



IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- Autumn Term Parents' Consultations begin this week; please read the below message and be sure to contact the school office asap if you have yet to make your appointment.
- Reception Class pupils will need wellies in school next week; please send them in a bag with your child and ensure they are labelled with your child's name.
- We are keen to update our list of volunteers in school. Please read the note enclosed if you are interested.
- School photos must be ordered by 3.10.23 to secure free delivery to school. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Home delivery on orders made after this date will need to be paid for. Any issues with ordering, please contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

SPOTLIGHT SAFETY: STAYING SAFE ONLINE

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help:

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

- What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

Ask them about how they stay safe online.

- What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help.

- Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

Think about how you each use the internet.

- What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

You can find more helpful online safety resources here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS

REMINDER - HOMEWORK:

Parents will receive a weekly email via *Arbor* with their child's homework tasks. Homework tasks will be set on a Friday and should be completed by Wednesday. Teachers will explain the expectations for the children in their class. Homework should only be 'returned' if requested.

If you ever have any queries or difficulties with the homework or accessing the *Arbor* communications, please email the school office on info@stmw.bwcet.com.

Staff will not respond to emails sent directly to their work emails, so please direct all contact through the office to avoid confusion. Anything for a specific member of staff can be marked for their attention and will be forwarded as appropriate internally. Thank you.

PARENTS' APPOINTMENTS:

Bookings for the Autumn Term Parents' Consultations are now closed. Please contact the school office as a matter of urgency if you have yet to make an appointment.

The dates for the consultations are as follows:

DATE	CLASS
Tuesday 26 th September	Year 6
Wednesday 27 th September	Year 2
Thursday 28 th September	Year 5
Monday 2 nd October	Year 4
Tuesday 3 rd October	Year 1
Wednesday 4 th October	Reception
Thursday 5 th October	Year 3

Please arrive no more than 5 minutes before your child's appointment.

If you would prefer a telephone appointment, please contact the school office to inform us and provide the preferred number to call.

Please remember that the purpose of the consultation is for a brief pastoral and progress review lasting approximately 5 minutes. If you feel that you have an issue which requires a more substantial conversation with a class teacher or senior leader, please contact the school office to make an alternative appointment.

VOLUNTEERING AT ST MARY'S:

We are currently keen to update our list of potential volunteers for school trips and for helping out in other ways in school. If you are keen and have some time and talent to share with us, please complete the following form <https://forms.office.com/e/J3MMS2TGkU>. Please feel free to share the link with other family and friends who may also be keen to help out.

Information shared with us will only be stored for the period of time that is required and will be kept in line with our Data Retention Policy.

There will be a requirement for volunteers to have an up-to-date Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS). School can support your application if you do not yet have one for the purposes of volunteering at St Mary's.

GYMNASTICS:

There are currently 5 spaces for pupils in our Friday Gymnastics class. Please contact the school office to register interest if your child would like to have a place at the club.

STAFFING UPDATE:

We say farewell to Mrs Caycho who will be leaving our staff team this week. Mrs Caycho has been working in KS2 for the past year and will be greatly missed. We wish her well in the future.

