



St. Mary's News

"SHINE AS A LIGHT IN THE WORLD"

Matthew 5:16

Newsletter No: 36



Dear Families,

I'd like to start this week's newsletter with a HUGE thank you to our pupils, their families and all of the staff who have been so adaptable as the roofing works have continued. It's been a wet and windy week which has caused some additional leaks in the ceilings across the school resulting in children being taught in different areas of the building. Please can I ask that families with children in Cherry and Willow Class look at their Dojo pages for information about next week's planned Autumn mini-topic which has been designed to keep our youngest children away from the noise.

Mrs. Handley, our math's lead has been busy this week with Silver Birch. On Thursday Silver Birch held their sale of bay leaves. This was our first 'making math's real' week. The children became real life entrepreneurs, finding out how they could raise money from a free donation of bay leaves. In case you were wondering, the leaves were donated by our school advisor, Mrs. J Austin, who happened to mention that she was moving the bay tree in her garden. The children in Silver Birch have had a brilliant week researching cost prices, finding recipes to use the bay leaves in and, of course, selling their produce to you on Thursday. Thank you so much to everyone who came to the shop, personally I think we had the sweetest shop in Wheaton Aston on that day! Mrs. Handley will ensure that all classes will have real life math's experiences throughout the year. If you have a local product or concept that you think might support the children, please do come and let me know.



On Thursday 26th October Miss Bown, our Reading and Phonics lead, will be starting a new 'read with me' session. All families are invited to come into school at 2.45pm. We will take you to your child's classroom where you can enjoy reading with your child. We hope this will develop children's enjoyment and fluency of reading. If you have a child in Willow Class, Miss Bown will be demonstrating a phonics lesson during the 'read with me' session so you can see how we teach early reading and writing at St. Mary's. I appreciate this is quite late notice, if you are unable to attend this session please don't worry, further 'read with me' sessions are planned for the year ahead and will be shared on the calendar.

Mrs. N R Brennan

Head Of School

Wroxeter Roman City

Monday 23rd October Sycamore will be visiting Wroxeter Roman City this is to help with their topic 'Romans'

Animal Man

Tuesday 7th November Cherry and Willow will be having a visit from the animal man this is relating to their topic.

Remembrance day

Friday 10th November all children will be attending St Mary's church for the remembrance service.

Anti Bullying week

Monday 13th November





| Species | Percentage |
|--------------|------------|
| Cherry | 90% |
| Willow | 96.4% |
| Oak | 93.9% |
| Silver Birch | 99.1% |
| Sycamore | 99.5% |

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

or above..

 Star of the week 

| Class | Pupil |
|--------------|-----------|
| Cherry | Millie |
| Willow | Aivah |
| Oak | Jacob |
| Silver Birch | Henry |
| Sycamore | Stephanie |

**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**

Allergy information available on request

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Main | | | | |
| Macaroni Cheese (v) | Butter Chicken Curry with Brown Rice | Roast of the Day with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Beef Bolognese with Pasta | Fish Fingers and Chips |
| Vegetarian | | | | |
| Sweet Potato and Bean Chilli with Jacket Wedges (v) | Veggie Enchilada (v) | Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v) | Roasted Vegetable and Mozzarella Tray Bake with Rice (v) | Onion Bhaji with Chutney and Chips (v) |
| 3rd Options | | | | |
| Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw |
| Deli Option | | | | |
| Deli Option with Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo | | | | |
| Vegetables | | | | |
| Hot Seasonal Vegetables | Hot Seasonal Vegetables | Hot Seasonal Vegetables | Hot Seasonal Vegetables | Hot Seasonal Vegetables |
| Dessert | | | | |
| Summer Cake | Fruit Jelly | Fruit Flapjack | Chocolate Brownie | Fruit Mousse |
| Fruit/Yoghurt | Fruit/Yoghurt | Fruit/Yoghurt | Fruit/Yoghurt | Fruit/Yoghurt |

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

11th Sep, 2nd Oct, 23rd Oct

ST MARY'S
PTA

PUMPKIN PARTY

THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER

6PM-8PM

PRIZES TO BE
WONAT THE
SOCIALEVERYONE
WELCOMECHILDREN £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

BAR OPEN

MUSIC

GAMES



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**



KURLING

FOOTBALL

ARCHERY

UV DODGEBALL

BASKETBALL

UV CRICKET

☎ 07816 540275 ✉ sarah.t@sportscool.org

To book on please visit

www.sportscoolwolves.schoolipal.co.uk

- 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!



South Staffordshire leisure centres - Children's October school holiday provisions.

October school holiday activity camps

- Sports-based activity camps for young people aged 5-14
- Available at Codsall and Wombourne Leisure Centres from Monday, October 30th to Friday, November 3rd.
- For more information and to book, go to <https://www.aaeg.co.uk/active-camps>

October school holiday swimming

The leisure centres will be offering daily swimming sessions throughout half term to accommodate young people and families. To view the swimming timetables visit <https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sports-and-fitness/school-holiday-activities>

Active Youth Scheme – Discounted gym access for young people

Young people aged 13-16 years can enjoy discounted and supervised gym access as part of the Active Youth scheme.

- Young people can attend the gyms unaccompanied, during any of the dedicated 'Active Youth' times – these sessions are all supervised by a qualified gym instructor
- Young people will be required to undergo a free gym induction during their first 'Active Youth' session – this must be booked in advance
- A parent/guardian will be required to sign a declaration giving permission for their child to participate
- Young people can attend the gyms at any time when accompanied by a participating parent/guardian

Visit the website to view the gym timetables:

Cheslyn Hay - <https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sports-and-fitness/cheslyn-hay-leisure-centre/cheslyn-hay-leisure-centres-gym>

Codsall - <https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sports-and-fitness/codsall-leisure-centre/codsall-leisure-centre-gym>

Penkridge - <https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sports-and-fitness/penkridge-leisure-centre/penkridge-leisure-centre-gym>

Wombourne - <https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sports-and-fitness/wombourne-leisure-centre/wombourne-leisure-centre-gym>

Holiday Activities and Food Scheme (HAF) – Available this Christmas

The Holiday Activities and Food Scheme is not available during October half term, but will be available during the Christmas break. Families in receipt of free school meals are eligible this Christmas for **free activity camps and food** thanks to funding from The Department for Education. HAF will run from Tuesday 2nd January to Friday 5th January 2024.

- For more information and to register, go to <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/Holiday-activities-and-food/Holiday-Activities-and-Food.aspx>
- Contact your school to get the relevant discount code which you will require at the time of booking.
- To book free activity camps and food, go to <https://www.aaeg.co.uk/haf>

Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre • Tel: 01922 417790 • Email: cheslynhay@sstaffs.gov.uk

Codsall Leisure Centre • Tel: 01902 844032 • Email: codsall@sstaffs.gov.uk

Penkridge Leisure Centre • Tel: 01785 714152 • Email: penkridge@sstaffs.gov.uk

Wombourne Leisure Centre • Tel: 01902 898202 • Email: wombourne@sstaffs.gov.uk

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.

SETTING UP

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

2. Put your child's name, age and birth month.

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

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

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

Advice for Parents & Carers

MOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

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

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious 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 safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

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 watching. 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.

STRICT VIEWING TIME

YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit 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.

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.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family 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

Adam (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and writer in the gaming industry since 2015, providing news with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. He is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday



www.nationalonlinesafety.com



@natonlinesafety



/NationalOnlineSafety



@nationalonlinesafety

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 20.04.2022