

Newsletter September 2023



Welcome back!

What a fabulous start to the new year. It is so lovely to see everybody back, looking so smart and so tall! An extra warm welcome to all our first-time children and families, we are looking forward to working with you and your children.

Events coming up

Already, the school calendar is being filled up with great events you and your children can engage with.

<https://www.st-mary-st-andrews.lancs.sch.uk/events/> We strongly urge you to keep checking the events calendar as dates for the Autumn term are slowly appearing on there.

However some key dates for you to be aware of:

EYFS and KS1 families – 21st September straight after school. Supporting your child with reading and phonics session in school. We will look after your children for you so that you can attend without childcare worries.



Come and join us for a fundraising afternoon on September 29th at 2pm onwards.

We will gratefully receive donations of cakes/ cupcakes/biscuits/ or any other hand-held treats suitable for eating with just a napkin.

Volunteers to help serve drinks and cakes will be most welcome - thanks in advance. We are really hopeful that some of our new families from Wrens will help lead this afternoon (serving teas and coffees etc) to help get to know many more of our families.

Lancashire Adult Learning

On Monday 2nd October 9-11am, we warmly welcome as many family members as possible to come and work with the Lancashire Adult Learning Service. They are launching an engagement event which, if successful, will help us to have expert sessions for parents (with your children) to support their reading and early maths. This is will be a practical, hands on session and we hope many of you will attend so that we can run parent support courses in the future. No need to book, just come along after you have dropped your child off – there will be tea and coffee (and biscuits!)

Y6 families – 21st September 6pm. SATs preparation evening, this is critical for all our Y6 families to attend.

Attendance, punctuality and holidays.

We are hoping to reach our school target of above 97% for all children this year. Please help us to do this by supporting great attendance everyday, being on time – in class by 8:50am and using our half terms and holidays to take a break with your families.

May I remind you that our holiday pattern is slightly different this year, with all the half terms having a little bit of extra time added on for you so that you can go and see the world! (but be back in time for the next school day).

All the details of this are on our website and please remember that holidays will not be authorised in term time and may lead to a fine from LCC for you.

Sports Clubs

All our sports clubs begin next week and are available to pay for on Scopay:

Mondays – Y5/6 football

Tuesdays Y5/6 netball

Wednesdays – Team Theme all ages

Thursdays – Running club – KS2

Thursdays – Fizzy Tree all ages

Fridays athletics - KS2

We would love to run a KS1 sports club if anyone is able to help us. We understand that a regular evening commitment can't always be made but if you feel you might be able to commit to this for a six week half term – please get in touch with Mrs Roach.

School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for looking after our school.
Thank you that you love each and everyone of us here.

Help us to learn, play and share together,
So that the wonderful world you have made
Becomes more beautiful everyday.

Amen.



