would never include them now. For example, cultural stereotyping, the representation of minority groups or character portrayals which may be deemed racist. For this reason, viewers are made aware through a warning message stating "This program is presented as originally created. It may contain outdated cultural depictions." Whilst Disney do their best to highlight any such content, it's always worth discussing these issues with your child if they raise any queries.

5 Sit back and enjoy!

Above all else, Disney+ is designed to be family friendly and there is very little, if any, adult-themed content available for children to stumble across. The library of films and programmes can range from all-time classics to the latest Hollywood blockbuster and it can be a great avenue for parents and children to sit down together, ready the popcorn and enjoy some great family friendly entertainment.

Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



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SOURCES: <https://www.disneyplus.com/> | <https://www.netnanny.com/blog/2019/11/14/disney-attaches-warning-to-outdated-cultural-depictions-to-avoid-appeal> | <https://www.theguardian.com/film/2019/nov/14/disney-attaches-warning-to-outdated-cultural-depictions-to-avoid-appeal>

St Mary's CE First Academy
Term Dates and Holidays 2022-2023
Dates are subject to change.

Summer Term 2022

Half term: Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Jubilee Event - Sunday 5th June

Jubilee bank holiday - Monday 6th June

NSPCC The Big Break time - Friday 10th June (Non school uniform £1 donation please wear old play clothes)

Wheaton Aston Carnival - Saturday 18th June

Year 4 Rocket Day at Brewood Middle Academy - Saturday 2nd July (Details to follow)

Sports Day - Thursday 7th July (PM Parents welcome)

End of year leavers disco - Thursday 14th July (PTA Event)

Leavers Worship - Wednesday 20th July (Year 4 parents and guardians welcome)

Term ends: Thursday 21st July

Holiday: Friday 22nd July - Friday 2nd September

Autumn Term 2023

Inset Day: Monday 5th September

Term Starts: Tuesday 6th September

Holiday: Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October

Term ends: Friday 16th December

Holiday: Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January

Inset Days (School Closed to Pupils)

Monday 5th September 2022