



# St Mary & St Michael Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER 1

15 September 2023

### Welcome

Dear Parents and carers

Welcome to the new school year at St Mary and St Michael Catholic Primary School. It is with great pleasure and a deep sense of privilege that I write to introduce myself as the Interim Headteacher of our school. Having been a part of this wonderful school for the past 18 years, I feel a strong connection to the community and am excited to take on this role.

Throughout my time here, I have had the privilege of witnessing the growth and development of countless young minds, and I am deeply committed to the well-being and education of each and every child in our care. As your Interim Headteacher, I am excited to continue this journey, working in partnership with parents, teachers, and staff to ensure that our school remains a nurturing and enriching environment for our students.

As we embark on this new chapter together, I am filled with enthusiasm and optimism for the future of our school. I am confident that, with your support and our shared dedication, we will continue to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

I would also like to welcome every new student in our school from Nursery to Year 6. May you have many happy years with your new St Mary and St Michael family. We are also welcoming new members of staff: Mrs J. Alom, Mrs S Ali, Ms S Fennessy, and Ms L Langley.

Blessings

Sue-Helen Steyn

Welcome back  
to school



## House Captains 2023-2024

This week Year 3 – Year 6 voted for their house captains. Congratulations to this year's House Captains.

St Cyril	St Elizabeth	St Josephine	St Lawrence
Clara	Sofia	Saifa	Margo
Guilherme	Terry	Keane	Benjamin

### Contact Details

If you have moved house or changed your phone number please don't forget to complete the change of information form that was recently sent home. It is imperative we have contact numbers for emergency purposes.

If your child is unwell and absent from school please email via Studybugs, giving details of the illness.

If you need to contact the school office please email [admin@sm-sm.co.uk](mailto:admin@sm-sm.co.uk)

If you need to contact your child's class teacher please use the class email:

Nursery: caterpillar23@sm-sm.co.uk	
Ladybird: ladybird@sm-sm.co.uk	Butterfly: butterfly@sm-sm.co.uk
1P: 1p23@sm-sm.co.uk	1A: 1a23@sm-sm.co.uk
2W: 2w23@sm-sm.co.uk	2F: 2f23@sm-sm.co.uk
3F: 3f23@sm-sm.co.uk	3A: 3a23@sm-sm.co.uk
4G: 4g23@sm-sm.co.uk	4A: 4a23@sm-sm.co.uk
5B: 5b23@sm-sm.co.uk	5A: 5a23@sm-sm.co.uk
6K: 6k23@sm-sm.co.uk	6D: 6d23@sm-sm.co.uk

### School uniform

Please remember that children must attend school in the correct uniform. They are allowed to wear their PE kit on the days they have PE.

#### Children in the Nursery and Reception:

Light blue polo shirt  
Navy joggers or shorts  
Navy school jumper  
Black or navy shoes/trainers – NO laces are allowed.  
No dresses or skirts

#### Children in Y1 to Y6

Light blue polo shirt  
White shirt – NOT a white polo shirt  
School Tie  
Grey trousers or shorts  
Black trainers or shoes  
Pinafore dress  
Navy skirt

## PE kit Y1 – Y6

White T-shirt with school logo or plain round neck  
Navy shorts or track suit bottoms  
Black trainers

Nail varnish is not allowed and long hair has to be tied back.

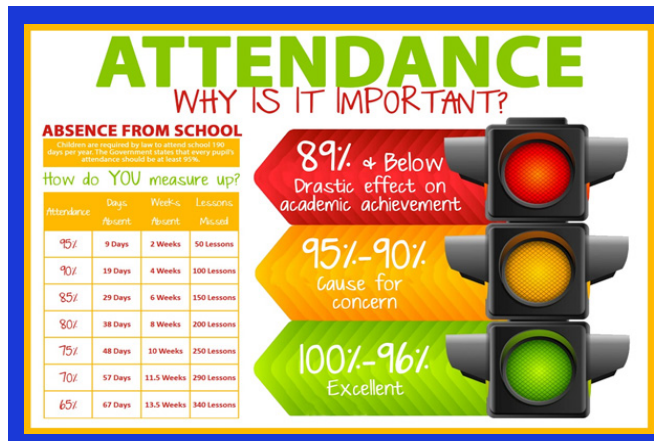
We thank you for supporting us in this matter.

## Parent Mail

The online payment system has changed from Pay360 to Parent Mail. All parents should receive an email asking them to register to the system. All payments must be made via this system. Any queries should be addressed to the office.

## Attendance

As we welcome our children back for a new school year, it is important to remember the importance of school attendance. There is wide agreement among health and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout pupils' lives.



It can sometimes be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school. The NHS provides very clear guidance and can be accessed by clicking on this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## GOLD AWARDS WINNERS

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
	Shiloh	Oscar	Kourtney
	Taraz	Medina	Ava-Violet
	Nyla	Amelia	Jara
	Mehmet	Carter	Danny
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Hannah	Elona	Mia	Margo
Mark	Kevin	Jason	Nsan-Mbai
Ronnie	Marley	Jack	Skye
Zayan	Elijah	Riley	Jack

## Handwriting Award Winners

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Iva	Afnaj	Zayyan
Mabel	Santa	Maisharah
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Muntaha	Hera	Leiyah
Albert	Raihan	