



St. Mary's News

"SHINE AS A LIGHT IN THE WORLD"

Matthew 5:16

Newsletter No: 35

Dear Families,

It's been a very busy week here at St Mary's. The roofing project has started and, although we've had some disruption, we have to look at the final end of having a new roof. A huge well done to all of the children who have adapted where needed to slightly different routines and using different areas of the school for lessons.

On Tuesday we joined in with the national campaign of Hello Yellow. At St Mary's we want all of our children, their families and the staff who work with them to know that we value the importance of mental health. We continue to be a place where children flourish and thrive both academically, socially and on a personal level.

On Thursday we supported children from Year 3 and 4 from here and St Mary's and St Chad's who took part in the local cross country trials. All of the children did really well and we were especially proud of them for their friendship and support shown to each other.

Mrs. N R Brennan
Head Of School

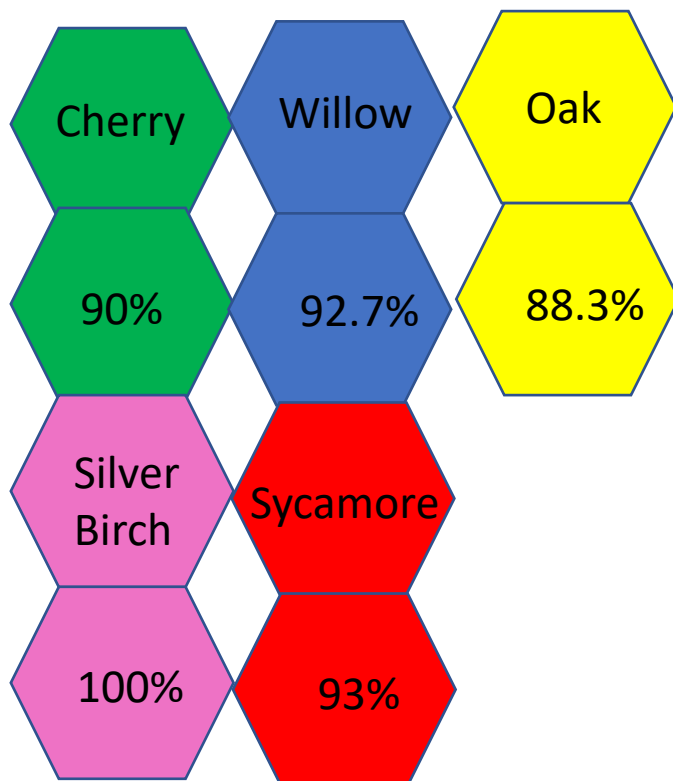




Attendance Matters



16 th October	Hate, crime awareness week,
23 rd October	Sycamore trip to Wroxeter roman City
7 th November	Animal man to visit Cherry & Willow class
10 th November	Remembrance day at Church - Information to follow.
13 th November	Anti Bullying week.
13 th November	Odd Socks day - All children and staff to come in odd socks.
17 th November	Children in Need - Children to come dressed down for a £1 donation.
18 th November	Wheaton Aston light switch on.
20 th November	International children's day.
30 th November	St Andrews day - All staff and children to wear something blue.
30 th November	Oak and Silver Birch trip to Wonderland.
1 st December	Sycamore leading worship - Theme Advent sycamore parents welcome 2:45pm
5 th December	Book look parents welcome 2:45pm - 3:15pm
7 th December	Rocksteady concert 2:30pm - 3pm
8 th December	Christmas Jumper day £1 donation.
12 th December	Nativity - Information to follow
13 th December	Nativity - 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	Nellie
Willow	Liam
Oak	Layla
Silver Birch	Oliver
Sycamore	Eleanor

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

ST MARY'S
PTA

PUMPKIN PARTY

EVERYONE
WELCOME

BEST FANCY DRESS
COMPETITION
(CHILDREN)

THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER

6PM-8PM

PRIZES TO BE
WON

AT THE
SOCIAL

CHILDREN £4
INCLUDES A DRINK & FOOD
(EITHER HOT DOG OR PIZZA)

MONEY TO JO OR
POST BOX IN SCHOOL OFFICE
IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED
'PUMPKIN PARTY' AND YOUR NAME

PUMPKIN BINGO



BAR OPEN

MUSIC

GAMES



WEEK 1

Allergy information available on request

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Main

Cheese and Tomato
Pizza (v)

Mild Chilli con Carne with
Brown Rice

Roast of the Day with New
Potatoes and Gravy

Sausage Pasta Bake

Fish Fingers and Chips

Vegetarian

Chickpea and Spinach Curry
with Rice (v)

Lentil Cottage Pie (v)

Cheese and Potato
Pasty (v)

BBQ Vegan Meatball
Wrap (v)

Veggie Nuggets
and Chips (v)

3rd Options

Jacket Potato with
Baked Beans, Cheese,
Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw

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Baked Beans, Cheese,
Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw

Deli Option

Deli Option with Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo

Vegetables

Hot Seasonal Vegetables

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Dessert

Lemon Drizzle Cake

Fruit Jelly

Mousse

Ginger Cake

Fruit Turnover

Fruit/Yoghurt

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Fresh seasonal salad and bread available daily. Fresh fruit and yoghurt
available daily as an alternative to the dessert of the day.

4th Sep, 25th Sep, 16th Oct

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB



At Brewwood CE Middle Academy
School Road, Brewwood, Stafford, ST19 9DS

**AGES
4-12**

**30th October - 3rd
November 8:30am -
4:30pm**

**£20
PER
DAY**

**LIMITED PLACES
AVAILABLE**



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ARCHERY

UV DODGEBALL

BASKETBALL

UV CRICKET

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- 1. Log in to your account (first time users will need to register and provide the required details).**
- 2. Select the School, followed by the club you wish to book for.**
- 3. Select which child/ren you wish to attend.**
- 4. Follow the payment process.**
- 5. Once paid you will be fully booked onto the course.**



We look forward to seeing you!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

PEGI RATING
7+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a chat facility). This could expose them to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. In-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or racial hostility – while predators can reach children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers host games which focus on all kinds of activities, including direct player interaction. Public games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter Oders. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending limits and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child-friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

Many children don't understand they're using real money. It's easy for them to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Setting parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

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