



# On The Vine

HOPE

Newsletter

St Mary's CE Primary  
& Nursery School

Autumn Half Term 2  
2023

**'Growing Together in God's Love to Achieve Excellence'**

## Dear Parent

Our children have made a great start to the school year. There has been much for all of us to enjoy. We look forward to another busy and enjoyable half term culminating in all our Christmas festivities. We take inspiration for our termly Christian value of 'hope' from the birth of Jesus. As families and individuals we can often face challenging times. Hope allows us to see beyond these difficulties to a brighter tomorrow. Please be reminded that should you or your family be struggling, we are always here to help.

Within this edition of 'On The Vine' you'll find some of the highlights of school life over the next half term.

## Anti-Bullying Week

The children will be taking part in anti-bullying classroom based activities during the week commencing **Monday 13th November**.

## Poppy Appeal

From **Wednesday 1st November**, we shall be selling poppies in school, in memory of all those who have given their lives for our country. Should you wish your child to purchase a poppy, we would suggest a donation of 50p upwards. Remembrance Services being held at St Mary's Church on **Sunday 12th November at 9.30 am (family service) and 11.15 am**, with a 2 minute silence being observed within services. We shall be observing a minute's silence in school on Friday 11th November.



## Children in Need

For Children in Need this year we will be holding an own clothes day on **Friday 17th November** for the whole school, including Nursery. Your child can wear their own clothes, with for example a bandana with spots/stripes, spotted onesie, wear Pudsey ears etc, the choice is theirs!

Most importantly, we want to encourage all children to take part by wearing their own clothes. We would suggest that your child brings a donation of £1 on the day. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.



## Toy Appeal

This year we are once again supporting the **Toy Appeal** and hope you will encourage your child to participate in this very worthy cause and make Christmas special for the many children and young people in need. The appeal will run from **Monday 6th November – Friday 8th December 2023**. There is a box in the school entrance for any donations. Please leave any gifts unwrapped to enable the organisers to distribute the gifts as appropriate.



## Eco Update

To continue the excellent work we have begun as a school to achieve the Green Flag Eco Award, a few reminders and notices:

- Please hand in any clean, coloured plastic bottle tops and milk bottles into Nursery or Reception
- Batteries can be recycled in the box in the area outside the school office
- Friday 3rd November** is the deadline for 'Turn off the lights' eco poster competition. Entries should be returned to Mrs Carr or the Eco council by the **end of the day**. A prize will be awarded for the winning entry in each class.



## Maths Factor

The children have been using Times Tables Rockstars and during **the week of the 6th November**, child in Years 2 to 6, will be taking part in a times tables competition - 25 random times tables questions, 5 seconds per question! The children all have an individual login to Rockstars.



Please can you encourage the children to use the "Sound check" area on the website at home, as it is proving a good way of learning their times tables and will help them practice for the competition. We will log everyone's score and repeat the competition again in April, so we will be able to see their progression and award certificates.

## PTA - Bags to School

The PTA has arranged for a Bags2School collection on **Monday 6th November at 9.00am**. As always only certain items can be included: Please see the attached flyer to information on items to include and items that cannot be accepted.

## St Andrew's Day

As is traditional, members of Girl Guiding or Scouting troops are able to wear their uniform tops to school on St Andrew's Day, **Thursday 30th November** if they wish. Please could they wear their usual school uniform skirts or trousers and shoes.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Book Sale

We are holding a second hand book sale on the afternoon of **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November**. For the information of new parents, this is where the children bring in unwanted books to sell to other children and also buy other books for themselves. Consequently, could we ask that the children bring in some books on the days leading up to the sale and also bring some money to spend on the day. As a guide, books are typically priced between 10p, 20p and 50p. Please could you send the children in with small change in a named envelope. All proceeds go to school fund. Thank you

10p –  
50p



## Christmas Events and News

*Christmas Dates for your Diary: We will also be sending home a summary of events card closer to the time*

### Foundation Stage and Infant Christmas Events

The children in Year 1 and 2 are excited about beginning rehearsals for their Christmas production. We are looking forward to seeing the performances on:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45 pm.**



Following the afternoon performance, children can be taken home afterwards, along with other siblings, if you wish. We do hope parents and grandparents are able to join us for one of the productions. No tickets are required, but we would ask that no more than two family members attend only one of the productions as we have limited space. Nursery and Reception children have a "Shortbread and Mince Pies" event in school.

### School Christmas Dinner and Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

If they wish, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper in aid of Save the Children on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. We would suggest a donation of £1.00 to this worthwhile cause.



The children who have school dinners will be having their school Christmas dinner on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. I should like to thank Mrs D'Silva and her staff in advance, for their hard work in preparing this and all the other meals. It is a festive atmosphere in the hall, so those on packed lunches will enjoy themselves.

### Santa Dash

We will also be taking part in the **School Games "Santa Dash"** on the **8<sup>th</sup> December**. During the day the children will be encouraged to walk, run, hop, skip and dash as part of a national Santa Dash! They will be joining thousands of other children across the county as the timetable has been organised so that participating year groups in other schools will be doing their activity simultaneously. Please ensure the children come in their trainers!

