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# St. Mary's on the Hill May's Information Sway 2025



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*Welcome to May's Information Sway. As we move through the third term a number of events will take place. Can I encourage you to read through the sway so you are aware of what is upcoming.*

*We can look forward to a number of events where our school community can come together and enjoy. We have Sports Days and our Summer Fair, as well as First Confession for our P3's and First Holy Communion for our P4's. As the summer evenings approach I hope that the children will have the opportunity to spend more time outside and enjoy the good weather we've been having recently.*

*If you have any queries please send a message to the school email address given below.*

*[info@stmarys.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stmarys.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk)*

*Kind regards*

*Mr. Matthew O'Brien*

*Principal*

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## Behaviour Targets



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*One of the things we are proudest of in St. Mary's on the Hill is the children's behaviour. However, there is always room for improvement. In the month of May we are focusing on 'Thoughtfulness'. I will talk to the children at each of our assemblies regarding this and staff will reinforce the message in school. During the month of May we will discuss how we can be thoughtful of other people including how we speak to them and how we interact. We will talk about being thoughtful in and out of school and respecting other people. Can we ask parents and carers to do the same at home? This is to ensure that pupils know the correct way to interact with each other.*

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Trócaire

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*A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our annual Lenten Appeal this year, in aid of Trócaire. This year the school raised £3000. This money will help those families and children in extremely poor parts of our world. This is indeed a fantastic way to show how our school is aware of social need throughout the world.*

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Sponsorship for Belfast Marathon 2024- St. Mary's on the Hill  
Specialist Provision



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*I would like to thank everyone for their generous sponsorship of the SMOTH team at the Belfast Marathon. We are raising money for our Specialist Provision. The total raised so far stands at £2,225. Thank you all very much for being so extremely generous.*

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## School PTA Bouncathon



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*Thank you to the PTA who have organised a school disco for P1 - P7 pupils. The event will take place on Wednesday 28th May during the school day.*

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## St. Mary's on the Hill Summer Fair 2025



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*The summer fair will take place on Saturday 7th June from 12:00pm - 3:00pm. If you have some time why not come down and join us and see all the exciting stalls which will be on display.*

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## First Confession

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*First Confession for Primary 3 will take place on Tuesday 20th May for P3MM and Wednesday 21st May 2025 for P3SR in St Bernard's Church at 4:00pm. P3 children can be picked up from school at 12:00pm on this day.*

*We pray for our Primary 3's as they receive the gift of forgiveness through their first confession.*

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## P7 Performance - Aladdin



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*This year the Primary 7's will be performing for their parents as well as pupils. The show this year is Aladdin. As you can imagine they are all very excited. P7 parents are invited to attend on:*

*Tuesday 10th June @1:30 pm*

*Thursday 12th June @ 7:00 pm*

*Further information to follow.*

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## P7 End of Year Trip - Emerald Park



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*Primary 7 are looking forward to an exciting end of year trip to Emerald Park in Co. Meath. This will be a great way to celebrate the wonderful years our Primary 7's have given us during their time at St. Mary's on the Hill P.S. The trip will take place on Thursday 15th May 2025.*

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## May Holidays



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*The School will be closed on the following dates in May;*

***Monday 26th May 2025;***

***Tuesday 27th May 2025;***

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## Holy Communion

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*Primary 4 children will make their First Holy Communion on Wednesday 11th June in St. Bernard's church at 4:00pm. P4 children can be picked up at 12 noon on this day. More details to follow.*

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## School Council



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*The school council have been very busy in the second term and will continue to be so as we move into the third term. A trip for the School Council is planned to **Mossley Mill** on Friday 9th May 2025*

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Sport Day



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*Sports Days will take place on the following dates:*

***Thursday 29th May 2025 P4 - P7***

***Friday 30th May 2025 P1 - P3***

*An email will be issued at a later date which will give times and what will be needed for the Sports Days.*

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## School Dinners



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*Parents can now select and pay for dinners for the third term, up until the end of June 2024, by logging in to School Money using your unique username and password. Your child's dinner **should be ordered before midnight prior to the day it is required**. Please contact the school if you have any problems. **We require every parent to use this facility**. The lunch menu can be viewed [here](#) and also on our website.*

