

St Mary's News



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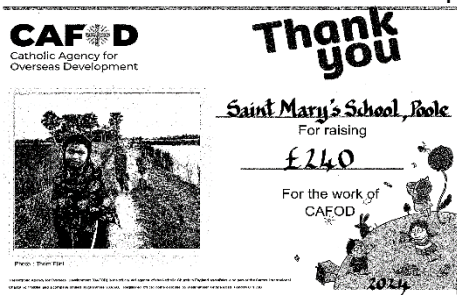
Message from the Headteacher

We are very proud of how well our Reception children who have settled into school. Thank you to all of our new parents – we look forward to a strong partnership with you over the coming years. Welcome also to other new pupils who have started this term in Years 1, 3 and 6. It is wonderful to see our school grow and welcome new community members.

Sunday 8th September was Education Sunday and it was a pleasure to join the St Mary's community at mass on this Sunday morning to talk about how Catholic Education is special and sets us apart from other schools. During the mass I thanked our wonderful parish for all the support they give our school. We continue to ask our parish community for their prayers and where possible for volunteers. We are looking for volunteers to listen to children read, volunteers with gardening skills to help develop our prayer garden, and volunteers to support our library. With government funding challenging schools more and more every year, we rely more on the good will and service of volunteers in our community to help our school with the extra little things.

If you are interested in volunteering in school please contact the office at office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk

Well done to all children who took part in the BCP Libraries summer reading challenge.



Value of the Week

Gospel Value: Kindness

British Value: Rule of Law

Catholic Social Teaching: This half term we are focusing on Care of our Common Home

Important Dates

Whole School Mass

This Thursday morning pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 are celebrating the start of the new School Year. Children should be dropped off at St Mary's Church Hall between 8.30am – 8.45am. Parents are welcome to stay for mass which starts at 9.00am. Pupils in Year R should be dropped off at school as normal.

INSET 1 – 2nd September 2024
INSET 2 – 13th September 2024
INSET 3 - 4th November 2024
INSET 4 – 24th February 2025
INSET 5 - 2nd June 2025

Term dates:

Autumn Half term - Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024
End of Autumn Term – Friday 20 December 2024
Start of Spring Term - Monday 6 January 2025
Spring Half Term - Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025
Easter Holidays - Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April 2025
Start of Summer Term - Tuesday 22 April 2025
Summer Half Term - Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025
End of Summer Term - Tuesday 22 July 2025

New Year Mass – Thursday 12th September 2024
Meet the Teacher – Thursday 12th September 2024
Phonics Workshop – Thursday 26th September 2024
Cafod Family Fast Day/Feast of St Francis of Assisi – Friday 4th October 2024 - Wear something yellow/CAFOD monetary donation
Open Book – Grandparents Day – Monday 7th October 2024
Maths Workshop – Wednesday 9th October 2024 14:30
Harvest Mass – Friday 11th October 2024
Open Evening – Thursday 17th October 2024
Parent/Teacher Consultations - 22nd and 24th October 2024
Open Tour of the School for prospective parents – Wednesday 23rd October 2024 – 9:00, Thursday 24th October – 11:00, Wednesday 6th November 14:00, Wednesday 20th November 9:15, Tuesday 26th November 13:15
Reading Workshop – Wednesday 13th November 14:30
Year 1 Nativity – Tuesday 10th December 9:00
Year 2 Nativity – Tuesday 10th December 14:00
Year R Nativity – Thursday 12th December 14:00
Carols Around the Tree – Friday 13th December 15:00
KS2 Carol Service – Thursday 19th December 9:00
Whole School Mass – Year 1-6 at Church Friday 10th January 2025 9:00
Books at Bedtime – Wednesday 26th February 2025 16:00
Book Week – week commencing March 3rd 2025
Parent/Carer Information sessions – Monday 10th March -Times Table Checks 15:30/Y6 SATS 18:00
CAFOD Family Fast Day - Thursday 13th March 2025
Parent/Carer Information session – Monday 17th March 2025 Phonics Screening – Year 1 15:30
World Down Syndrome Day – Friday 21st March 2025 Fundraiser
Parent/Teacher Consultations – Tuesday 25th (15:30) and Thursday 27th March 2025 (15:30)
Whole School Mass – All Year Groups at Church Friday 25th April 2025 - 9:00
St George’s Day – Monday 28th April – Wear something red
KS2 SATS Year 6 – Monday 12th May 2025 all week, **please DO NOT book holidays this week and the lead up to this period**
Mary Liturgy and May procession – Friday May 16th 14:00
KS1 and Reception Sports morning – Thursday 22nd May 2025
KS2 Sports morning – Friday 23rd May 2025
Year 4 Times Table Checks – June 2nd 2025 all week, **please DO NOT book holidays this week and next**
Whole school Pentecost Mass at Church – Monday June 9th 2025 (all years)
Open Event – Fathers – Friday 13th June 2025 14:00
September 2025 Intake Information Evening – Thursday 19th June 2025 18:00
International Story Telling – Friday 27th June 2025 14:00
Year 6 Graduation – Wednesday 16th July 2025 18:00
Leaver’s Mass – Friday 18th July 2025 9:00 (all years)

