

St Mary's C of E Primary School E-Newsletter

School Value: Community

Friday 6th September 2024

Our Vision: We believe, we achieve, we succeed in God's Family.

***A note from the Headteacher...** Welcome back to the Autumn term,. I hope that you and your family had a wonderful summer break . It has been a pleasure welcoming the children back to school this week and we have had a very positive start to the new academic year. I do hope that our strong start with attendance continues throughout the term.*

Hopefully you will have seen our Ofsted report that was sent out on dojo this week. I do hope you have time in your day to read our achievements and I am sure you will agree they have captured and understood our little school beautifully. I would like to thank everyone in our school community for your continued support.

This week we have welcomed Mrs Wilson into school as our Forest School Lead and she has been getting to know your children. Forest School will be running ad hoc sessions during the first half term. Please note that each child will still have a Forest School session each week and after October half term we will be in a position to publish regular time slots which will remain the same for the children each week. Please ensure your child has suitable Forest School clothing in school with them every Monday. Once their session has taken place this will be sent home to be washed ready to return the following Monday.

Please be aware that our After school clubs will commence next week and our registers are full. Essex Kids Camp will be providing a multi-skills after school club on a Monday afternoon, please see attached flyer for information on how to book for this club.

I am sure you will have seen the new guidance from Essex County Council and our updated "Application for Leave of Absence from School during term time". This has been sent out on dojo for you and must be used if requesting absence during term time. This will replace any previous paperwork and no other form will be accepted. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

I have had to issue another parking etiquette message this week. Parents must not block the entrance to the school car park or to our neighbours in the properties opposite the school. This is a privately owned road and access point for emergency services. During the week staff were unable to leave the premises due to being blocked in by parents. This is very dangerous and unacceptable behaviour. There are a small number of families who have access to the school car park due to disabilities. This is with prior arrangement with the school and Governing Body.

I also noticed families parking in the private road opposite the school. The school receive a high number of complaints from local residents about parking - this is all time that the school have to spend responding politely to these complaints. This is a waste of valuable time and resources. We do understand that this issue is caused by a minority of our parents and that parking is a challenge, but, our community needs to be parking respectfully and safely. I thank you for your support with this ongoing issue.

Our Oak class children are taking part in their first swimming lesson of the Academic year this afternoon. Thank you for returning the consent forms back. If there are any changes to the transport arrangements, please ensure the school office are aware each week. We will not allow a child to leave with anyone unless we have consent in advance from their parent.

Just a little reminder to name all uniform and ensure your child has a named water bottle in school.

Wishing you all a lovely restful weekend. Mrs Walker



Classroom News

Acorn Class:

Acorn's have had a great start to the new academic year. Myself and Mrs Smith are so proud how all the children have returned to school. We have welcomed our new reception children and a child in Year 2, who have settled in beautifully. The children have made friends and tackled all we have asked of them. We are looking forward to an exciting year!

Mrs Fallon—Class Teacher

Chestnut Class:

This week has been an amazing start to the school year. I have been blown away by the wonderful attitude to learning and fantastic behavior. We have all enjoyed being back in school. We wrote all about ourselves and everyone's work was a really good standard. In maths we have been looking at challenges and begun to look at Place Value. We really enjoyed our first science lesson and looking at the rocks. Spanish is going to be a firm favourite this year- we really enjoyed our first lesson and have already started to remember the names of pets. Finally, in PSHE we have started to look at what a good friend is and does.

Mrs Carlier—Class Teacher

Oak Class:

Oak class have made an excellent start to the new school year and the children have come back and settled straight in. In maths we have been learning about place value and building on the learning for their previous year group. Our reading lessons have focussed on the retrieval of information from a text. In science, we have begun our unit learning about living things and their habitats. We have looked at sexual and asexual reproduction in plants and the methods plants use to pollinate. In RE, we have begun our focus on Islam, the Five Pillars of Islam and their metaphorical significance.

Mr Austin—Class Teacher



MENU

w/c 9.09.24

A reminder that we require meals to be booked in advance on ParentPay.

Please note the deadlines below:

Deadline 9:00am Monday 2nd for dinners w/c 9th September.

Deadline 9:00am Monday 9th for dinners w/c 16th September

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Cheese and Tomato Pasta	Chicken Nuggets / Quorn Nuggets	Roast Gammon/ Quorn fillet	Macaroni Cheese	Homemade sausage roll / Quorn sausage roll
Ham/Cheese Baguette	Cheese/Beans Jacket Potato	Ham/Cheese Baguette	Cheese/Beans Jacket Potato	Ham/Cheese/Tuna Baguette

Dojo messages this week:

- * Ofsted report
- * New leave of absence request form
- * Parking etiquette

St Mary's Clubs

KS1 & KS2 Multiskills Club
Monday: 12.30pm—1:00pm
Mr S.Thomas—EKC

KS1 & KS2 Science Club
Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Mrs Carlier

KS1 & KS2 Art Club
Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Mrs Fallon

KS1 & KS2 Film Club
Thursday: 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Mrs Walker



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – HLTA (EYFS) closing date 11th September
 CHERRY TREE – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 11th September
 CRAYS HILL – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 19th September
 CRAYS HILL – HLTA closing date 25th September
 DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 11th September
 FELMORE – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 18th September
 ST MARYS – FIXED TERM LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 18th September
 ST MARYS – EARLY YEARS LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 18th September
 WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 9th September
 WILLOWS – FIXED TERM ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT closing date 27th September

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)



AFTER SCHOOL MULTISKILLS CLUB

MONDAY - ALL YEARS - UNTIL 4.00PM



For half termly costs and start/finish times, please visit:

Book online: www.essexkidscamp.co.uk/activities

Email: info@essexkidscamp.co.uk



@Essex Kids Camp

Do you shop in Asda??

