

St Mary's News



Monday 22nd July 2024

Message from the Headteacher

I thank all of our parents, carers and members of our community for your support this year. Your partnership has been crucial in enabling your children to flourish and reach their potential. I am incredibly proud of our pupils and what they have achieved this year; they have been a real credit to you and the school. We congratulate all of our pupils for achieving so well in their statutory assessments this summer, especially our Year 6 pupils.

Our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed a wonderful few weeks of activities to mark the end of their primary school journey including their graduation, Matilda and the leaver's disco. Our very best wishes go to the Year 6 leavers and to the staff leaving this summer. To everyone else, have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September. 😊

Important Dates

AUTUMN TERM 1 st half		
Monday 2nd Sept	INSET DAY 1	All Years
Tuesday 3 rd Sept	Children return to school	Year 1 - 6
Thursday 5 th Sept	YR Children start school half day (Group 1 9:00-11:00 Group 2 13:15-15:15)	Year R
Friday 6 th Sept	YR Children attend half day & lunch 8:35-13:15	Year R
Monday 9 th Sept	Reception children attend school full time	Year R
Thursday 12 th Sept	Whole School Mass at Church	Years 1-6
Friday 13th Sept	INSET DAY 2	All Years
Friday 11 th Oct	Whole School Harvest Mass 9:00 at Church	Years 1-6
23 rd Oct – 27 th Oct	HALF TERM BREAK – 15:15 close	

Announcements

Staffing News

Thank you to Mrs Rushton who is stepping down as Clerk of the Governors after 28 years. Also, thank you to Mrs Timbrell-Smith who is leaving us after 10 years.



We welcome the following staff to our team in September:

Mrs Claves - our new clerk to the governing body.

Mr Haysom – PE coach working Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Mrs Helena Atkinson – class teacher working Thursdays and Fridays in Year 1KA

Thank You

We have had many kind volunteers carry out various activities and help with different events this year. Please can we say a very big thank you to:-

Reading Mentors – Mrs Kirby, Mrs Baily and Miss Bowman

Library Volunteer - Liz Allen

Hub Café for hosting the new intake of parents and carers.

Renowned Catering who donated delicious cakes for the summer fair.

Friends of St Mary's for organising the summer fair and many other activities.



Summer Home Learning

All children need a rest and a chance to recharge this summer, but it is also important that they continue to practise their maths skills and continue to read over the break. We encourage all children to log onto TT Rockstars over the break to keep their times tables sharp and also to try to read as often as possible. Other activities that you could do include baking (particular attention to measuring and weighing ingredients), cutting pizzas, cakes, etc into fractions and working out simple everyday maths problems, writing post cards and keeping a reading journal to record reviews of any books read.



Summer Reading Challenge

Reading with and to your child gives your child the very best chance at future success. Please do read to them and encourage them to read for pleasure over the summer holiday. A wonderful way to encourage reading is to take your child to your local library this summer and sign up to the Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge. Please see more info at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



Graduation Prize Giving

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils who have achieved so much over the past year. A special well done to the following pupils for their prizes:

Father Denis Award - **Samuel Ngadeu**

Sister Ann Joseph Award - **Evana Jerin & Alivia Premjith**

Values Award - **Darcey Bacon**

Music Award - **Ala Kubicka**



Reminders

September Start Dates

The children in Year 1-6 start school on Tuesday 3rd September.

Pupils in Year R (previously called Foundation) start part time that week. Both groups will start fulltime on September 9th. Hot school meals have been ordered for Friday September 6th. Please contact the school office if your child has dietary requirements/would prefer a vegetarian meal on the day. Once your child has been admitted to the school, on September 5th, you will be able to order their meal. Free fruit is provided for all children in Years R-2, free milk is ordered for children up until they are 5 years old.

School Uniform

It is really important that the children return to school ready to learn and prepared for the new school year ahead.

Please work with us to ensure your child has the correct school uniform next term.

School shoes must be black and girls shoes should either be lace up or have a T-bar (no slip-on shoes).

PE uniform includes house t-shirt, navy blue shorts and plain navy track suit bottoms/ top in the winter.

Haircuts should not be extreme, no colours, no shaved patterns or tramlines. Long hair should be tied back in dark or neutral coloured hair bands.

Mobile Phones

Only pupils who walk home or take the bus should bring a mobile phone to school next year. They will need to abide by our mobile phone policy which we will distribute again in September. They should hand their named phone into the school office each morning before registration.

Walkers

Only pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 are allowed to leave the school site unaccompanied and then only after written permission from their parent / carer. All other pupils must be collected at the end of the school day by their designated grown up (16 years+)

Be Safe

Summer Safety Tips

If you have any concerns about the safety of a child over the summer holidays, please be aware that you are able to contact BCP at the following address:

<https://www.fid.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/send-local-offer/categories/social-care/information-advice-and-support/childrens-first-response-mash-bcp-council>

Be Here, be Ready

Please be reminded that school gates open at 8:35 and close at 8:45. Children must be ready to register. A late mark after the register has closed (9:5) means your child will effectively have an unauthorised absence mark for the morning session. Please ensure your child is in school and punctual and ready to learn. Being late causes stress to your child, their peers and they either miss the input for the first lesson or their teacher must repeat it.

Spotlight

Well done to all involved with the wonderful Matilda production – performers, choir, backstage help, staff and volunteer helpers. What a fantastic event.



Mission Moments



Eco Champion

As part of our learning about democracy we held an election this half term for role of Eco Champion, a role that will support the pursuit of the Eco-Award next school year. Congratulations to all Year 5 pupils who put themselves forward, especially Raffie, Martha and Sophia- Maria, our three candidates. They all put forward credible manifestos and presented them to all year groups as they balloted for votes. Our winning candidate is **Martha** – congratulations!

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St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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