

Key Dates this term

Friday 8 th October	Harvest service led by Y1 (Y1 parents invited to attend)
Wednesday 20 th October	Parents' Evening face to face
Wednesday 3 rd November	Nasal flu vaccinations in school
Friday 12 th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Y6 2.30pm (Y6 parent invited to attend)
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need
Monday 6 th December	Reception nativity 2.30pm
Friday 10 th December	Y2 nativity @ 2.30pm (Y2 parents invited to attend)
Tuesday 14 th December	Year 5/6 lead Christmas Service in church @ 2pm
Wednesday 15 th December	KS1/Reception Christmas Party Day (party clothes)
Thursday 16 th December	KS 2 Christmas Party Day (party clothes)
Friday 17 th December	End of term school closes @ 1.15pm

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Spring term starts at 8.50am

The School Day

The school day starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.15pm. The children will be offered a bagel breakfast and fruit is also provided free of charge for Key Stage 1 and Reception children. Please ensure that your child has a bottle of water in school with them every day.

Messages for the office

If your child is going to be absent due to illness or a medical appointment please contact the school office or email enquiries@admin.saintmarys.wigan.sch.uk. If you want to use Class Dojo please message Mrs Talbot and NOT the class teachers. Class teachers can't take messages at the classroom door. Please tell the staff at the front of school or the office.

Key Festivals

We are very excited to be able to invite parents into school events again. BUT, we have been asked to be cautious by the Local Authority and we don't want to have to put our outbreak management plan in place through a significant rise in positive cases in school. So, different classes will lead a different festival throughout the year and the parents from those classes will be invited to attend thereby keeping numbers lower but allowing you to see your child take part. Year 1 will lead harvest, Year 2 will do this year's nativity, Years 3 and 4 will lead our Easter service and Years 5 and 6 will lead the Christmas service. Year 6 will lead Remembrance. Reception will perform a short nativity at the end of their topic at Christmas.

Reading

Thank you so much for your support so far. It is important that your child reads regularly at home. We ask for three times a week as a minimum, but every day is our aim. We provide reading books from the school's reading scheme as these are carefully matched to your child's reading ability and will help them to progress quickly. Please also encourage your child to read other books from the recommended reading list for each year group or books that interest them. *Please sign your child's diary at least three times a week to show that they have read. If they aren't reading at home, we will provide an extra session for them in school, but it will be at breaktime to avoid your child missing out on other subjects.*

Birthdays

Your child is welcome to come to school in their own clothes on their birthday. If their birthday is at the weekend or in the holidays please choose the closest Monday or Friday instead. As we are a healthy school and Wigan has one of the highest tooth decay problems in the country we cannot accept sweets or cake to give out on birthdays.

Uniform

The children look very smart, especially when they come together as a family in our weekly assemblies. Thank you so much for your support in ensuring that your child has the correct PE kit.

Nasal Flu vaccination

The office is sending out the annual flu vaccination consent forms. Please sign and return this as soon as you get it as I know letter can end up at the bottom of a pile or get recycled by accident. Consent forms are collected within a couple of weeks of them going home.

Your child will also bring home the class newsletter which provides details of the autumn term curriculum, any events specific to the class and homework expectations.