If you shop in Asda we are encouraging our school community to sign up to this new initiative. If you use the rewards app please select our school as your chosen beneficiary. (CM3 8RJ)

This will not affect your reward points in any way but each time you spend in Asda a % is donated to the schools cashpot. This initiative is only available for 2 months so we would love for you to get involved.

Just another little way we can earn some money for the school which will benefit our pupils.

**you scan,
we donate
££s TO
SCHOOLS.**



Cashpot for Schools is our mission to support primary schools across the UK.

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

For more info, please see our **Terms & Conditions**.

You won't give up any of your own earnings, and your Cashpot will continue to grow! **Shop. Scan. We donate!**



Great, count me in

dates to Remember

Please note that dates are subject to change.— Check Dojo events page for further info

Date	Activity	Enrichment	Who
w/c 09.09.24— w/c 14.10.24	After school Clubs 3.15-4.15pm		Open to all pupils
16.09.24	Flu Spray		All pupils with consent
24.09.24	Paul Hannaford Drugs and gang workshop at WDF	PSHE /Personal Development	Year 6 and Parents Times TBC
02.10.24	Virtual Art Visit	Art & Design	All Pupils
3.11.24	School Census		
4.10.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
8.10.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
10.10.24	Trust Poetry Slam Celebration	English	Selected pupils
17.10.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
18.10.24	Heritage Hub—launching exhibition	History	Y5/6 Pupils
18.10.24	Red Card to Racism workshop	PSHE	Y5/6 Pupils
21/22/23.10.24	Parent & Child Consultations (No clubs this week)		Parents/Carers with Pupils
23.10.24	Trust Pupil Voice	PSHE	Selected pupils

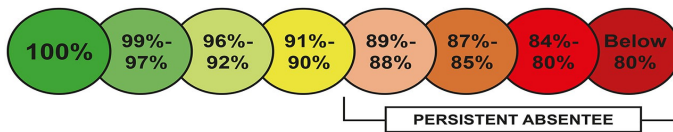
Date	Activity	Enrichment	Who
25.10.24	Harvest Festival	RE	Grandparents 9.15am Parents/Carers 2-3pm
28.10.24— 1.11.24	Half Term		
4.11.24	Trust Non pupil day		
5.11.24	Pupils return to School		
6.11.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
w/c 4.11.24— w/c 16.11.24	After school Clubs No Film or Tutoring Club 7.11 due to moderation		Open to all pupils
8.11.24	Remembrance Activities & Service	RE History	All pupils
11.11.24— 15.11.24	Anti Bullying Week—chase Respect	PSHE /Personal Development	All pupils
12.11.24	School Photographs		Individual, Class & sibling
14.11.24	Cultural Celebration Day	Music/RE/PSHE/ Humanities	All pupils
14.11.24	FOSMS African dance and Drumming—info to follow	Music	All pupils
14.11.24	Trust Maths Challenge	Maths	Selected Pupils
15.11.24	Children in Need & Odd sock day—Spotty themed	PSHE /Personal Development	All pupils
15.11.24	Pupil Voice—Kindness Rocks	PSHE /Personal Development	All pupils
20.11.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
18.11.24— 22.11.24	Road Safety Week Road Safety Banner	PSHE /Personal Development	All pupils
4.12.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents

Date	Activity	Enrichment	Who
9.12.24	Christmas Pantomime		All Pupils
10.12.24	FOSMS Christmas Sale		All pupils
12.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day		All Pupils
12/13.12.24	DT Day	DT	All Pupils
13.12.24	DT Day Open Afternoon for Parents to view work from 2.30pm	DT	Parents/Carers
18.12.24	Nativity FOSMS Raffle		Grandparents 9.30-10.30 Parents/Carers 2-3pm
19.12.24	FOSMS Movie night		All pupils
TBC	Christmas Dinner		All pupils
20.12.24	Christmas Jumpers Christmas board games and films in class		All pupils
20.12.24	Story time with Santa		Acorn Class
20.12.24	Carol Singing at the Senior Living		Years 3-6



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?



Reception	50%
Year 1	93.75%
Year 2	91.67%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	100%



Whole School Attendance Target is: **95%**

National Attendance Target is: **93.5%**

Whole School Attendance this week is: **95.08% - Reception pupils reduced timetable**

Pupils with 100% attendance this week: **55**

Please find attached link to the new DfE guidance which will be in force from September 2024

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/>

[Working together to improve school attendance applies from 19 August 2024 .pdf](#)

Important changes to school attendance

Please be aware that, any applications for leave of absence which relates to leave which you plan to take after 19 August 2024, your child's absence will be considered under the Department for Education's (DfE's) new National Framework for Penalty Notices, which includes increased fine levels and limits on the number of fines which local authorities may issue to parents in response to school attendance concerns. More information from the Department of Education can be found here.

[Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

The definition of Exceptional Circumstances:

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are events that are 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short.'

Unavoidable means an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time, outside of school term time.

Every state school in England will now share their daily attendance registers across the education sector - including with the department for education, councils, and trusts in the next stage of the government's drive to reduce pupil absence in school. These reforms are the next phase in the government's plan to improve attendance following the pandemic which has seen a worldwide rise in absence and persistent absence driven by broken habits of attendance, and new and exacerbated barriers like mental ill health.'

Lateness:

Collective Worship will be held at 9.05am each morning and attended by all staff, including the office staff. It is important that your child arrives on time for school. If they arrive after 9.05am then you will need to wait with your child until Collective Worship has finished at 9.20am as there will not be any staff to let them in.

Collective Worship is a legal entitlement in a Church of England school and a time of reflection and respect.