

Key Dates this term

Tuesday 8 th February	Years 3 and 4 road safety sessions
Friday 18 th February	School closes for half term @ 3.15pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Parents' Evening face to face
Monday 14 th March	Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) installation on field
Tuesday 15 th March	Reception trip to Smithills Farm
Tuesday 22 nd March	Healthy relationships sessions (across school)
Thursday 24 th March	Healthy relationships sessions (across school)
Friday 25 th March	Healthy relationships sessions (across school)
Thursday 31 st March	Year 3/4 lead Easter service in church at 2pm
Friday 1 st April	School closes for Easter holiday at 3.15pm

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Summer 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 so pleased that we have been able to hold all our nativities, services and parents' meeting so far this year. We still plan to hold the Easter service in St Nathaniel's church on Thursday 31st March at 2pm. This service will be led by children in years 3 and 4. We will send out more information closer to the time.

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 will be holding **World Book Day** as usual on Thursday 3rd March but the children will work on a whole school theme across the week. Mrs Roberts will be in touch with details about the book and of course the fancy dress theme shortly.

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.

Covid testing and isolation periods

- Please continue to test twice a week
- If your child tests positive on a lateral flow please report this online at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- If your child has symptoms it is best to use a PCR, not a Lateral flow test
- The day of the lateral flow test is day 0. On day 5 your child should do another test early in the morning. They need 2 negative tests 24 hours apart so if they get a negative test on day 5 and 6 they can come back to school on day 6. Keep testing until you get two negative tests on consecutive days. If the tests remain positive your child should come back to school on day 11 as they are no longer infectious. Please send us the results.

When we are notified of a positive case in class I inform parents via Class Dojo. Children do not have to isolate unless they get a positive result themselves. It is expected that close contacts do a lateral flow test every day for 7 days.