### Christmas Cards

We know the children enjoy sending Christmas cards to their friends and will have our usual postbox in the hall. Please label all Christmas cards with the receiving child's full name and class, to aid out post sorters.

### Rehearsals for Christmas Church Service – Year 3 to Year 6



We shall be rehearsing in Church on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December from 8.55 am** for our Christmas Service. Please could bring **junior children only**, straight to Church on that morning. Infant children should attend school as normal.

**Please allow staff to arrive prior to any children entering the Church.**

### Christmas Church Service

All are welcome to our Christmas Church service which will take place at St Mary's Church on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 8.55 am**.

It should finish at approximately 10.00 am. All children should be taken directly to Church on that day. For children in Nursery, it will be open as usual from 9.00 am. Nursery children are welcome to attend, but parents would need to be responsible for taking their Nursery child back to school afterwards.

### Nursery and Reception Shortbread and Mince Pies

**Nursery on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. AM, Time TBC**  
**Reception on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm**

We do hope parents are able to join us for the Nursery sing-a-long and Reception tableau. We will be sending out a separate letter to Nursery and Reception parents. Please do complete the reply form, as it helps with catering and makes sure we buy enough shortbread and mince pies!



### Christmas Parties

We have arranged for the Christmas parties to take place on the following days. All take place in the afternoon:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** -Years 5 and 6  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** -Years 3 and 4  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** -Years 1 and 2  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** -Nursery Party



On the morning of their party, all children should come to school in party clothes, sensible footwear please. Students should bring in their own plate of food.

# Notices

## Winter Coats and Winter Uniform

When we return to school after the October half term holiday, the children should wear their winter uniform: white shirt, tie, logo sweatshirt/cardigan and trousers/skirt.

Please could you ensure that your child has a winter coat or at least a waterproof coat with them every day rather than just a blazer. May I also take this opportunity to remind you that all school uniform, including coats should be clearly labelled. A school uniform list is available to view on the school website at [www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk).

## Flu Vaccinations

We would like to remind you that children in years **Reception to Year 6** will be having their nasal flu vaccine in school on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**. Only those children where consent has been received, will be given the vaccination.

Fill out consent by using completing this link <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/108c345e> by midnight on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Immunisation Team directly on 0333 358 3397 (local rate)

Finally, may I remind you that school closes on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm** and reopens on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 8.55 am**. Angels will be open until 4.45 pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Are you driving to school? - If so, please use the one way system around St Mary's Road to avoid congestion.

**DO NOT** park on the Zig Zag lines - they are there to protect the children.

**DO NOT** park across residents driveways.

# Information



## Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

If you are on any income based support you may be entitled to Free School Meals.

**Children who are on Free School Meals in school are also able to access Extra-Curricular Activities for FREE.**

If you are unsure if this applies to you, please contact the school office for advice or go to Trafford Council's application page to check eligibility:

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/trafford-catering/free-school-meals.aspx>

**Mental Health** <https://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk/pta/childrens-mental-health>

You can find resources and advice on the school website regarding children's Mental Health. Please be assured that we are always available to discuss any concerns or queries you may have regarding your child. Please email the school office if you would like to have a conversation about your child's mental health.



## School Information

**Address** St Mary's CE Primary School, St Mary's Road, Sale, Cheshire, M33 6SA.

**Phone** 0161 973 5030

**Email** [office@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk)

**SEND Email** [sen@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:sen@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk)

**Website** <https://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk/>

**Arbor Login** <https://login.arbor.sc/>

**ParentPay Login** <https://www.parentpay.com/>

**School Meal Menu** <https://www.st-marys.trafford.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/healthy-eating>

**Uniform** - <http://www.stmarys.uniform4you.co.uk/> Password Stmarys1

**School Nursing Team** Trafford Local Care Organisation 0161 912 2340

**SEND** View the latest issue of the SEND [The Link Newsletter](#)

The above link is for parents and carers of children and young people who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, as well as those who work with them. If you would like to receive future editions of this newsletter, please sign up using the short [online form](#).





# BAG 2 SCHOOL

## FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



### St Mary's CE Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

*We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:*

**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**

*(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)*

***The more we weigh the more we pay!***

*Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

***Please return your Bag2School on:***

**Monday 6th November 2023**



01609 780 222



[www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)



[helpdesk@bag2school.com](mailto:helpdesk@bag2school.com)

