

Monday 10th June 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Last week we had a poignant liturgy to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D Day in 1944. We paused to remember the soldiers who sacrificed their lives and fought for our democracy and liberty in the Second World War. We are indebted to these young men who gave 'their today' for 'our tomorrow'. It was touching to hear about great grandparents who themselves fought in the Second World War, both for the Allied troops but also for Germany. We are humbled by their bravery and are grateful that we can celebrate the freedom we now take for granted. May their souls rest in peace.



Thank you to all parents and carers who have already completed our Parent Survey. Please can we urge each family to complete the survey once by following the link below. So far, we have only received 18 responses out of 250+ families in the school. We need more responses in order to give a fair representation of the parent views across our school. Staff work long hours in order to ensure we do the very best for your children and we are constantly looking for ways to improve. Listening to your views about what you think is going well or needs improvement is helpful and is an important part of our school self-evaluation process

<https://forms.office.com/e/DrQjBph3pM>

Important Dates

w/c 10th – 21st June	Year 1 Phonics	Year 1
13th June	New Intake Information Evening – 18:00	Prospective new F2 Parents/Carers
14th June	Year 2 Liturgy in school – 9:00	Parents/Carers of children in Yr 2
17th June	Family Celebration and Open Book – 14:30	All Year Groups
21st 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 Yr 5
21 st June	St Aloysius Day, wear yellow, blue, white (suggested £1 donation)	All Years
28 th June	International Storytelling	All Year Groups
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
5 th July	Year F2 Liturgy in school – 9:00	Parents/Carers of children in EYFS
5 th July	Commemorative Tree Planting	All Years
5 th July	Summer Fair 3:30-5:30	All children welcome with accompanied adult

11 th and 12 th July	Whole School Production – “Matilda” 18:30 in the school hall	Parents/Carers
15 th July	Reports will be sent home	All Year Groups
16 th July	Year 6 Graduation 4:30 at school	Year 6 and Year 6 Parents/Carers
17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 6:00-8:30pm	Year 6 pupils
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	

Plymouth CAST is celebrating ten years as a Multi Academy Trust

This summer Plymouth CAST is excited to celebrate ten years since its formation as a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). To recognise this milestone our trust has planned some events which will run trust wide:

Friday 5th July 2024 – Commemorative Tree Planting

Friday 4th October 2024 – Trust Celebration of the Word

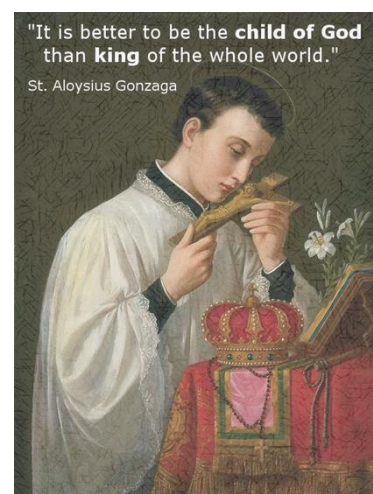
Friday 25th October 2024 – Trust fundraiser for Catholic Children’s Society Plymouth

First Holy Communicants

Congratulations to all of our pupils making their First Holy Communion this month. June 16th, 23rd and 30th.

St Aloysius Day

St Aloysius is the patron saint of Christian Youth and Young Students. He served the sick and cared for those who were poorly. Children are invited to come into school on 21st June wearing yellow, blue and white. Please support Catholic Children’s Society to help us to help local children in need. Suggested £1 donation via scopay.



Family Celebration

We look forward to welcoming you to our family event next Monday. The afternoon is an opportunity for the children to share some learning with a parent, carer or family member and in turn enable them to feel a sense of pride in their work and a sense of gratitude to their grownups at home. Parent / carers will please sign in at your child’s classroom door from 2.30pm on Monday 17th June. Gates will open from 2.20pm. Year 6 parents will enter through the main entrance as normal. We can accommodate a maximum of two persons per family and adults must sign in and out of their youngest child’s classroom. The school bell will ring at 3.00pm to signal that all parents should sign out of the building and wait outside for normal pick up. Thank you for your cooperation. 😊

International Storytelling Afternoon

Our ‘International Storytelling Afternoon’ is at 2.30pm on Friday 28th June. We appeal to parents and carers to let their child’s class teacher know if they can come in and ‘tell’ or read a short story in their mother tongue. We hope to have all languages represented so please do be brave and volunteer. All you will need is a picture book (or tell a story) in your own language and we will encourage any pupils who speak your language to join you in a small safe space in school. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our diverse multicultural community, fostering mutual respect and a regard for traditional stories or tales from all over the world.

Announcements

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for June

The Pope’s intention for June is for those fleeing their own countries. We pray for migrants fleeing from war or famine, we pray that their journeys are safe and that they are welcomed and find new opportunities in the host countries.

Reminders

If you have any empty printer ink cartridges, we would welcome them in our collection box in the school foyer.

Be Here, be Ready

Well done to Miss Emblin's class who achieved 100% attendance last week! Next week we have our final 100% attendance week of this academic year – we are hoping at least one class gaining 100%. Thank you for your ongoing support – especially all those who respected our plea to NOT book holidays during May and June, our assessment months. It is disruptive when children are away for key assessments; where possible we try to rearrange these tests, but children miss out vital learning reviews which help them progress.

Please be aware that from September 2024 any holiday in term time will incur a penalty notice of £80 per child, per parent and any holiday taken for a second period in three years will incur a penalty charge of £160 per child, per parent. If a third holiday is taken during a three year period then the penalty will result in the case proceeding to either Single Justice Procedure (SJP) or prosecution.

Value of the Week

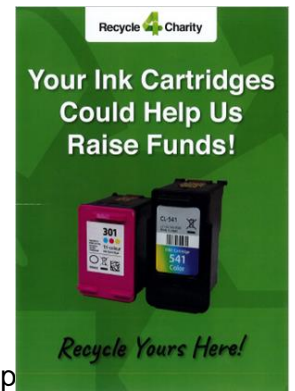
Gospel Value of the week: Courage. We encourage our pupils to use their voice to speak up and make a positive difference. This is what a mission advocate does. We can also make links with the courage of the young soldiers who landed on D Day to fight for our liberty.

British Value of the week: Liberty. In the run up to the general election on 4th July we will continue to focus on democracy alongside the value of liberty. This is especially poignant in the wake of D Day and how lucky we are to have lived the last 80 years with freedom of choice and peace.

Spotlight

Sailing Squad

Well done to our super sailors who have been working towards their Sailing RYA stage 1/2/3 at sailing club this term. Some of these sailors took part in the Dorset School Games Sailing Regatta last week. The day consisted of racing other teams from various schools in the Challenge Fleet and the Gold Fleet. Two of our St Mary's pairs did really well receiving a 2nd and 3rd placement.



Mission Moments



<https://www.rtu.org.uk/>

Well done to the Year 5 pupils who have run a charity shop in school selling homemade bracelets, keychains and squishies. They have raised £167.51 so far for the Reaching the Unreached charity. Thank you to Rosie, May, Olivia and Magdelana for being Mission Heroes and putting the needs of others above their own. **#humilityand compassion**



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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF TRUSTED CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Plymouth CAST operates Catholic schools within the Local Authorities of Cornwall, Plymouth, Devon, Torbay, Dorset, Poole & Bournemouth.