



St. Mary's Catholic Academy

January 2024

Messenger



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

I do hope that you all had a restful break over Christmas period. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to see their enthusiasm for their work and kindness to their friends. So many of our children have made new year's resolutions that are focused on making the world a better place, living out the mission of our Catholic school,

This week Mrs Statham has taken up her new position as Head of School. Mrs Statham will continue to use her expertise to support all within the school and drive school improvement.

On a final note, if you wish for a place in our Reception Class for September and your child is going to be 4 years old before 1st September 2024, please do this directly with the local authority. Applications for the reception class close on 15th January 2024. Applications for a place in our school Nursery are also to be made directly with the local authority and the closing date for this application is 31st January. The link for completing the applications online can be found below. Alternatively, we do have paper copies of the application forms in the school office. [School admissions | Stoke-on-Trent](#)

Once again I would like to welcome you back and look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rathbone

Principal

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

"The Work of Christmas" from Howard Thurman's





Awards/Celebrations



We would like to congratulate all of the children who received awards

Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Year 3	Philippa	Holly	Alfie	Issiah
Year 4	Joseph	Teddy	Darcy-Mae	Ella
Year 5	Faith	Darcy	Evie-Mae	Lucas
Year 6	Sophia	Dominic	Amelia	Eve



Celebration Assemblies can be found on our website on our calendar tab:

<https://www.stmarysstoke.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=8&viewid=1>



Save the date



Tuesday 9th January	Year 4 Swimming (x 5 weeks)
Thursday 11th January	Young Voices
Thursday 11th January	Reception trip – Sandyford Fire Station
Friday 12th & 19th January	Year 6 trip – Lego Innovation Centre NULC
Monday 15th January	Academy photographs – Class groups
Monday 15th January	Deadline for reception applications
Wednesday 17th January	Nursery trip – Tunstall Library
Wednesday 17th January	Y2 and Y6 SATS information evening 6pm
Monday 22nd February	Academy photographs – Sports and Music groups
Thursday 1st February	English afternoon
Friday 2nd February	Y2 Gladstone Potteries museum
Friday 9th February	Watch me learn (9am)



This half term Year 3 and Year 5 will take part.

Please ensure appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear for wet/cold weather is brought into school every Wednesday.

If your child is absence from school

Please telephone the school on 01782 234820,
or email office@stmarysnewman.co.uk
no later than 9.30am

Please download the free app for Studybugs. You can Inform the school whenever your child/ren are unwell and unable to attend school.

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Studybugs 

This term's curriculum is uploaded to your child's class page.

Please click on the link below which will take you through to our website.

<https://www.stmarysstoke.co.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=52>



REMINDER

Year 4 swimming will take place every Tuesday from 9th January and run for 5 weeks.

Please ensure the following swimwear is worn;
Swimming cap
Full Swimsuit or Trunks.



"THIS MORNING, HE HAD A RUNNY NOSE... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

 HM Government
Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.



The image shows a young boy in a school uniform with a red and blue backpack, smiling broadly. A speech bubble above him contains the text. The background is slightly blurred, showing another child.

When collecting your child/ren please use the path from Ford Green Road to access the school as the side gate will be locked from 4.30pm Thank you.

Reminder to Nursery parents

The deadline to apply for Reception place for September 2024 is 15th January.



Did you know we have a Facebook page?



Why not like and follow us....
stmarysnewmannorton



From week commencing 15th January
our Stay & Play is back.

Every Tuesday 2-3pm

Parents and children (under 4) are
welcome to join us.

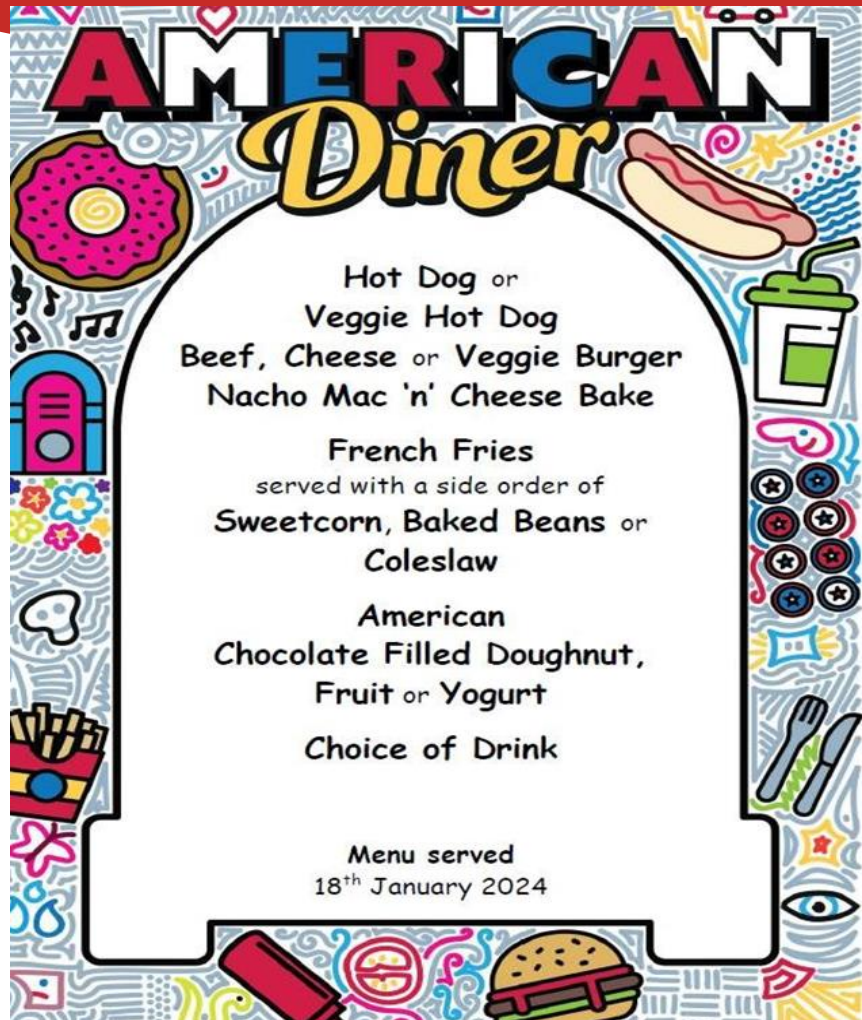


School photos will be conducted on
Monday 22nd January 2024

At this session we will be photographing
Whole School

Music Groups
(Please bring musical instruments)

Sports Groups
(Please bring P.E. / Sports Kits)



Year 6 SATs Booster sessions will take place
every Monday this term starting on
15th January @3.15-4.15pm

SPRING TERM

Half Term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

School opens to pupils Monday 19th February

School Closes Friday 22nd March

Our term date are also available on our website, please click on the link below

<https://www.stmarysstoke.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=122>