

St Mary's News



Monday 22nd April 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to all parents and carers and family members who joined us for our **Easter Mass** on Friday. It was a joyful occasion, and the pupils were exceptional in both their behaviour and also their singing. We were especially proud of our Year R pupils in



Foundation who took part for the first time. Thank you to Fr Pat Crystal and Deacon Nick for leading our service in Fr John's absence. We are so fortunate to be blessed with a wonderful parish community who helped set up and ensure the mass logistics went smoothly.



Earth Day

April 22nd is Earth Day. This international day celebrates our remarkable planet. Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to take action for a healthier planet and brighter future for our children. **EARTHDAY.ORG** is unwavering in their commitment to end plastics, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of **ALL** plastics by 2040.



Back in September 2023, we launched our school year thinking about Pope Francis' letter 'Laudato Si' - a plea to humanity to care for our planet. In the autumn term our Mini Vinnies in Year 6 set up plastic collection boxes so that we can recycle plastic glue sticks and pens, and our Foundation stage started to replace plastic toys with natural products. These are small steps, but we need to do so much more! This week we ask you to consider the amount of plastic waste generated by packed lunches and try to reduce it by half. At home we can make a commitment by avoiding single use plastics and recycling responsibly.

A-Z Authors

Thank you to those who took up this challenge and submitted a poster of children's authors in alphabetical order. We will display the entries in our library and every entrant has received 10 DoJo points. Entries are still welcome up until half term 😊.

Important Dates

SUMMER TERM 1st half		
23 rd April	Class Photos	All Children
9 th May	Sensory Breaks workshop for parents run by Mrs Watts SENCO	All Parents invited.
10 th May	Year 4 Mass in school – 9:00	Parents/Carers of children in Year 4
w/c 13 th May	KS2 SATs (please don't book holidays in this time)	Year 6

All month	KS1 SATs (please don't book holidays in this time)	Year 2
17 th May	Seals and Turtles Liturgy in School – 9:00	Parents/Carers of children in Year F2
20 th May	Class 3S Trip to Kimmeridge	Class 3S
21 st May	KS1 Sports Morning	Parents invited to watch
21 st May	Yr 5 & 6 BSO Concert at Poole Lighthouse pm (parent helpers needed)	Year 5 & 6 children
22 nd May	Yr 3 & 4 BSO Concert at Poole Lighthouse pm (parent helpers needed)	Year 3 & 4 children
23 rd May	Class 3J Trip to Kimmeridge	Class 3J
24 th May	KS2 Sports Morning	Parents invited to watch
24 th May	Break up for half term holiday 15:15	All Years
27 th May – 31 st May	HALF TERM BREAK – 15:15 close	
	SUMMER TERM 2nd half	
3rd June	INSET DAY 5	All Years
4 th June	Children return to school	All Years
w/c 4 th – 14 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Checks	Year 4
7 th June	Reserve KS2 Sports Day	Years 3 - 6
w/c 10 th -21 st June	Year 1 Phonics	Year 1
11 th June	Reserve KS1 Sports Morning	KS1 Parents/Carers
13 th June	New Intake Information Evening – 18:00	Prospective new F2 Parents/Carers
14 th June	Year 2 Liturgy in school – 9:00	Parents/Carers of children in Year 2
17 th June	Father and Father figures Open Book – 14:30	All Year Groups
21 st June	Catholic Children's Society – non-uniform day	All Year Groups
21 st June	Year 5 Mass in school – 9:00	Parents/Carers of children in Year 5
1 st July	Diocesan Mass for Year 6 Leavers at Church	Year 6
2 nd July	SEND Parent/Carer meetings in school 15:30 -18:00	SEND Parents/Carers
4 th July	SoundStorm Showcase Concert @ Poole Lighthouse - Daytime rehearsal and evening concert	Brass and violin players
5 th July	School summer fair (after school)	All invited
11 th and 12 th July	Whole School Production – "Matilda" 18:30 in the school hall	Parents/Carers
12 th July	Reports will be sent home	All Year Groups
16 th July	Year 6 Graduation – 16:00 at school	Year 6 and their Parent/Carers
19 th July	End of Year Mass at Church 9:00	All Year Groups
23 rd July	Break up for summer holiday - finish at 15:15	All years
	Summer Holiday Break – 15:15 close	

INSET 2024/25 (published subject to change)

INSET 1 - Monday 2nd September 2024

INSET 2 - Friday 25th October 2024

INSET 3 - Monday 4th November 2024

INSET 4 - Monday 24th February 2025

INSET 5 - Monday 2nd June 2025

Announcements

May – the Month of Mary

During October and May, we always have a special devotion to Mary, our mother in Heaven. We also celebrate Mary's birthday on September 8th each year. In October we say the rosary and during May churches traditionally have a May procession. We will have a May day liturgy in school later this month.



We hope one day to make our very own grotto with a statue of Our Lady. If there are any parents who have expertise or the resources to start this project, then please let our office team know.

Matilda

Please note the change of date for our end of year show 'Matilda'. Performances will be 11th and 12th July.

Year 6 Graduation

After last year's Year 6 graduation event, we will invite parents of current Year 6 pupils to their graduation event on 16th July at 16.00 in the school hall.



Reminders

Please remember to bring raincoats into school or a light jacket in case of inclement weather.



Be Safe

It is important that children understand what consent is and that they have a right to refuse something which makes them uncomfortable. It is vital that children start to learn about consent from a young age. The following link could be useful for parents wondering how to have these conversations with their children.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/feelings-behaviour/talking-about-feelings/how-can-i-help-my-child-understand-consent/>

Be Here, be Ready

It is 100% attendance week next week. We are aiming for 100% attendance during May, as we want to give our pupils the very best chance possible in their assessments in May and June. Please do let us know of any barriers in getting children to school, or to school on time and we will work with you to overcome these.

Spotlight

Spotlight on our wonderful Office Team.

We asked our office team who their favorite children's authors are and why: Mrs Hazell, our office manager, manages admissions and attendance. Mrs Hazell has enjoyed all the Harry Potter books with her now grown-up children, so JK Rowling is a particular favourite author. Mrs Hazell is an avid reader!

Mrs Jones, is the friendly face of our school and the first person usually that answers the phones. Mrs Jones liked to read Lauren Child's stories with her children when they were younger. The colourful artwork was particularly enjoyed.

Mrs Morris manages our day-to-day finances, purchasing and managing invoices. Mrs Morris enjoys Enid Blyton books because it brings back fond memories of reading them as a child. The Far Away tree is a magical tale that she enjoys reading with her children.



Mrs Rushton, our school business manager, manages our school budget and oversees the strategic finances of the school. Rold Dhal's The Witches was a favourite of Mrs Rushton's, it is written in such a way that helps to visual the interesting characters.

Mission Moments

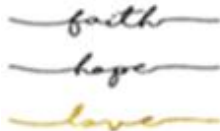


Oskar in year 1 is recognised for his welcoming nature in the mornings and especially when a new child started in his class – a true mission hero. #integrity

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