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"Do Everything in Love"
Corinthians 16:14

Newsletter Update- Friday 19th December 2025

This term, our vision has truly been lived out in every way. The Worship Warriors led us in a powerful reflection on the core message of Christmas: *it is the gifts we hold in our hearts that matter most—not the ones we receive.*

KS2 Christmas Performances

What a joy it was to see our KS2 children perform! Their joyful singing, incredible choral poetry, and delightful attitude captured my heart and filled me with pride. Thank you for sharing these special moments with us.

Cinderella – The Pantomime Adventure

What an unforgettable experience! From dazzling costumes and magical sets to a flying horse and carriage, the pantomime was pure wonder. We all danced and sang along with the performers—it was laughter and joy from start to finish!

Father Christmas' Special Delivery

Thanks to your generous contributions to PFA events, we raised over £1,100, which is fantastic! Father Christmas made a special delivery this week—books for every class! The children wrote to him with their wishes, and he chose perfectly.

Reading over the Holidays

Over the holidays, please take time to share a story together. Research shows that reading with your child for just 10 minutes a day can boost vocabulary by up to 30% and strengthen emotional bonds.

End of Term Service

Our end-of-term service at St Mary's Church was truly exceptional. Fr David and the church wardens gave us the warmest welcome, creating a beautiful atmosphere of reflection and celebration. It was such a blessing to see so many of you there, joining together in worship and support. Your presence made the occasion even more special as we shared in the joy and meaning of Christmas as a school community.

Everyday Heroes

Butterfly Class (EYFS) will be learning about 'Who are our Heroes?' after Christmas.

If you do a job that you would be willing to talk about to our lovely children, please contact the school office (office@stmarysprimarykettering.co.uk) and Mr. Middleton will get back with you to arrange a visit.

In the past, we've had parents talking about being a Carer, a Nurse, a Plumber, a Doctor, a VAT Accountant and more.

We'd love to hear from Builders, Refuse Collectors and any other 'Everyday Heroes'!

And now, all that remains is to wish you a blessed Christmas filled with peace and joy. Three-line Christmas Poem: Christmas is love that lights the way, With Jesus born on Christmas Day, let kindness shine in all we say.

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026, ready for a brand-new year filled with learning, laughter and exciting opportunities.

With best wishes,

Diane Wright MA (Education)

Headteacher







Our big festive celebration

We are hosting a magical Christmas Party for all children attending Wrap Around Care on Friday 19th December! This will be a fun-filled afternoon packed with creativity, festive cheer, and exciting activities designed to make the end of term truly special.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Face Painting (festive designs) • Christmas Tattoos • Sparkly Hair Glitter • Party Games & Prizes • Cakes, Biscuits & Yummy Treats • Christmas Music & Activities A joyful celebration to get everyone into the Christmas spirit!

SESSION TIMES

3:15pm - 4:30pm, 3:15pm - 5:30pm and 3:15pm - 6:00pm

IMPORTANT – ADVANCED BOOKING REQUIRED

This is a paid Wrap Around session and spaces are limited. Early booking is strongly advised to ensure your child can attend.

Please note: By signing up to this club you are consenting to your child participating in all activities.

Warm festive wishes, Mrs McCabe The Ark Wrap Around Care

What is The Ark?

The Ark is an after-school club run by two members of staff from 3:15 PM until 6:00 PM. Children enjoy a variety of activities, including:

Arts and crafts, Baking, Mindfulness activities, Playground games

One parent shared:

“My child loves The Ark and says it’s the best club you do. She wants to come even when I’m not working!”

Does my child have to go every day?

No! Your child can attend only on the days and sessions they need.

What if my child wants to attend a free club on the same day?

No problem! If your child is registered for a free club, you can book The Ark from 4:15 PM onwards, once the free club finishes.



**The Ark
Frequently asked questions**

Do they need to stay until 6 PM?

No, there are different session times:

Finish at 4:30 PM

Finish at 5:30 PM

Finish at 6:00 PM

Each session has a different price.



Do the children have any food?

Yes! The Ark provides a daily snack, such as: Crumpets, Yogurt, Fruit, Pitta bread and dips

How do I book?

Via Arbor app: Choose your desired day and session. Payment must be made before the booking is accepted.

Same-day bookings: Book up until 11:00 AM. After this time, call the office to book once payment is made to your Arbor Top-Up account for wraparound.

What are the prices?

Session Time Price

3:20 PM – 4:30 PM: £4.00

3:20 PM – 5:30 PM: £7.50

3:20 PM – 6:00 PM: £8.50

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: £4.00

4:15 PM – 6:00 PM: £5.50

Late collection: (up to 15 mins): £5.00

Late collection (over 15 mins): £15.00



Music Lessons In Your School

Year 3 and
upwards

Sign Up for January

We teach a variety of instruments - piano, guitar, drums, vocals and violin. Use the QR Code to see which instruments we offer at your school. If you are a current student - you will be invoiced accordingly.



Select Your School

Choose your school and enter your email address.

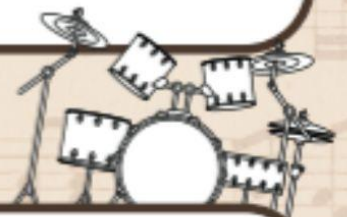


Sign Up Here



Choose Your Lesson

Select the instrument and lesson length and fill in your details. This will secure your lessons for the term! (If we are fully booked, you will be added to our waiting list)



Any Questions

Please get in touch if you have any questions at all. We are always happy to help.

Email:

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