

St Mary's RC Primary Academy

DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd December

Y2 Swimming
Scholastic Book Fair 3.30pm

Tuesday 4th December

EYFS & Y1 Baytree Garden Centre, Spalding

Wednesday 5th December

Y5 Class Mass

Thursday 6th December

Y2 Skegness Aquarium

Friday 7th December

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am
FOSM Christmas Disco 5-6.30pm

Monday 10th December

Y2 No Swimming
Whole school to Blackfriars Theatre to watch Aladdin

Tuesday 11th December

Y4 The Collection, Lincoln

Wednesday 12th December

Y4 Class Mass
Nativity Play 2pm

Thursday 13th December

Nativity Play 6pm

Friday 14th December

Shining Lights Assembly, parents welcome 9.15am
Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform)
Christmas Dinner Day
FOSM Christmas Market 3.30-5.30pm

Monday 17th December

Y2 Swimming

Tuesday 18th December

Y5 Class Liturgy

Wednesday 19th December

Y6 Whole School Mass in Church 10.15am
Carol Service, all parents welcome 2pm

Thursday 20th December

END OF TERM 2

Monday 7th January

Term 3 begins



Y5 Class Mass

Y5 will be holding their Class Mass on Wednesday 5th December at 9.15am, all parents welcome.

FOSM Christmas Disco – Friday 7th December

The Christmas disco is on Friday 7th December 5-6.30pm. It is ticket only before the event no entry on the door without the purchase of a ticket. Tickets cost £2 and will include a bag of sweets, a bag of crisps and unlimited squash. Tickets are now available from the school office.

KS1 Christmas Nativity – 'The Landlord's Cat'

KS1 are performing their nativity play 'The Landlord's Cat' on Wednesday 12th December at 2pm and Thursday 13th December at 6pm, tickets can be collected from the school office from Wednesday 5th December.

Christmas Jumper Day: non-uniform – Friday 14th December 2018

All children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers for Christmas Jumper day on Friday 14th December. As we are raising money for Save the Children, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of 50p per child or £1 per family – thank you.

Staffing

Following careful consideration, Mr Glenn has decided to leave his position as Teacher at St Mary's due to personal reasons. This has been accepted by the Governing Body who would like to wish Mr Glenn well for the future. We send Mrs Williams our very best wishes as she leaves us to go on her maternity leave.

Diary Dates

Please check the diary dates section as some dates have been changed. All school events for the academic year 2018/19 have been added to the school website, please visit www.bostonstmarys.co.uk – click on the School News section - 'Calendar of School Events'.

SHINING LIGHTS AWARDS Friday 7 th December 2018	
EYFS	Edward Mila
Year 1	Daniel S Nikola
Year 2	Chike Joshua
Year 3	Julia Kajus
Year 4	Hubert Rebekah
Year 5	Edith Julia
Year 6	Angelo Kira

ATTENDANCE w/c 26/11/18	
Reception	89.6%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	92.8%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	95.8%
Whole School	95.2%

Our attendance target is 97.5%



CLASS NEWS

Reception

This week in EYFS we are all very excited for our visit to Santa. In English this week we will be continuing to write our letters to Santa to send off on Thursday. In maths we are using non standard measures to measure length and weight. During the afternoon we will be practicing our Nativity. If you have yet to bring in your child's costume please can we have these in by Friday 7th December.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we begin our Christmas preparations. In English we will be writing letters to Santa ready for our trip on Tuesday. In RE we will be retelling the advent story along with some advent crafts. You may also hear the children talk about our travelling crib which is the nativity scene that some children will be chosen to bring home and write about. In maths we are revisiting our learning on one more than and one less than and moving on to ten more than and ten less than.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we are continuing to go through our Nativity play and we are learning the songs and practising really hard. In maths we are adding and taking away using the column method which we have done before but now we are doing this with money. In RE we are still looking at our Advent topic where we look at the birth of Jesus. As well as this we are going on our school trip on Thursday. We are very excited.

Year 3

In maths this week, Year 3 will begin to look at geometry (shapes). English will see Year 3 starting to use speech marks. Our topic work will involve looking at world maps and labelling where the world's most deadly predators live. In RE we will be continuing our work on visitors.

Year 4

From King Arthur to King Alfred the Great. Whilst there is some uncertainty about the existence of Arthur, there is no such question mark about Alfred. We will be finding out more about him this week. Why is he known as 'the Great', and did he really burn the cakes? In our Spanish lesson, we will be revising the numbers from uno to diez (1 to 10) and learning to respond to some important commands including 'stand up' and 'sit down'. In our class liturgy, we will be listening to, and reflecting on, some familiar verses written by the prophet Micah who said that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. Whilst in maths, we will be comparing and classifying geometric shapes.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we are going to be writing explanations for our machines. In our writing we will be focusing on using time conjunctions, causal connectives and imperative verbs. In Maths we are going to be recapping our calculation skills and will be solving lots of different problems. In Science we will be exploring what happens to materials when they are mixed with water. In RE we will be exploring how Christians prepare during Advent.

Year 6

We have a busy week this week, as we will have a 'mock SATs week' over the course of 5 days - this will give us the chance to experience what the SATs tests we take in May will be like, and practice some of the types of questions we will come across. It also means we can identify anything we're finding particularly tricky, and cover these over the upcoming weeks. We will also continue with our learning about Anne Frank as we find out about the features of a biography and write our own biographies of Anne Frank. In topic, we'll be finding out all about rationing, and some of the delicious foods they ate - including SPAM! We'll also be welcoming some visitors on Thursday, as we have a workshop about e-safety; we'll be discussing how to keep ourselves safe online and what to do if we're worried about something. This is an extremely important subject, especially as we are in Year 6 and thinking about moving to secondary school. As a school, we urge parents to regularly discuss your child's online use with them, and ensure they are accessing the internet in a fun and safe way.

Free English Classes

Every Tuesday, we will be holding free English classes for parents and carers. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more English, improve your language skills and get help with things such as letters and appointments. It is also a great chance to meet other parents along with a cup of tea and a biscuit! Please come and join us!

Parent Pay

Thank you to those who have already signed up to ParentPay - In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we are asking all parents to sign up to ParentPay to pay for school trips, breakfast club etc. If you haven't already done so, please visit www.parentpay.com and activate your account via the Account login area on the home page of the site. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need assistance. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you.

Twitter

Our Twitter account is the best way to keep up to date with everything happening in school. Recently we have tweeted about upcoming events and even posted some children's fantastic learning online. Make sure you follow us on twitter [@bostonstmarys](https://twitter.com/bostonstmarys). Did you know you do not need to have a Twitter account to view our tweets! You can see all tweets by clicking the link on our website www.bostonstmarys.co.uk or at twitter.com/bostonstmarys

Hot School Meals

Just a reminder, all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can receive a hot school meal FREE EVERYDAY! A School meal provides children with a healthy varied and balanced diet providing the right amount of energy to ensure that your child can work better in the afternoons. If you would like your child to have hot school meals please come to the office where we will provide further information. Take a look at Ideal School Meal website for an idea of the meals they provide - www.schoolmealsonline.co.uk The deadline for ordering is a Monday for orders placed for the following week.