

### 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,

Today has been wonderful as both staff and pupils have gathered together to enjoying celebrating the Queen's platinum Jubilee. The whole school joined in worship where we shared thoughts and facts about the Queen as well as singing our Jubilee songs. Each child has been gifted a mug from Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council and a pin badge from our own PTA. Hopefully these will be gifts to treasure in years to come. At lunch time all of the children ate together in the hall having our very own street party. Throughout the day children have been painting bunting, decorating crowns and generally enjoying the festivities.

We can't wait to see as many of you as possible at the Community Picnic on Sunday 5th June. The children will be singing at 12.30pm. Please bring the children to myself or Mrs Johnson and also collect them from us. Please can the children wear red, white and blue and bring flags to wave with them. As you will know a live band will be performing as well as our local dance school and karate club. BBQ food will be available to purchase or you are more than welcome to bring your own picnic. Please can I say a huge thank you to everyone who has worked so hard preparing this day for our local community.

Have a wonderful half term.

We look forward to hearing all about the children's adventures when we return to school on Tuesday 7th June.

Many thanks Mrs N. R Brennan







# STAR OF THE WEEK

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	Class	Pupil	2
+	Nursery	Olivia R	3
*	Reception	Oliver B	
	Year 1 & 2	Jonah	
	Year 3	Max T	<b>1</b>
	Year 4	Rose	1*
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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.











## PENKRIDGE ACTIVITY CAMPS

Penkridge Leisure Centre is providing arts and craft activities on Wednesday 1 June, in addition to a variety of daytime swims. Full details can be found at

<u>noliday-camps-4.ctm</u>

# **CODSALL ACTIVITY CAMPS**

Codsall Leisure Centre are providing activity camps from Monday 30 May – Thursday 2 June. (The leisure centres are closed on Friday 3 June).

Aspire Sports will also be provided a free jubilee-themed activity camp. For full details, visit

































# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

SETTING

Input your child's name, age and birth month.

Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

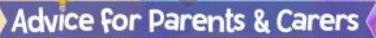
If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!









#### REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Fremium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this deesn't block adverts that content, creaters decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

#### RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and jimit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction – which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

#### BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of molicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also entest to report inappropriate videos: top the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

#### MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the Recommended icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

#### DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is eastching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

#### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a him and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time linding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing lamily sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Codes (ic.k.o. Lungerall) has worked as an editor and journalist in the garming inclusively since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the ewner of Lungeral Faming and is currently working on various gaming—letated projects including game development and writing non-disclaim backs.



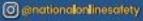








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# St Mary's CE First Academy Term Dates and Holidays 2022-2023 Dates are subject to change.

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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: Wednesday 20th July

Inset Day: 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022