



# St Mary's

## News



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

### Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to those parents who supported our International Storytelling afternoon last Friday. We had a wonderful range of stories in Polish, Ukrainian, Turkish, Malayalam, Nigerian, Spanish, French and Bengali. We hope to do this again next term so do get involved.

Congratulations to all children who made their First Holy Communion this half term. You have all looked spectacular in your First Communion outfits. Each service was very special for the children, their families and our parish. We are grateful to have such a wonderful parish community. (Photos to follow).

Class structures for 2024-2025 are as attached. Miss James will be leaving us and heading for Australia for adventures in the near future. We wish her all the best for her travels. We are proud of how resilient the children have been during their transition and meet their new teacher last week. Mrs Wilson will teach in Year 5 next year alongside Mr Thomas – this will enable her to teach music across the school next year on two days each week.

### Important Dates

2 <sup>nd</sup> July	SEND Parent/Carer meetings in school 15:30 -18:00	SEND Parents/Carers
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year F2 Liturgy in school – 9:00	Parents/Carers of children in EYFS
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Commemorative Tree Planting	All Years
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre 3:30-5:30	All children welcome with accompanied adult
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Production – “Matilda” 18:30 in the school hall	Parents/Carers
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports will be sent home	All Year Groups
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Graduation 4:30 at school	Year 6 and Year 6 Parents/Carers
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 6:00-8:30pm	Year 6 pupils
19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Mass at Church 9:00	All Year Groups
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Break up for summer holiday - finish at 15:15	All years
	<b>Summer Holiday Break – 15:15 close</b>	

	<b>Autumn Term</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	<b>INSET DAY</b>	Staff
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Children Return to School	Years 1-6
5 <sup>th</sup> Sep	F2 Children start school	Year F2

## Staff Training Days 2024-2025

Please note that there is a slight amendment to our training day dates for next year.

- 2nd September 2024
- 13th September 2024 (newly added)
- 4th November 2024
- 24th February 2025
- 2nd June 2025

### Announcements

Miss James is excited to announce that she will be extending her horizons next year as she plans to travel in Australia. We wish her all the best for her travels.



### Reminders



The school summer fair will be taking place this Friday – see more details on the poster attached. We would like to say a big thank you for all PTA members who have helped organise this event, it's going to be great!

Continue to be prepared for the changing weather – hat, suncream, raincoat, plenty of water.

### Be Safe

Many of you will have enjoyed watching the football during the Euros or the Copa America. For most of us watching a game of football is fun, often enjoyed with friends. However, it is unfortunate that when large tournaments are played there is an increase in both domestic violence and alcohol related crimes and hospital admissions. If you are affected by these issues, the following links for the children of alcoholics, adults worried about their own or someone else's drinking and for victims of domestic abuse may be useful.

<https://nacoa.org.uk/>  
<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>  
<https://www.drinkaware.co.uk/advice-and-support/alcohol-support-services/support-lines>

### Be Here, be Ready

#### St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Poole

[Click here to follow link](#)

Current academic year up to Friday 28 June 2024

	Overall attendance % 95.1%	Overall absence % 4.9%	Unauthorised absence % 1.3%
Persistently absent		Severely absent	
Number of persistently absent pupils 53	Percentage of persistently absent pupils 12.2%	Number of severely absent pupils 0	Percentage of severely absent pupils 0.0%

Last 5 days (24 June 2024 to 28 June 2024)

Overall attendance % 95.0%	Overall absence % 5.0%	Unauthorised absence % 1.0%
-------------------------------	---------------------------	--------------------------------

As you can see from the statistics above we are currently just under the Government target for attendance. Next year the new attendance protocols mean that schools and Local Authorities will be looking at 3 years of attendance when making decisions regarding prosecution for holidays in term times and non-attendance. Please consider this when requesting Leave of Absence for your child.

### Spotlight



Well done to year 5 who have been learning about friendship and made some lovely posters.

Anti-Bullying - Helping children to understand that bullying is the opposite to kindness is important – but it is just as important to understand that bullying is persistent unkindness.

### Mission Moments

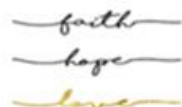
Well done to all the Year 5 children who play football with one of our Year 1 pupils; they are wonderful role models and are helping the younger ones to have successful playtimes. **#kindnessand responsibility**



## St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Clare Tickel

Diocese of Plymouth



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF TRUSTED CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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

# R

Seals & Turtles



Miss Emblin RE<sub>m</sub> and  
Mrs Eddy RE<sub>d</sub>

# Yr 1

Whales & Sharks



Mrs Kernick IK and Mr Brook IB

# Yr 2

Polar Bears & Penguins



Mrs Hemsil 2H  
Mrs Gilchrist & Mrs Remeika 2GR

# Yr 3

Wolverines  
& Poison Dart  
Frogs



Miss Shaw 3S and Miss Howard 3H

# Yr 4

Marine Iguanas &  
Galapagos  
Penguins



Mrs Lovell 4L and Mr Lakatos 4La

# Yr 5

Swift Foxes &  
Spider Monkeys



Mrs Mundy 5M  
Mrs Wilson & Mr Thomas 5WT

# Yr 6

Fin Whales  
& White Rhinos



Miss Lindsay 6L and Mrs Wrann 6W