

St Mary's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Dane Bank Avenue Crewe Cheshire CW2 8AD



School Council Statement

The school council here at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Crewe consists of extremely active, dedicated and well organised pupils.

Guided by our gospel values of tolerance, independence, co-operation, creativity and spiritual growth through the Catholic Faith, the members of our school council take their roles very seriously. As a result of their hard work and dedication, they have orchestrated and coordinated positive changes within our school. Our school councillors are chosen democratically by their fellow class members and in line with the British Values. Our children understand the importance of being part of a democracy and having their voices heard.

Our school council members stand by our school mission statement of 'Working together through faith and Education,' ensuring that every voice is heard and valued. The school council is led by a Chair and Deputy Chair who are chosen by the school council members themselves. We also have link teachers who help to facilitate the meetings, however we try to ensure that the meetings are led predominantly by the children. Through these efforts, our school council helps to provide positive change within our school community, meeting each half term to discuss, plan and prioritise their actions.

Vision Statement

Our school council works together as a team to ensure we can be the best school possible by discussing ideas and making decisions.

- We aim to help all pupils feel comfortable, happy and safe at school.
- We work together through trust, co-operation, team work and a positive attitude.
- We aim to listen to others, discuss comments and make suggestions that would make our school even better than it is now!

Over the past few years, our school council have helped to improve the school environment and grounds, suggested and ran fundraising activities during school time, raised money for charities and acted as hosts when we have visitors.

Some examples of the children's ideas for how St. Mary's could be an even better place to be this year include:

- Planting flowers in the Peace Garden to make it a more inviting space
- Creating a vegetable patch
- Utilising the outdoor spaces for more outdoor learning
- Non-uniform day to celebrate our uniqueness – ‘Dress as yourself day’
- Sports equipment to be available at break and lunch times
- Parent quiz night to raise money for basketball hoops
- World culture day to raise money for refugee children and those in need
- Larger meal sizes, especially for years 5 and 6
- Play equipment at playtimes
- A long jump pits
- A class pet
- School fairs
- New sports equipment (Bigger hurdles, a proper track)
- A school library
- Water fountains outside
- Live music during assemblies
- Inflatable obstacle courses on the field
- Fun evening like Bingo for parents

Meet our School Councillors



School councillors 2024-25

Year 6	18KM	Rares Pichiu	Liliana Culverhouse
	17EB	Alana Jomin	Ethan Davies
	16KH	Anfa Syeda	Timea Karickova
Year 5	15IB	Connor Parker	Mesomachi Maduekwe
	14CW	Thomas Gregorio	Mawande Khumalo
	13CB	Nathan Thomas	Anumendem Bebondchu
Year 4	12LD	Amelie Clough	Junior Mc Clean
	11LR	Maria Gregorio	William Thredgold
	10ME	Imogen Kern	Jensen Watts
Year 3	9MB	Basia Plecha	Amara Maduekwe
	8SW	Alice Tomkinson	Renae Bancroft
	7EB	Anais Maidment	Zayn Hoque

Our Latest Information

Autumn 2024



We are all so happy to be back at St. Mary's this Autumn Term and are delighted to be able to announce our new school council members for 2024-2025.

The children were invited to apply for the role of school councillor by completing a manifesto and delivering this to their classes. Votes then took place, and two members of each class were chosen to represent them as school council members for this academic year.

The children already have many ideas for the school council this year and we hope to be able to support the children in achieving many of their ambitions for improving St. Mary's and making it an even better place to be!

Mrs Baron and Mrs Walker.



September 2024– Macmillan Coffee Morning



Our School Councillors supported our successful Macmillan coffee morning in the Autumn term, which helps to raise money towards an incredibly important cause. The children supported Mrs Wright in the KS2 hall, serving tea and coffee to our families and selling some delicious cakes and bakes.

October- open day for parents

Open afternoon for parents- On Thursday 17th our year 5 and 6 school councillors greeted new parents at our school doors. They then gave a tour of the school and answered any questions.

November- Junior Safety officers.

Four enthusiastic children have been selected as Junior Safety Officers at our primary school. These students will work alongside our site managers to ensure the school grounds remain safe and litter-free. They will play an important role in promoting sustainability by spreading the message of reducing, reusing, and recycling. As Junior Safety Officers, they will also lead assemblies and organize recycling workshops for the school council, inspiring their peers to take part in keeping our environment clean and green. Their leadership will help create a more responsible and eco-friendly school community.

December - Christmas card competition.

The school council have promoted and organised a Christmas card competition – Christmas in Crewe and Nantwich’. The competition was launched by Connor Naismith, MP for Crewe and Nantwich called, ‘**Christmas in Crewe and Nantwich!**’ This aims to celebrate the

creativity of young people and capture the festive spirit of our community. Entrees will be judged by Mr Naismith and his office team. The winning entrée will be featured on the front of the Christmas card. Mr Naismith will then visit the winning student at their school and present them with a prize. Their card will then be sent to local residents, community groups, businesses in Crewe and Nantwich and friends in Westminster, including the Prime Minister.



Good luck everyone!



December - Christmas School fair

The school council has been meeting weekly to brainstorm exciting ideas for the upcoming Christmas fair. Their creative suggestions include fun activities like Nerf the Elf, face painting, a "Guess the Name of the Donkey" game, a Bottle Tombola, Santa bath bombs, a bouncy castle, Christmas bauble decorating, and hot chocolate stalls. They've also planned to sell reindeer food and will lend a hand at Santa's Grotto. To help promote the event, the school council has designed vibrant posters to spread the word and get everyone excited for the festive fun!

December- Art evening

We are hoping to take part in afterschool Art session with Mrs Maidment- Art lead at St Thomas More Catholic High school and some enthusiastic artists from St Thomas More.

Spring 2025

Our priorities for the Spring term are to spend some time researching and choosing the outdoor reading shed that we raised money for at the end of last year.

Our new litter pickers have arrived and so we will be promoting the message 'Reduce, reuse, recycle around school with various workshops run by the Junior Recycling Officers. We will also enter and take part in 'The Junior Recycling Programme 2024'.

The children will be discussing the changes and improvements they'd like to see over the course of the school year. They will brainstorm ideas for making lessons more enjoyable and interactive, suggest after-school clubs they'd like to join, propose visitors they would like to meet, and identify national events they believe the school should participate in.

20th January- Martin Luther King Day- Dream on. The school council will lead an assembly focused on the themes of fairness, injustice, the rights of minorities, peaceful change, and inspirational leaders.

In February 2025, from the 3rd to the 9th, the school council will be promoting Children's Mental Health Week. During this time, they will develop their own initiatives to enhance mental well-being and educate others. The event, which was launched to give children and young people in the UK a voice, aims to raise awareness and support mental health.

We are also running another Easter Fundraiser. Last year, was a huge success where the children ran an Easter Bonnet/ decorate an egg competition. This was fantastic, the children and parents put a lot of work into some amazing creations, so the children are keen to do something this year with as much success.