



St Mary's C.E. Primary School

Cornhill Road, Davyhulme, Urmston, Manchester M41 5TJ

Phone: 0161 912 2728

Email: stmarysdavy.admin@trafford.gov.uk

Website: www.stmarysprimarydavyhulme.co.uk

Headteacher: Mrs A Daniel, MusB, NPQH



Friday 17th January, 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back for the Spring Term. We had a very chilly start last week! I would like to say a big thank you to you all for your help in keeping the school community safe throughout the cold weather. It enabled us to remain open safely. Please find below a couple of important reminders and some initial dates for your diary.

Reading

One of the most important skills your child will learn in school is reading. It is a complex process which begins when children start school as they learn to identify sounds. As soon as they are ready, they begin to learn phonics in daily sessions. Alongside phonics, they will learn to love stories and find out information. Teaching children to read is a partnership. It is essential that children practise their skills at every opportunity, reading every day at home to support their learning in school. When you have heard your child read, please write in their reading record book so that staff know where they are up to. If you need any help supporting your child's reading, please speak to your child's class teacher. They will be more than willing to help.

Attendance

If your child is unwell and cannot come to school, it is essential that you inform the school office via telephone, Dojo or email. Please do not message class teachers via Dojo about absences, as they are not always able to check their messages in the morning when they are teaching. It is the office who record attendance and they will be the ones following up if your child is not in school.

I would also like to remind you that absence during term time for holidays is not permitted, unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you are considering taking your child out of school, you need to collect an Application for Authorised Absence During Term Time form from the office then complete and return it to school for my attention. For your information, attendance is classified as follows:-

98% - 100%	Excellent
95% - 97.9%	Good
90% - 94.9%	Unsatisfactory
Below 90%	Persistent absentee

Our attendance figures are reported to the local authority and all cases of pupils whose attendance is giving cause for concern will be followed up by the school office and Trafford to see how we can best support families to ensure their child is attending school regularly. Current attendance for each class is as follows:-

Nursery – 99.9%	Reception - 96.2%
Year 1 – 98.1%	Year 2 – 95.4%
Year 3 – 95.9%	Year 4 – 95.7%
Year 5 – 97.1%	Year 6 – 96.8%

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

BUILDING A POSITIVE FUTURE FOR ALL, AS PART OF GOD'S LOVING FAMILY


Dates for Your Diary

Please find below some important dates for your diary. As new events are added or if things change, we will get the information out to you as soon as possible.

Event	Date	Time
Term Starts	7.1.25	8:45am
Year 3 to church	15.1.25	10:00am
Year 5 Family Worship	22.1.25	9:00am
School Nurse Drop-in	30.1.25	8:30-9:30am
Mental Health Awareness Week	w/b 3.2.25	
Mad Science Assembly	4.2.25	9:00am
Year 2 Family Worship	5.2.25	9:00am
National Child Measurement Programme to Reception	5.2.25	Morning
Place2Be Mental Health Assembly	5.2.25	2:45pm
PTA Family Disco	7.2.25	6:00-8:00pm
Year 6 to church	10.2.25	10:00am
Place2Be Parent Workshop	12.2.25	From 2:45pm
Year 6 Skittleball tournament	12.2.25	4:00-6:00pm
Year 5 Swimming Gala	14.2.25	Afternoon
School closes for half term	14.2.25	3:30pm
School Opens	24.2.25	8:45am
Young Voices at the Coop Arena	24.2.25	12:30-10:00pm
Workout Wednesday	26.2.25	All day
Ash Wednesday – Year 4 Family Worship	5.3.25	9:00am
Nursery/Reception/Year 1 to Jack and the Beanstalk at Salford Lighthouse	6.3.25	Afternoon
Pupil Learning Meetings	11.3.25 12.3.25	3:40-6:40pm
Year 3 Family Worship	12.3.25	9:00am
Year 5 to Urmston Grammar for Rocket Workshop	14.3.25	Afternoon
Year 1 Family Worship	19.3.25	9:00am
Year 4 to Trafford Singing Festival	25.3.25	Afternoon
Experience Easter	1.4.25	Morning
KS2 Arts Festival	1.4.25	6:00pm
PTA Easter Event	3.4.25	3:30pm
Easter Service in church (Year 6 family worship)	4.4.25	9:15am
School Closes for the Easter Holiday	4.4.25	3:30pm

We are looking forward to an exciting term of living and learning without limits, working together for the benefit of our children. If there is ever anything worrying you, please get in touch and we will do our best to help. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Alison Daniel

Headteacher