

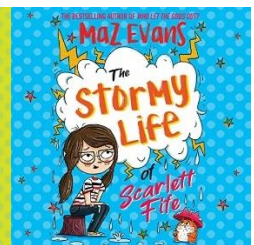
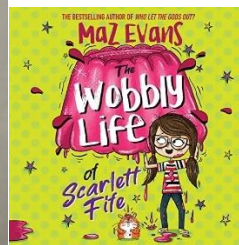
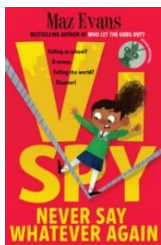
St Mary's News



Monday 18th March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

The children thoroughly enjoyed our reading fortnight, highlights have included the dress up day, shoe box competition, the book fayre and today we enjoyed a visit from Author, Maz Evans.



Quote from Tristan Year 6 "Thank you Maz, I was so inspired by your talk."

Well done to all children who entered the shoe box competition – they were all fantastic entries. A special well done to the winners for your thought-provoking contributions, Archie Yr 3, Emily Yr F2, Grace Yr 6, Ryleigh Yr 5 and Zoe Yr 1. Thank you to Mrs Eddy and Mrs Wrann for organising these events. 😊



This week, not only do we continue our Lenten journey, but we also celebrate the feast days of St Patrick and St Joseph. St Patrick and St Joseph pray for us.

 **an IRISH**
Prayer
May God give you...

*For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
AND A BLESSING IN EACH TRIAL.
FOR EVERY PROBLEM LIFE SENDS,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.*

Important Dates

21 st March	Spring Concert at Church – 18:30 - 20:00	KS2 and parents/carers
21 st March	World Down Syndrome Day	All
22 nd March	Year 3 Liturgy in School – 9:00	Parents/Carers of children in Year 3
25 th March	Phonics Info session for parents/carers	Year 1 parents/carers
28 th March	Maundy Thursday Mass – 9:00 at Church	Year 1 – 6
28 th March	Break up for Easter holidays 15:15 Night Owls open	All Years
1 st April – 12 th April	EASTER BREAK – school closed	

SUMMER TERM 1st half

15 th April	Children return to school	All Years
19 th Apr	Whole School Easter Mass at Church - 8:50	All Years + Parents/Carers
23 rd April	Sensory Breaks workshop for parents with Mrs Watts	All parents
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
21 st May	KS1 Sports Morning	Parents invited to watch
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	

Announcements

RE Newsletter

Please find the fourth addition of St Mary's RE newsletter.

Lenten Parent Prayers

Please come along to our Lenten Parent Prayers for a moment of peace and to pray for our school community. We meet in the hall on Tuesdays at 2.55pm for 15 minutes. We are grateful to Deacon Declan for leading the sessions for us.

Stations of the Cross Liturgy

Our Year 5 Mini Vinnies are leading Stations of the Cross for KS2 pupils at 2pm on Friday 22nd March. There is limited room in the school hall but if any parents would like to attend, please let the office know – we have capacity for approximately 20 parents only.

PTA Easter Fayre

Our new PTA committee are launching their fundraising efforts with a mini Easter Fayre after school on Wednesday 27th March. Please come along and support us.



Sensory Breaks Workshop

Tuesday 23rd April at 2:30 pm - sensory breaks workshop with Mrs Watts (all parents invited) Please come and join me on Tuesday 23rd April at 2:30 pm to look at how sensory breaks can support your child. Sensory breaks are a fantastic way to help your child to feel calm and regulated and the best thing is you can use them any time any where! I will also be sharing some useful websites that you can use to support your child in their learning.

Phonics Screening Information

Pupils in Year 1 will do the statutory phonics screening in June 2024 along with those pupils in Year 2 who have not yet met the standard. The Year 1 team will be hosting a short information session about the screening checks after school on 25th March, 3:30pm in 1K classroom.

Books, books and more books!

With the money raised from the book fayre last year, we raised £700 and were able to buy some amazing new books for our school library. Thank you for supporting the book fayre again this year and we look forward to buying more books which will make their way to the library shelves very soon.



Reminders

Lost Property

We have a number of unnamed lost property items. Lost property will be available outside of Night Owls each day after school for parents to claim, these will then be recycled or donated to charity after two weeks.



Be Safe

Further to our safeguarding item last week, here are some swimming lessons available. Please note that these are not the only lessons available locally.

<https://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/everyone-active-leisure-centre-rossmore/>

<https://individualityswimmingandfitness.co.uk/>

<https://www.thejunctionbroadstone.co.uk/junior-swimming-lessons/>

Be Here, be Ready

Did you know?

- ✓ The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments.
- ✓ Data from 2019 shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage.

Please work with us to ensure your child gets the best experience from their time at St Mary's!

Spotlight



Mr Vince – St Mary's PE Champion

Mr Vince's favourite sport is golf, which he is very good at. He was inspired to by his own school PE teachers when he was in Primary and Secondary school. One of his favourite books is 'You Are Awesome' by Matthew Syed, the author touches on the principles of growth mindset, resilience and adaptability.



Mission Moments

Well done to our **Mission Hero** this week, Aaron-Jay in Year 6, who helped out with the bookfair at lunchtime and after school every day it's been on. He has been polite and helpful with great mental maths skills! **#integrityandcourage**



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