

Weekly Newsletter

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And when Jesus was baptised, immediately He went up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened to Him and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from Heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:16-17

Dear Parents and Carers

We started the week by joining together for Celebration of the Word to reflect upon Jesus' baptism. We thought about our own baptisms and the invitation to be part of God's family. We considered how we can follow in Jesus' footsteps, how we can put God's mission into action by following the Gospel Values.



Sporting Success

We have two wonderful sporting results to share with you this week.

On Tuesday evening some of our Year 5 and 6 competed in a basketball competition at Congleton High School. The team played with excellent skills, determination, passion and most importantly exceptional sportsmanship. The games were fierce but Saint Mary's talent shone through! The team came 3rd in the competition, narrowly missing out on a spot to compete in the finals, however they are all superstars in our eyes and we couldn't be prouder!

On Wednesday Mrs Aidley took an athletics team to Eaton Bank and again this team demonstrated skill and excellent sportsmanship in both track and field events. We are delighted to announce the children won the competition! To say we are all delighted is an understatement and their faces of pure joy as they returned to school was wonderful to see.

Well done to everyone who competed this week!



Year 6 SATS

Mr Billings held a meeting on Monday evening to share important information regarding the upcoming SATS for Year 6.

As we move closer to SATs, regular attendance and active engagement in class becomes more important than ever. Every school day builds on the last, helping children develop the confidence, skills and understanding they need to feel prepared.

Being in school means children can take part in lessons, ask questions, practise key skills and receive support from their teachers. When pupils attend well and stay engaged, they give themselves the best possible chance to do their best and feel proud of what they achieve.

The SATS will be held between Monday 11th May and Thursday 14th May.

Would you like to volunteer as a Children's Liturgy helper?

Do you feel you would like to help support young children on their faith journey? Our Children's Liturgy group are seeking helpers to join just once a month guiding the children in fun activities and Liturgy / discussions at Sunday Mass 10:30am St Mary's Parish Centre. If you would like to join our informal group, please give your details to the school office.

Attendance

Nursery	77.69%	Year 4	94.35%
Reception	93.5%	Year 5	94.5%
Year 1	87.5%	Year 6	98.46%
Year 2	95.93%	Whole School	95.8%
Year 3	90%		



Dojo winners

Year 4



Recording Devices

We would like to remind parents that for safeguarding reasons, the use of recording devices, including mobile phones and smart glasses, is strictly prohibited on school grounds.

  
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Nursery	Ella	For settling into Nursery really well
	Roman	For keeping his friends safe by making signs for Nursery
Reception	Spencer	For his excellent effort in Phonics
	Arthur	For always showing respect
Year 1	Eva	For working hard in all lessons
	Dolly-Mae	For excellent contributions in RE
Year 2	Joe	For amazing English improvement
	Oliver	For kindness to his friends
Year 3	Zac	For working hard in Maths and English this week
	Ben	For being a great friend to others
Year 4	Bella	For excellent athletic skills in PE
	George	For showing solidarity on the playground
Year 5	Kate	For excellent presentation, contributions and understanding in Maths
	Teddy	For having lovely manners
Year 6	Jaxon	For amazing participation in English
	Leo R	For a calm, positive attitude

Talking point

Ask your child: What is one thing you learned this week that you didn't know before?

Learning doesn't just happen in books — it happens through friendships, problem-solving, play and trying new things. When children talk about what they've learned, it helps them make sense of their experiences and feel proud of their progress.

You can follow up with: How did you learn that? Why do you think it is important? Can you show me?

These small conversations help build confidence, curiosity and a positive attitude toward learning — and they let children know that what they do at school really matters at home too.



Dates

Monday 19th—Y4 swimming

Tuesday 20th—Y5/6 Cross Country at EBA

Wednesday 21st—Y4 Love Music Trust Strings session

Thursday 22nd—Y3 Forest School

Friday 23rd—Y5 Love Music Trust Brass session

Monday 26th—Y4 swimming

Tuesday 27th—Y3/4 Cross Country at EBA

Wednesday 28th—Y5/6 Basketball at AHCC and

Y4 Love Music Trust Strings session

Thursday 5th Feb—Young Voices Concert

Wednesday 18th March—Virtual Parent meetings

Stay and Play

We warmly invite all Nursery and Reception parents to 'Stay and Play' with us on Friday 30th January.

This is a wonderful opportunity to experience your child's class setting with them. Come and explore our outdoor area, read a book, get creative or build with your child.

We know you will thoroughly enjoy it!



Nursery

We have Nursery places available—children are able to start Nursery the term after they are 3. If you are interested in registering a place for your child please call in to the office.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for loving us and welcoming us into your family.
Help us, through the power of the Holy Spirit to welcome all people with love.
Amen

