



# On The Vine

## FRIENDSHIP

## Newsletter

St Mary's CE Primary  
& Nursery School

Spring Half Term 2  
2024

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

### Dear Parent

It was wonderful to see so many of our families worshipping together at Day School Sunday. The lively service, which included the gospel choir, contained so many past parents. The children sang beautifully and re-told the parable of the mustard seed with such confidence. It was an enjoyable morning for all.

We hope that you enjoy this edition of 'On The Vine' where you'll find some of the highlights of school life over the next half term.

### Stay & Share Mornings

We will be providing both in-person and on-line opportunities for parents to understand the progress of their child. During our Stay & Share sessions, parents have the opportunity to come and share the children's books and see their classrooms. No booking is required for the Stay & Share, both parents are able to attend but please can each parent only attend one session. Parents of children in Nursery and Reception do not have Stay & Share sessions as they can regularly attend Stay and Play. The dates and times for Stay & Share are below:

- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Years 1 - 6 - 8:40 - 9:15am**
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Years 1 - 6 - 8:40 - 9:15am**
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Years 1 - 6 - 8:40 - 9:15am**

### Parents' Evening

We shall be holding on-line parents evening on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. Please visit <https://stmaryssale.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments.

### Governors' Easter Card photograph competition

Over the past few years the Board of Governors has held an Easter card photographic competition. The winning entry is then produced as an Easter card which is sent to all the families in the school. The photograph could be about "Growth" or alternatively a general Easter theme. The photograph should not include identifiable photographs of people. Please could all entries be emailed to [office@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk) marked "Easter Card photograph" by **Wednesday 28th February** in order to get the winning entry printed in time for Easter.



### Eco Update

Our school has been selected to participate in a pilot of Schools, to see if children can make a big difference to plastic waste by introducing refill shops that we run in school.

Our ECO shop refills washing up liquid, body wash, hand wash and sells soaps. The entire range are eco-friendly, vegan, cruelty free products that are made here in the UK.

- Washing up liquid - 30p per 100ml
- Hand wash - 45p per 100ml
- Body wash - 55p per 100ml
- 'Faith in Nature' boxed soap costs £2.30



The business is fully circular and even the big bulk containers are returned to be refilled and reused.

The ECO refill shop will begin on **Wednesday 28th February**, afterschool, on the school playground next to the PTA shed. It will run next at the PTA Spring Fayre on **Saturday 9th March** and from this point it will run monthly, with further dates to follow. We will only be accepting cash payments only. We hope to see you there, don't forget your refillable container

### PTA Events

The PTA have got a very busy half term full of great events to get involved with:

#### PTA Fashion Show

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**, Flair Boutique Fashion Show, 7pm start for 8pm fashion show - £10 including welcome drink. Tickets can be bought through the following link <https://st-mary-s-ce-primary-school-sale-pta.sumupstore.com>



#### PTA Cookies and Doughnuts Sale

The ever popular cookies and doughnuts will be available to buy after school on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 3.15-3.45pm**

#### PTA Spring Fayre

On the back of the consistent success of the Sumer Fayre the PTA will be launching the Spring Fayre on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2-4pm**

### Saints Days

As is customary, children can come to school in their Guiding and Scouting uniform for Saints' days, if they wish. **St David's Day is on Friday 1st March** Where this is a PE day, please remember to also bring in trainers.



## Year 5 Charity Fundraiser - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

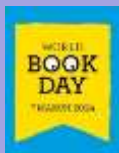


As part of their work towards achieving the Archbishops' Award, Year 5 will be raising money for The Brain Tumour Charity. Across the school, all children are invited to bring a suggested donation of 50p to £1 into school on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** and children will be given the opportunity to select a cake within the school day.

We will cater for any allergies, please ensure that your child's allergy details on Arbor are up to date. If you do not wish your child to participate, please contact the school office. Further details about the day to follow.

## World Book Day -Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

The children are dressing up this year, as we do on alternate years.



For this **World Book Day** we are also asking the children to bring in their **favourite book or select a poem** to share with their class. As is customary the children will receive a £1 voucher in school to purchase a book.

We are also lucky enough to have the author 'Jarvis' visiting infant students on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**.

## Freddy Fit



We have arranged for Freddy Fit to come back into school on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** for workshops with Key Stage 2 children and he will be coming back into school on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** to work with the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

## Nursery and Reception Workshops

We will be running workshops detailing how to support your child's learning for the parents of children in our Nursery and Reception classes. Closer to the date, parents will be sent details of a google form to complete to confirm attendance:



Reception	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 5.30-6.15pm</b> <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 9-9.45am</b>
Nursery	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 9-9.45am</b>

## Readathon Bingo

This year, our annual "Readathon" to support and encourage children's reading will be slightly different. Children will be given 'bingo cards' challenging them to read in exciting ways and places. We would ask that you sponsor them to try and encourage them to complete as many bingo squares as possible. The readathon bingo challenge is running between **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**.



Any sponsorship money should be returned to the school office. The money raised will be used to purchase new books for school and contribute to paying for author visits to school, to enhance the children's experience and enjoyment of reading. Each child participating in the Readathon will receive a free book. Further information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

## Comic Relief / Red Nose Day

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**, we will also be supporting Red Nose Day. We are asking the children to wear their own clothes - something red, if possible, on the day. Alternatively your child can come in their Guiding or Scouting if they wish. We really appreciate your support and we would suggest a minimum donation of £1.00 in aid of this very worthwhile cause.



## World Poetry Day - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

During the week, each class will be learning a poem and on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** will be reciting it to the whole school during morning worship. We are sure this will enhance the children's love of poetry.



