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Newsletter
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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Time is flying by– I can't believe we are already in December!

The next couple of weeks will be very busy with Christmas Plays; The Christmas Tree Festival ; our Carol Concert in the church for years 5 and 6; Christmas Dinner and party days and the Friend of St Mary's Christmas Fair. Its all going on!!

Keep checking diary dates and parent pay for tickets for the plays!

The Christmas Dinner day is on Wednesday the 13th December with a traditional choice of Roast Turkey and Vegetable and cranberry slice, this will be followed by Ice cream or a biscuit. The cost of the dinner will be £2.65. Please book using parent pay.

Just a reminder about emergency school closures; If we have bad weather overnight, there will be a Dojo announcement by 8 am at the latest the following day. There will also be a link to Pirate FM and Radio Cornwall letting you know about a school closure.

We hope you have a lovely couple of weeks in the lead up to the holidays. If you have any worries or concerns please do let us know via the office, Mrs Cox or your class teacher

As always thank you for your continued support,

Mrs McDonald and the team at St Mary's.

Children in Need

Wow! Well done St Mary's. We raised a massive £410.75 .



Christmas Jumper Day

7th December

Wear your jumper with your uniform

[https://](https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD230000877)

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FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER



Friday 8 December is non-uniform day, please bring in an item of chocolate in exchange for wearing non uniform. These chocolates will be donated to Friends of the School for their tombola stall. Thank you for your support.

Headteacher's special mention to: All the staff for their exceptional hard work in preparation for the school plays.

Christmas Diary Dates

Monday 4th December @ 2pm	Nursery and Reception class Christmas Play
Tuesday 5th December @ 10 am	Nursery and Reception class Christmas Play
Wednesday 6th December @ 6pm	Christmas Tree Festival at St Petros Church- Choir group
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day (with uniform)
Friday 8th December	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 11th December @ 2pm	Year 1 and 2 classes Christmas Play
Tuesday 12th December @ 2pm	Year 1 and 2 classes Christmas Play
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner and Party day- please wear Christmas clothes
Thursday 14th December @ 9.15 and 2pm	Year 3 and 4 classes Christmas Play
Friday 15th December @ 3.30pm	Friends of St Mary's School Christmas Fair
Monday 18th December @ 6pm	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Concert in St Mary's Church
Tuesday 19th December @ 3.15pm	School breaks up for Christmas
Thursday 4th January @ 8.45am	School reopens for Spring term

INSET DAY CHANGE

There is a slight change to our inset days for next year. Monday 8 January 2024 will now be an inset day.

Monday 3 June (originally an inset day) will be a normal school day

DIARY DATES

End of Term 2023	19 December
Spring Term starts 2024	4 January
Inset Day 2024	8 January
Half Term 2024	12-16 February
Inset Day 2024	19 February
End of Term 2024	28 March
Summer Term starts 2024	15 April
May Bank Holiday	6 May 2024
Summer Half Term	27-31 May

Attendance/Lates

Please could we remind all parents and carers that children need to be school by 8.55am. We have started to see an increase in children being late.

The start of the day is very important as it means that children know what is happening that day, the register is taken, lunch orders are given in and children have time to say hello to friends and get ready for learning. Recently lots of children have missed the start of important lessons and we are beginning to see the impact of this in their progress. We also use this time to check in with how the children are feeling using our zones of regulation and we can put plans into place if children are feeling unsettled to make the day run smoothly.

Letters will be being sent out to individual parents/carers where appropriate about attendance and lates.

If your child is going to be absent please can you ring the absence line rather than contacting the teachers via DoJo.

If you have any concerns about attendance and need some support then please do get in contact with Mrs Cox.



Merry Christmas

MAINS

Roast Turkey OR
Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

SIDES

Roast Potatoes
Mini Sausages
Yorkshire Pudding
Stuffing & Gravy
Carrots, Broccoli and Roast Parsnips

DESSERT


Winter Berry Eton Mess Muffin OR
Chocolate Orange & Marshmallow
Tiffin

Christmas Lunch—Wednesday 13 December


Christmas menu for 13.12.23. Please book in the usual way on Parent Pay. Main meal or vegetarian option on Parent Pay will not state the Christmas menu but this will be the only available meal on this day. There will not be the option of Jacket Potato on this day.

BERRYFIELDS YOUTH CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR
SCHOOL YEARS 5-7 FROM 6:15-7:30
SCHOOL YEARS 8-11 FROM 7:45-9:00



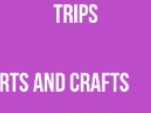
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TRIPS




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ARTS AND CRAFTS



FUN AND GAMES



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FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT ROSIE
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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ROADSHOWS

EAST CORNWALL/NORTH DEVON DECEMBER 2023 | 9.30AM-3.30PM (UNLESS STATED)
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15

WEDNESDAY 20TH
Lanivet Community Hub
St Stephens School - Saltash

THURSDAY 21ST
Saltmill 3G - Saltash
St Stephens School - Saltash

FRIDAY 22ND
St Joseph School - Launceston

WEDNESDAY 27TH
Dobwalls Football Club
Saltmill 3G - Saltash

THURSDAY 28TH
Saltmill 3G - Saltash

FRIDAY 29TH
St Joseph School - Launceston
Lanivet Community Hub




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FOOTBALL ROADSHOW
Our Soccer Roadshows are age and football specific with the emphasis on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions include skills, techniques, competitions and small sided games.

GIRLS ONLY ROADSHOW
Girls of all abilities have the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and really feel part of the football community. These sessions are in place to shatter any lingering pre-conceptions about women's and girls' football and boost participation whilst learning skills and techniques and playing small sided games.

MINI PILGRIMS 10AM - 11PM
Mini Pilgrim football sessions are aimed at three - six year olds, who are experiencing their first taste of a structured coaching session. The sessions are staffed at a ratio of 1 coach to 12 children. The emphasis is to improve the children's listening and concentration skills whilst working on balance and coordination. The children can develop in a safe and fun environment over the duration of the sessions.

STRIKERS & GOALKEEPERS
This specific day will cover a variety of shooting activities and goalkeeper training. With opportunities for defenders and attackers to showcase their skills.

END OF SUMMER SPECIAL
End of Summer Specials include what you get in a football roadshow package but also a special gift each participant gets to take home with them at the end of the day.

SEND ROADSHOW 10AM-3PM
Our Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) Roadshows are inclusive sessions for children with a disability. This can be physical disabilities such as visual and hearing impairments and cerebral palsy, or children with learning needs such as autism and ADHD.

MULTI SPORTS/SKILLS
Chance for participants to undertake a wide range of sports throughout the day. Sports will vary from football, handball, tag rugby plus many more. Each venue and area will offer different sports.

SHORT BREAKS 10AM-1PM
Fun and inclusive football and multi-sport activities for children aged 7-15 with a disability and educational health & care plan (EHCP).



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LEARN. PLAY. SUCCEED




Festive Fun Day and Father Christmas!




Join us on Sunday 10 December from 11:00am for a fun filled day of Christmas activities including a visit from Father Christmas!

Book now on our website.



There are lots of activities on offer including:

- A Cornish Christmas story time.
- Make your own Cornish Christmas cards, elf and reindeer crowns.
- Getting creative with clay decorations.
- Conjuring up a Christmas willow wand.
- Exploring the sensory reindeer trail through the historic grounds.

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