



# St. Mary's News

"SHINE AS A LIGHT IN THE WORLD"

Matthew 5:16

Newsletter No: 22

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's been a wonderful week here at St Mary's as we've enjoyed learning about the celebration of Easter. The whole school were fantastic ambassadors walking through the village to church on Thursday. They behaved beautifully during the Easter service. Thank you to everyone who walked with us, we hope you enjoyed the singing as much as we did! Rev Rachel has invited all the children and their families to 'Messy Church' on Good Friday (07/04/2023) at 10am.

Yesterday our PTA ran the annual Easter Bingo event. We hope everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you so much to our PTA and to all parents and guardians who support the events and activities organized. This term we have been overwhelmed by the amazing Trim Trail that the children can now use at both playtime and lunch time.

Today we celebrated all of the achievements the children have reached this term. Congratulations to the children who have been awarded Values Champion certificates and pin badges, we are very proud of them for showing belief, respect and friendship. 25 children were awarded certificates for their attendance being between 96 -99.9% and a further 8 children received certificates for 100% attendance. Well done to everyone.

The whole school took part in an Easter egg hunt this morning. A big thank you to the staff who arrived early this morning to hide enough eggs for all of the children.

Have a wonderful holiday and, if you are celebrating, have a wonderful Easter. See all the children on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

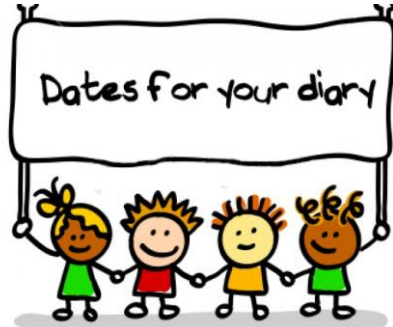
Many thanks  
Mrs. N R Brennan



## Eco Stars Award

Congratulations to Sycamore class  
Who are this weeks Eco stars!

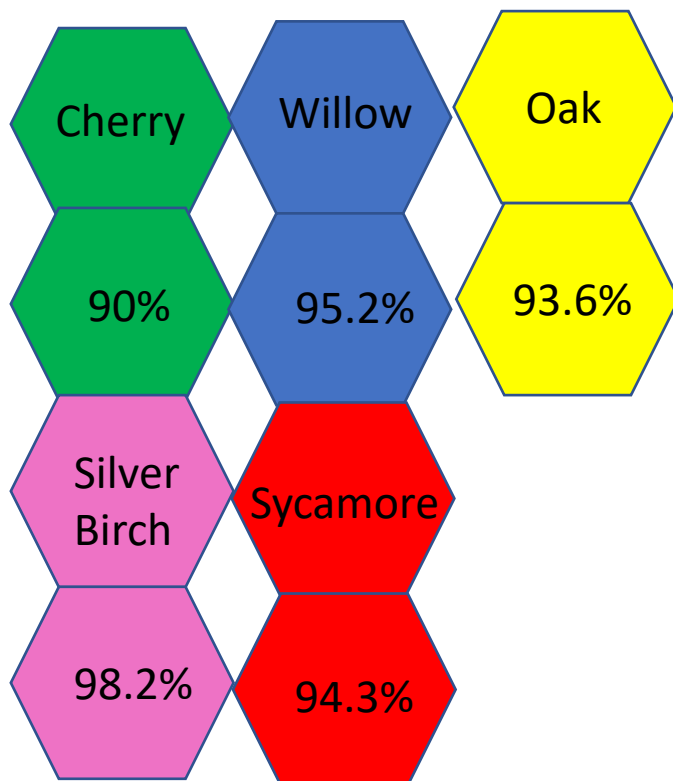




## Attendance Matters



3 <sup>rd</sup> April – 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday – Schools closed
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
18 <sup>th</sup> April	All Children welcome back
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Swimming Lessons begin
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Mini Medics – for years 2,3 and 4
26 <sup>th</sup> –27 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair – Information to follow.
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Dance workshop at Brewood Middle.
1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day – school closed.
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents book look at 2:45pm
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Residential – Laches wood
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Cultural and Diversity day.
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Smoothie bike event
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Oak leading worship
5 <sup>th</sup> June	World environment day
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Fathers day lunch – Information to follow.



Congratulations to all our classes who have reached our government's expectation of 96% or above..