## St Mary's Church - Easter Services

On **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** we shall be having a rehearsal for the Easter service and ask that all Junior children are dropped off at St Mary's Church at 8.55 am. Those attending Breakfast club will be walked to school by staff. **On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in the Easter service, held at St Mary's Church. All children, with the exception of those in Nursery, should be taken directly to Church on that day for 8.55 am. The children should wear a white shirt, tie, school sweatshirt and blazer. The children will be walking back to school after the service, so please ensure they have a warm coat. Nursery children should be taken to school as normal. They are welcome to attend the service, but it would be the responsibility of parents to take the children to Nursery afterwards.



## Notices

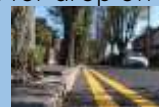
### Scooters and bikes

Whilst it is encouraging to see children walking to school, it is important, for the safety of others, to ensure your children dismount **before they enter the school playground**. The children can reach quite a speed and we don't want anyone knocked over.



### Dropping off and Picking up

A reminder that no parents should be entering the school for drop off or pick up through the side gate, this is exit only.



Please allow time when dropping off and picking up in a vehicle so that you do not park over the driveways of local residents or in areas with double yellow lines.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

The new timetable for extra-curricular activities will be available to book via Arbor from **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8am until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon**. All the extra-curricular activities will start the second week back after Easter, week commencing **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**.

### Electronic Devices

A reminder that students should not be bringing devices to school that are capable of taking pictures or videos, this includes smartwatches.



Finally, may I remind you that school closes on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3:15pm** and reopens on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 8.55 am**.

## 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.

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**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](#).



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

<b>Inset day - RE Syllabus</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>19 February 2024</b>	<b>No Children in school</b>	
<b>School Opens - Spring HT2 - PERSEVERANCE</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20 February 2024</b>		
NCMP - Healthy Schools - Heights and Weights	Tuesday	20 February 2024	09:15 - 10:30	Reception, Year 6
Year 4 Weekly swimming sessions begin	Thursday	22 February 2024	09.00 - 11.00	Year 4
Michael Thame - WW2 Author Talk	Friday	23 February 2024	11.00-12.00	Year 6
PTA Fashion Show	Friday	23 February 2024	19.00 - 22.00	All Years
Maths Factor week Pt 2	w/c	26 February 2024	All week	Year 2 to Year 6
Stay & Share	Monday	26 February 2024	08.40 - 09.15	Year 1 to Year 6
Stay & Share	Tuesday	27 February 2024	08.40 - 09.15	Year 1 to Year 6
DEADLINE - Governors Easter Card Entries	Wednesday	28 February 2024	end of day	All years
Stay & Share	Wednesday	28 February 2024	08.40 - 09.15	Year 1 to Year 6
ECO Council Refill Shop	Wednesday	28 February 2024	15.15 - 15.45	All Years
Parent's Evening (School Cloud)	Thursday	29 February 2024	15.45 - 18.15	All years
Year 5 Charity Fundraiser	Friday	01 March 2024	15.15 - 15.45	All Students
Parent's Evening (School Cloud)	Monday	04 March 2024	15.45 - 18.15	All years
Year 3 Trip to Manchester Museum, Egyptian Workshop	Tuesday	05 March 2024	09.00 - 15.00	Year 3
World Book Day	Thursday	07 March 2024	All day	All years
Freddie Fit	Friday	08 March 2024	All day	Junior classes
PTA Cookies and Doughnuts sale	Friday	08 March 2024	15.15 - 15.30	All years
PTA Spring Fayre	Saturday	09 March 2024	14.00 - 16.00	All years
Reception Reading/ Writing/Maths Workshop	Monday	11 March 2024	17.30 - 18.15	Reception
Reception Reading/ Writing/Maths Workshop	Tuesday	12 March 2024	09.00 - 9.45	Reception
Blackpool Zoo Trip	Tuesday	12 March 2024	All day	Year 4
Chemistry with Cabbages	Wednesday	13 March 2024	09.30-14.45	Year 6
Summer Term Extra Curricular Clubs are available to book	Wednesday	13 March 2024 until 20 March 2024 at 12 noon	08.00	All students
Nursery How to Help My Child workshop	Thursday	14 March 2024	09.00 - 9.45	Nursery
Sale Waterside Singing Festival	Thursday	14 March 2024	09.00 - 12.00	Year 5
Comic Relief - Red nose day	Friday	15 March 2024	All day	All years
Freddie Fit	Friday	15 March 2024	All day	Infant classes
Readthon starts - 7 weeks	w/c	18 March 2024	All week	All years
Bags to School	Tuesday	19 March 2024	08.40 - 09.00	All years
Rehearsal Easter Service	Wednesday	20 March 2024	08.55 - 10.30	Year 3 to Year 6
Easter Service	Friday	22 March 2024	08.55 - 10.30	All years & Staff
<b>School Closes - End of term</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>22 March 2024</b>	<b>3.15pm</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.*

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb** –Sale and Partington Football League, postponed match and Final – please give consent on Arbor

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb** –Trafford Hi-5 Netball league – please give consent on Arbor

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Year 4 Lacrosse Tournament – please give consent on Arbor

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** –Governors Easter Card Competition – please email entries to [office@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marys.trafford.sch.uk) marked “Easter Card photograph”

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb** –Year 3 Trip to Manchester Museum, Egyptian Workshop – please make payment and give consent on Arbor

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** –Sale and Partington B Team Football League Matches – please give consent on Arbor

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** –Year 4 Trip to Blackpool Zoo – please make payment and give consent on Arbor

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March** –Sale and Partington Girls Team Football League Matches – please give consent on Arbor

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** –Bookings for Summer Extra Curricular clubs open on Arbor at 8am

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** –Year 6 Tag Rugby Team – please give consent on Arbor

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Bookings for Summer Extra Curricular clubs close on Arbor at 12 noon