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19 February 18 March 15 April 13 May 10 June 2 September 30 September	Beef Bolognaise  Broccoli Pasta Spirals  Chocolate & Orange Cookie	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo  Garden Peas Chipped Potato Mashed Potat  Raspberry Jelly & Two Fruits	Roast Gammon, stuffing & grav  Fresh vegetables in season Mashed/oven roast potato Pineapple delight	Chicken Curry' & Naan Bread  Diced Carrots Boiled Rice  Fruit Sponge & Custard	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup  Spaghetti Hoops/ Sweetcom Chipped PotatoeBaked Potato  Ice-Cream & Mandarin Oranges
26 February 25 March 22 April 20 May 17 June 9 September	Gdden Crumbed Fish Firvers  Baked Beans & Garden Peas Chipped I Mashed Potato Homemade Flakemeal Biscui	Bæf Rmu Italia  Sweetcom Wedges / Salad  Mandarin Orange Sponge & Custard	Roast Beef, (Yavy  Fresh Vegetables in season Mashed/ Oven Roast Potato  Golden Krispie Square	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread  Baton Carrots Boiled Rice  Artic Roll and Peaches	Chicken GoUons & Sweet Chil  Dip  Sweet Com Chipped/ Baby Boiled  Fruit Muffin / Orange Juice
4 March 1 April 29 April 27 May 24 June 16 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers  Sweetcom & Roasted Peppers Baked Potato / Chips/ Colesl  Ice-Cream , Pears & Chocol ate  Sauce	Homemade Cottage Pie  Spring Greens I Butternut Squa Summer Fruit Cheesecake	Roast Chicken, Stuffed & Gr  Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed/ Oven Roast Potato  Homemade Brownie & Orange  Wedges	Beef Meatballs With Tomato & basil Sauce  Baton Carrots/ Pasta Spirals  Sticky Date Pudding & Custard	School 'Chippy Day" Chicken Goujons  Beans I Mushy Peas Chipped/ Baby Boiled  Frozen Fruit Yoghurt
11 March 8 April 6 May 3 June 26 August 23 September	Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy  Baked Beans Garden Peas Chipped / Mashed Potato  Ice-Cream & Two Fruits	BBQ Pulled Pork Pizza Wrap  Sweetcom Baton Carrots Oven Roasted Garlic & Papnk Wedges  Jaffa Cake Pots	Roast Pork, Stuffing & Gravy  Fresh /egelablesin Season Mashed' Oven Roast Potato  Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo  Garden Peas Mashed Potato  Fruit Sponge & Custard	Beef Burger / Bean Burger in Bap with Onions  Sweet Com Chipped / Baby Boiled  Lemon Shortbread & Melon Wedge

Breads, Milk, Water & Fresh Fruit Available Daily

If You Require Any Additional Information on Allergens or Special Diets Please Contact the School to complete a Special Diets Application Form



## Facebook



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*Please visit, like and share our Facebook page. It continues to be used to promote the school in the wider community. We will celebrate and mark events throughout the school year. **If you have not already done so please give our page a like.***

*The school will continue to communicate and update parents via email and text. Facebook will not be used to send messages to parents and we would ask that parents do not use Facebook to contact the school.*

*Click on the link below and please share with anyone you think would be interested or has a connection to our school - <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysOnTheHillPS/>*

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## Promoting Healthy Eating



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*Here at St. Mary's on the Hill Primary School we promote Healthy Eating across the school. We encourage children to choose a healthy snack for their break as well as making healthy choices in what they eat and drink.*

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## Free School Meals



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*The application process for free school meals/uniform has commenced. Parents who are currently eligible to apply for free meals/uniform should now complete their application. **Please note that entitlement to free school meals will attract funding to the school's budget.** Whether your child wishes to partake of a meal or not is down to individual choice.*

We would like to encourage parents who fall into this category to **please make an application** as soon as possible. Application forms may be obtained via the Education Authority website – [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk) or alternatively by contacting Free School Meals Section on 028 2566 1350. Forms are also available from the school. Should you have any further queries regarding this, please contact the school office.

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## Car Parking



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**CHURCH CAR PARK:** I would like to gently remind everyone of the difficulties and dangers around drop-off and collection of your child/ren. I am asking that all parents exercise extreme caution. To alleviate the difficulty of congestion we are asking all parents to make a

**LEFT TURN** when exiting the car park. **Please use the designated parking spaces or drop off zone.**

**WAITING AT THE GATE:** Thank you all for your support and cooperation in the mornings whilst leaving your children to school. **We would ask parents not to wait at the gate once they have left their child to school.** By leaving your child off and moving off-site you are freeing up limited parking spaces. It can be difficult for children to enter through the gate when parents are gathered there. As the gate is in close proximity to the entrance of the car park we want to make every effort to ensure no accidents occur. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter as the safety of our children is our primary concern. Please pass this information on to anyone who will be responsible for leaving or collecting your child.

