



St. Mary's Catholic Academy

September 2024

Messenger



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year! A special welcome to all of our nursery children and any new children who have joined us this year. We are very much looking forward to working with you all this year. The children have all come back to school looking very smart and have settled in to their new classes beautifully. On Wednesday 11th September we will come together to celebrate our first school Mass in church, as always, you are more than welcome to attend.

Please remember that parents are warmly invited to our celebration assemblies every Friday at 2:30, please check the website and calendar to confirm if it's a Key Stage One or Key Stage Two assembly.

On Friday 27th September we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning. Please refer to the letter for further details. It would be lovely for you to share this special event with us. On Wednesday 2nd October we will be holding our annual Harvest Mass. All donations of non-perishable foods will be greatly accepted and donated to the Stoke on Trent Foodbank.

On a final note, I would like to thank you for the parental feedback from the questionnaire in the summer. All feedback is greatly appreciated and I will look forward to sharing developments that have come from the feedback with you in the near future.

Mrs Statham
Head of School



At mass on Sunday we celebrate the 176th anniversary of 'Education Sunday'. This day offers an opportunity for us to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead. Please join us in prayer this weekend.

Education Sunday
8th September
2024



If your child is absent from school

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

Please ensure that medical and dental appointments are booked outside of school hours where possible.

AUTUMN TERM

Inset day Monday 2nd September

Inset day Tuesday 3rd September

School opens to pupils Wednesday 4th September

HALF TERM Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Inset day Monday 4th November

School opens to pupils Tuesday 5th November

School closes Friday 20th December

2024/25 dates are available on our website,
please click on the link below

[St Mary's Catholic Academy - Term Dates](https://stmarysstoke.co.uk)
(stmarysstoke.co.uk)



Its important that we hold up to date information on our pupils.

Did you know that you are able to make changes to contact details on Arbor yourself?

All you need to do is log into the account and make the changes, we will receive notification of those changes and approve.



We have appointed our Head and Deputy head children for this academic year.
Please join us in congratulating them.



Head Boy – Oscar



Head Girl— Chimamanda



Deputy Head Boy - Max



Deputy Head Girl — Tola



Welcome back to all our pupils and well done on a fantastic start to the new academic year!

A very warm welcome to all our new pupils, you have settled in so well.



Did you know we have a Facebook page?

Why not like and follow us....
stmarysnewmannorton



This academic year all pupils will continue take part in Forest school, where they will learn about the outdoors and nature. This is linked to the curriculum.

This half term Reception and Year 1 will take part.

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



Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for our coffee morning on :

Friday 27th September

9.30-10.30am

£2 donation for coffee and cake

School uniform

A polite reminder that all children should be wearing winter uniform (see photo below)

Please check our website for the uniform policy by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.stmarysstoke.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=119>



Please ensure all uniform is correctly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you

This term's curriculum will be uploaded to your child's class page under ½ termly curriculum by Monday.

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

[St Mary's Catholic Academy - Class Pages \(stmarysstoke.co.uk\)](https://www.stmarysstoke.co.uk)



Please click on the link below to view this terms menu's:

<https://www.stmarysstoke.co.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=71>



Save the date



Autumn Term 2023

Date	Event
Monday 2nd September	School closed to pupils - Inset day
Tuesday 3rd September	School closed to pupils - Inset day
Wednesday 4th September	School opens for Autumn Term
Wednesday 11th September **	RSE parent workshop 2.30pm & 5pm
Wednesday 18th September	Parliament visit (School council)
W/C 23rd September	Y6 Stanley Head
W/C 23rd September	Rec-Y1 'Read with me' 1:1 sessions - bookable via school cloud
Tuesday 24th September	Parent Target Meetings (in person) 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 25th September	Parent Target Meetings (school cloud) 5.30-8pm
Tuesday 24th September	Y6 Swimming (x5 weeks)
Monday 30th Sept-Wednesday 2nd October	Y5 Alton Castle
Thursday 26th September	Nurs-Y2 Phonics afternoon and evening 2pm & 6pm
Friday 4th October	Creation day
Friday 4th October **	Nurs-Y2 Phonics watch me learn
Friday 4th October	Rec-Y6 Immunisation
Thursday 31st October	Deadline for high school applications
Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November	Half term
Monday 4th November	School closed to pupils - Inset day
Tuesday 5th November	Y5 Swimming (x5 weeks)
Thursday 7th November	Academy Photographers - Individual, family, siblings
Thursday 14th November	Maths Afternoon and evening 9-10am & 5-6pm
Friday 15th November	Y4 Inspire Workshop (Rosary) 2-3pm
Friday 22nd November	Watch me learn 9am (Maths)
Tuesday 26th November	Foundation Stage prospective parents session 2pm & 5.30pm
25th/26th November	City Songbirds concert
Friday 29th November	Reception Inspire Workshop (Advent wreaths) 2-3pm
Tuesday 10th December	Christmas Concerts Foundation stage 2pm and KS1 6pm
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Concerts KS1 2pm and Foundation stage 5.30pm
Friday 13th December	Year 3 Inspire workshop (Christingle) 2-3pm
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner day (bookable on SCOPAY)
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper day
Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December	Christmas Breakfast (bookable on SCOPAY)
Thursday 19th December	End of term assembly 1.45pm
Friday 20th December	KS2 Carol Concert and Nativity in church 9.30am
Friday 20th December	School Closes



Celebration Assembly dates can be found on our website, on our calendar tab:

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



St Mary's family Masses this term are on being held on Sunday 29th September and Sunday 1st December at 10am, it will be lovely to see you there.