

St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



Nurturing creative thinkers . . .

Honesty



Trust



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I trust that you and your families had a rejuvenating and enjoyable time together. As we step into this new term, I wanted to take a moment to extend a warm greeting and share some exciting updates and plans for the coming weeks at St Mary's.

We are eagerly looking forward to an action-packed term filled with sports competitions, engaging clubs, and enriching events. Our students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents and sportsmanship in a variety of competitions including football, bowling, and gymnastics.

Additionally, we are thrilled to announce the commencement of several clubs starting next week, including the Science Club and Geology Club. These clubs provide a fantastic opportunity for students to explore their interests, deepen their understanding of various subjects, and engage in hands-on learning experiences outside the classroom. Lots of children have signed up and we will make every effort to ensure children can attend at some point.

As we approach the Easter season, our school is buzzing with preparations for a series of exciting events. From our Easter music concert to the enriching Experience Easter at Church, students will have the chance to immerse themselves in the Easter story while showcasing their talents and creativity. Of course, we cannot forget the traditional Easter egg hunts and activities, which are always a highlight for our students.

Furthermore, we are in the process of organising various educational visits scheduled to take place this half term or at the beginning of the summer term. These visits offer invaluable opportunities for our students to enhance their learning, gain real-world insights, and discover more about themselves and the world around them. We believe that experiential learning is essential in fostering well-rounded individuals, and these visits are designed to complement our academic curriculum.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education journey. Together, we can make this term a memorable and fulfilling experience for all our students, nurturing creative thinkers.

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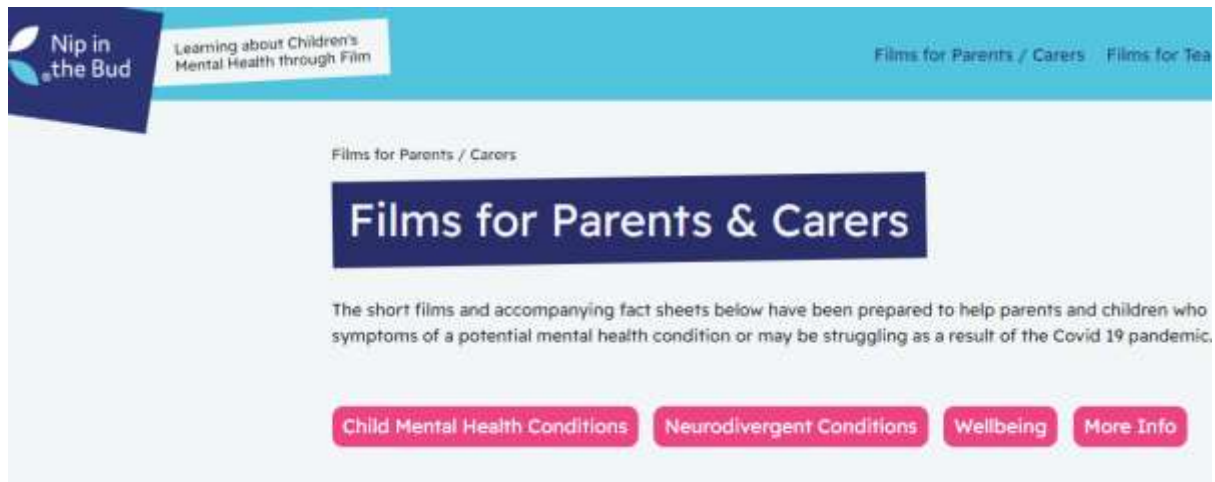
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Parent Opportunities ...

Some parents may find these videos helpful as they explore various issues that surface as parents.

<https://nipinthebud.org/films-for-parents-carers/>



The screenshot shows the website for 'Nip in the Bud', which is focused on 'Learning about Children's Mental Health through Film'. The page is titled 'Films for Parents & Carers' and includes a sub-header 'Films for Parents / Carers'. Below the title, there is a paragraph explaining that the short films and accompanying fact sheets are designed to help parents and children who experience symptoms of a potential mental health condition or are struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the bottom of the page, there are four red buttons with white text: 'Child Mental Health Conditions', 'Neurodivergent Conditions', 'Wellbeing', and 'More Info'.



The banner for the 'Virtual Neurodiversity Conference 2024' features a central lightbulb icon with a brain inside, symbolizing ideas and neurodiversity. The text reads 'Celebrating, Embracing & Empowering Our Children' and '20.03.2024'. The banner is decorated with colorful circular icons of diverse children. At the bottom, a registration link is provided: 'Register your free place at witherslackgroup.co.uk/virtual-conference-spring24'.

Sickness

Please note that we have had a rise in sickness in the infant classes with vomiting and we are going to be insisting that if your child is sick, that they have 48 hours absence so as not to spread any viruses/sickness bugs. Many thanks.

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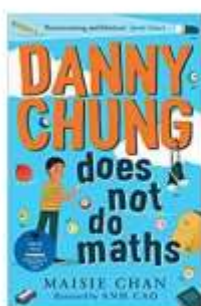
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Books

Every parent wants their child to enjoy reading for pleasure whether they enjoy reading or not. From being imaginative to understanding themselves and the world, books transport children into a world of imaginative and creative thinking. The bonds created with parents and children whilst reading together are special, unique and long lasting. The overall number of children aged 8-11 years who said they enjoyed reading in their spare time has fallen by 12% over the past 18 years - from 68% in 2005 to 56% in 2023. These could be a great Easter break gift...

Here are some more recommended books for children of various ages.



Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths

By Maisie Chan. Illustrated by Anh Cao. ISBN: 180078001X (Piccadilly Press)



Invented by Animals

Christiane Dorian and illustrated by Gosia Herba. ISBN: 0711260656 (Wide Eyed Editions)



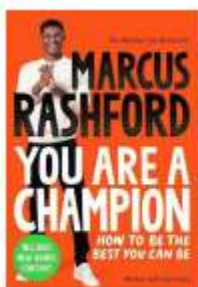
Maybe...

Written and illustrated by Chris Haughton. ISBN: 978-1406385522 (Walker Books)



The Last Bear

By Hannah Gold. Illustrated by Levi Pinfold. ISBN: 000841131X (Harper Collins Children's Books)



You Are A Champion

Marcus Rashford with Carl Anka. ISBN: 9781529068177 (Pan Macmillan)



The Midnight Fair

Illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio and written by Gideon Sterer. ISBN: 978-1406394658 (Walker Books)

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The Forgettery

Written by Rachel Ip and illustrated by Laura Hughes. ISBN: 1405294760 (Farshore Books)



Rescuing Titanic

By Flora Delargy and Illustrated by Lou Rihn ISBN: 0711262764 (Wide Eyed Editions)

Bingo Night



Save the Date

Thursday 28th March



Easter Music Concert

10-11am



Parent and Family Class Visit

11-12noon

A chance to see your child's work and talk to them in class about their learning. Parents and Family all welcome.

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End of Term (1pm)



Please note we have an INSET day on Monday 15th April

Summer term starts on Tuesday 16th April.

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