## Upcoming Diary Dates *(subject to change)*

School Opens - Autumn HT 2 - HOPE	Monday	30 October 2023		
Pick a present request deadline	Tuesday	31 October 2023	End of day	All families
St Mary's Light Party	Tuesday	31 November 2023	17.30-19.00	All families at St Mary's Church
Trafford Online Safety Ambassador Network	Wednesday	01 November 2023	13:00-15:00	Year 5 Digital Leaders
Christmas Cards 'Art Projects for Schools' sent home by this date	Friday	03 November 2023		All years
Whole School Silent Read	Friday	03 November 2023	TBC	All years
Maths Factor week Pt 1	w/c	06 November 2023	All week	Year 2 to Year 6
Bags to School	Monday	06 November 2023	08.40 - 09.00	All years
Year 5 Tag Rugby / Football	Monday	06 November 2023	09:45 - 12:45	Year 5
Salvation Army present drop off	w/c	06 November 2023	All week	All years
Yr5 and Yr6 Basketball League 1	Monday	06 November 2023	16:00-17:45	Selected team
Prospective Parent Tour	Tuesday	07 November 2023	09.30 - 10.15	Nursery, Reception
Andy Toze Poet visit	Thursday	09 November 2023	All day	All years
Trafford Handball Competition - Yr 6	Thursday	09 November 2023	12.30 - 15.45	Selected team in Year 5 and Year 6
Parent Deadline for Christmas Card Orders 'Art Projects for Schools'	Monday	13 November 2023	Midnight	All years
Yr5 and Yr6 Basketball League 2	Monday	13 November 2023	16:00-17:45	Selected team
Anti Bullying Week	w/c	13 November 2023	All week	All years
Children in Need	Friday	17 November 2023	All day	All years
Choir singing Ashton on Mersey market	Saturday	18 November 2023	12:00 - 14:00 (singing at 13:00)	Choir
Yr5 and Yr6 Representative Basketball League	Monday	20 November 2023	16:00-17:45	Selected team
Flu Immunisations	Thursday	23 November 2023	09.00 - 14.00	Rec to Year 6
Year 3 Outdoor Adventurous Activities	Friday	24 November 2023	10:40 - 14:00	Year 3
2nd Hand Book sale	Friday	24 November 2023	13.00 - 14.00	All years
PTA Christmas Wreath Making workshop	Friday	24 November 2023	18:00 - 21:00	Open to all parents
Year 4 Dodgeball	Wednesday	29 November 2023	09.00 - 11.30	Selected Year 4 students
Pick a Present	Thursday	30 November 2023	All day	Rec to Year 6
KS1 Dress Rehearsal	Monday	04 December 2023	TBC	Year 1, Year 2
KS1 Production	Tuesday	05 December 2023	09.30 - 10.30	Year 1, Year 2
M& M Productions (Robin Hood)	Wednesday	06 December 2023	13.45 - 15.00	Nursery, Year 1, Year 2
Bolton Octagon (Around world 80 days)	Wednesday	06 December 2023	09.30 - 12.00	Year 3 to Year 6
KS1 Production	Thursday	07 December 2023	13.45 - 14.45	Year 1, Year 2

School Games Santa Dash	Friday	08 December 2023	TBC	All years
PTA Xmas Disco	Saturday	09 December 2023	17.00 - 19.00	All years
Christmas Parties 5,6	Monday	11 December 2023	PM	Year 5, Year 6
Prospective Parent Tour	Monday	11 December 2023	09.30 - 10.15	Nursery, Reception
Christmas Tableau	Tuesday	12 December 2023	14.00 - 15.00	Reception
Christmas Parties 3,4	Tuesday	12 December 2023	PM	Year 3, Year 4
Christmas Parties R,1,2	Wednesday	13 December 2023	PM	Rec, Year 1, Year 2
Xmas Jumper Day and Dinner	Friday	15 December 2023	11.50 - 13.00	All years
Nursery Sing along	Friday	15 December 2023	AM	Nursery
Xmas Factor	Friday	15 December 2023	TBC	Rec to Year 6
Christmas Party - Nursery	Monday	18 December 2023	PM	Nursery
Church Service Rehearsal	Tuesday	19 December 2023	08.55 - 10.30	Year 3 to Year 6
Christmas Service	Wednesday	20 December 2023	08.55 - 10.30	Rec to Year 6
<b>School Closes - End of term</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20 December 2023</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	

## Deadlines coming up:

*Meals for School trips - a packed lunch will be provided for children who normally have a school meal – please advise the school office if you would prefer to bring your own lunch.*

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Pick a present requests deadline

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – Poppies will be available for sale in school

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov** – ‘Art for Schools’ order to be submitted by midnight <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk>

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Silent Read Sponsorship money to be returned to Mrs O'Neill

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Consent forms for Flu Immunisations due by midnight on this date, use the link below:

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/108c345e>

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** – PTA Wreath Making Workshop for parents and staff – book via the link below

<https://st-mary-s-ce-primary-school-salepta.sumupstore.com>

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Nursery – Year 2, Theatre Performance, ‘Robin Hood’ – sign up and payment via Arbor

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Year 3 - Year 6, Theatre Trip to Bolton Octagon, ‘Around the World in 80 Days’ – sign up and payment via Arbor

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Booking for Spring Term Extra Curricular Activities opens at 8am on Arbor

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Deadline for new toy donations for Salvation army toy appeal

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Booking for Spring Term Extra Curricular Activities closes at 12pm on Arbor