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Allergy Awareness



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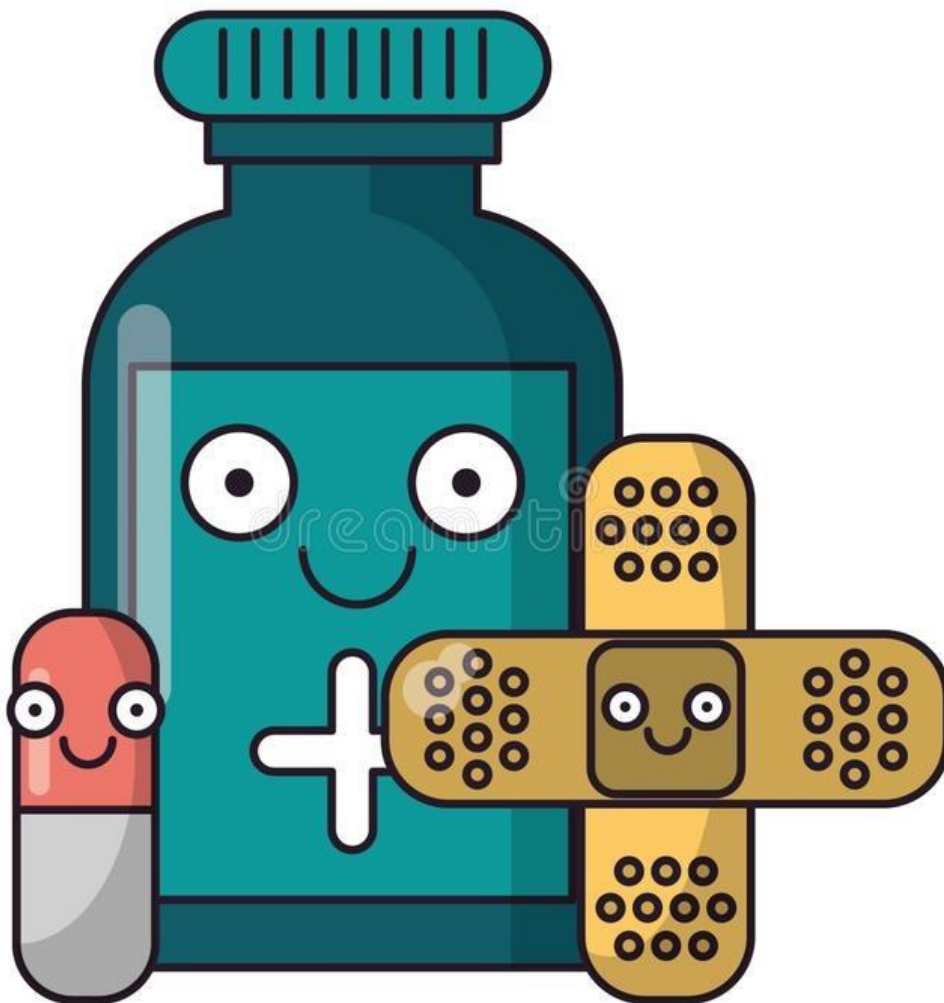
*We have a number of children who suffer from allergies, which can result in potentially serious consequences. I would therefore ask that these children are not exposed to danger and that you are mindful of any children in your child's class who may have an allergy. We continue to be a Nut Free School, please do not send in anything which contains nuts.*

***Parents of children with diagnosed allergies are asked to provide the school with 2 EpiPens (with valid dates) and any other necessary medication as soon as possible.***

*Please continue to support our 'Healthy Eating Policy' and provide your child with a piece of fruit and water or milk for break.*

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## Administration of Medicine



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*Please visit the school office if your child requires medication to be administered whilst at school. Parents need to sign and complete an 'Administration of Medication' form (available from the school office) before the school will administer the medicine. All medication should have the child's name on it and the dosage clearly labelled. Please do not send any medication with your child – it must be handed into the school office by an adult. Thank You.*

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## Contact Details



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*If your address, telephone number or email address has changed please inform Mrs Mason in the office to ensure we have up to date information should we have a need to contact you.*

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