★ Star of the week ★

Class	Pupil
Cherry	Hallie
Willow	Olivia
Oak	Iris
Silver Birch	Kyan
Sycamore	Felix

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

# Values Champions

Our Value champions are nominated pupils in school who uphold our Christian values and empower their peers to do the same. They are the ones that are demonstrating one or more of our Christian Values, and for this we would like to award them with a Certificate and a special badge which children will wear for the whole term.

Our Value champions will be chosen each term by their class teachers.



Our **Christian Values** Champions  
this term are:



*Belief ~ Respect ~ Friendship*





# DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK ONE

**DINE**

Main Meal

**DINE**

Vegetarian



Sweet Options

## MONDAY



**Beef Bolognese & Pasta**  
with green salad

**Cheese & Tomato Pitta Pizza**  
with green salad

## TUESDAY



**Bangers & Mash**  
with green beans

**Veggie Bangers & Mash**  
with green beans

## WEDNESDAY



**Roast Chicken and Stuffing**  
with roasties, fresh veg & gravy

**Cheese & Tomato Quiche**  
with roasties and fresh veg

## THURSDAY



**Mexican Chicken Wrap**  
with oven baked wedges  
broccoli & salsa

**Bean & Sweetcorn Burrito**  
with oven baked wedges  
broccoli & salsa

## FRIDAY



**Golden fish fingers**  
(Salmon or Pollock)  
with chips & peas

**Vegetable Dippers**  
with chips & baked beans

**Fresh Pasta and Tomato Sauce available every day**

Filled Jackets and freshly made sandwiches are also available

**Pineapple & Chocolate Sauce**

**Carrot Cake**

**Marble Sponge Cake**

**Jelly & Fruit**

**Oat Cookie**

WEEK COMMENCING:  
17/4, 8/5, 29/5, 19/6, 10/7

Fresh Bread, Yoghurt and Fruit are available daily



### Blymhill and Weston Easter Workshop

Palm Sunday 2nd April at 2pm, Blymhill Village Hall

Easter craft and story

Older children may come unaccompanied - but we will need a grown up to fill in a registration form and to collect children afterwards.

### Messy Church

Good Friday 7th April at 10am, St Mary's Wheaton Aston

Craft, story, song and food for Easter

Children - please bring a grown up with you (we can't let you in on your own).

To book for either event, please contact Rev Rachel on 07977 310049 or [revracheldale@gmail.com](mailto:revracheldale@gmail.com)







# FREE

## Easter Holiday Club



Free to all children on Free School Meals Benefit thanks to the Government-backed HAF Programme. Lunch will be provided to any child attending. This is an inclusive programme.

**Bilbrook Village Hall, Joeys lane,  
Bilbrook, South Staffordshire,  
WV8 1JL**

**11th - 14th April  
HAF Provision for FSM  
HAF Provision for SEND  
is 8:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Bilbrook Village Hall, Joeys lane,  
Bilbrook, South Staffordshire,  
WV8 1JL**

**11th - 14th April  
HAF Provision for FSM  
HAF Provision for SEND  
is 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**07816 540275** **sarah.t@sportscool.org**

**FREE for children eligible for Free School Meals benefit**

**GLOW IN THE DARK  
DODGEBALL**

**ARCHERY**

**TABLE TENNIS**

**YOGA**

**FOOTBALL**

**WHAT TO EXPECT**



**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**VOLLEYBALL**

**TRI-GOLF**

**MULTI SPORTS**

**AND MUCH MORE!!**

**LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE**

**Please book now to guarantee your place:**

To book on to one of our clubs, follow the simple steps below!

1. Please visit [www.sportscoolwolves.schoolipal.co.uk](http://www.sportscoolwolves.schoolipal.co.uk)

Log in to your account (first time users will need to register and provide the required details).

3. Select the holiday club you wish to book for.

4. Select which child/ren you wish to attend.

6. Once completed you will be fully booked onto the course.



# EASTER FUN!



# FREE

## Holiday Activities and Food



for children and young people aged  
5-16 who get free school meals\*



Registration opens: 4pm, 17th March 2023

**[staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)**

\*Eligible children and young people will be sent a code from school to register



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**HOLIDAY  
ACTIVITIES  
AND FOOD**



# Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

## BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember, featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. Those are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

## AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

## NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

## LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format. In case the service suffers a data breach, the strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

## CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

## Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of Data Breach Response at the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a passion for internet and digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



CCTV  
IN OPERATION

## 'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

## DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

## TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password reuse. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

## GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ('fourblue shoes', for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

## STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.



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