Announcements

Job Vacancies

We are looking for lunch time support staff to join our happy team. Hours of work would be 12:00-13:00 or 12:00-13:15 daily (term time only). Please contact the school office if you would like to apply.

Foundation

From this September our early years foundation class, formally known as 'Foundation' will be called Year R (Reception). This moves us in line with the majority of schools nationally.

Hot Meals

If families want to see what's for lunch each day, our wonderful caterers will post a picture on their Instagram! Renowned Catering



Thank you to the parents who alerted us to this great fundraising scheme for the school. If you shop at Asda (good prices!) then please consider nominating St Mary's. By customers using the Asda Rewards app from 2nd September until 30th November, Asda will be donating 0.5% of customer total spends to their chosen local primary school. This does not affect the Customers cashpot but is an additional donation by Asda to support local communities. Once opted in and a school selected, Asda will add £1 to the chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started. Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app. Thank you for your support.



'Festival of the month' in the newsletter each month. We will be choosing a festival from around the world to celebrate our multinational/lingual community.

Although it was technically end of August - beginning of September, this month we have chosen Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala India which is celebrated by many of our families.

Request for cushion inserts and Baskets

Our main library has moved and we are looking for cushions to put inside our new cushion covers for the reading area. We are also looking for good condition basket ware for our early years and KS1 classrooms. Please donate if you have any spare.

Reminders

PE Uniform

This first week back at school we have seen a variety of PE uniform including logo tops and bottoms in a variety of colours.

Please can we remind all families of our school uniform policy: (attached)

Please see information attached from BCP Council re. claiming Tax-Free Childcare to help with costs child care costs. These can be used for St Mary's Early Birds breakfast club and our Night Owls after school club.

Be Here, be Ready

Thank you to everyone for making such a great effort to get your children to school before registration. Remember the gates open at 8.35am to give pupils time to settle in class and do some basic skills activities before lessons begin at 9am.

We are promoting healthy lifestyles as part of our season of creation and urge parents to park further away and walk to school, rather than driving up Devon Road. Traffic on Devon Road can be hazardous to pedestrians so please leave plenty of time to get to school to avoid the rush.

Please note roadworks will soon commence along Ringwood road.

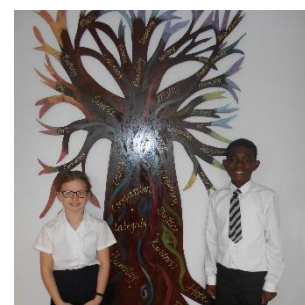
Spotlight

Welcome to Mr Oli Haysom our sports coach who delivers specialist PE and games coaching to pupils in both KS1 and KS2 once a fortnight. Mr Haysom is an experienced coach and over the course of the year will be coaching the children in a wide range of sports including football, tag rugby handball, netball, athletics, tennis and cricket. Mr Haysom is also running two weekly multi sports clubs on Tuesdays (KS1) and Wednesdays (KS2).



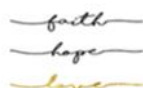
Mission Moments

Thank you to Sinead and Nathan who are our mission heroes this week. Both pupils helped staff with our new Year R pupils last Friday lunchtime. Thank you both for being so generous with your time. **#kindnessandservice**



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Diocese of Plymouth



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