

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 25th April 2025

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

John 11:25

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This week, our school family has reflected deeply on the life and passing of Pope Francis, a humble servant of God whose compassion and commitment to peace, justice, and care for the poor inspired millions. We have prayed together in class and through the liturgy of the word, giving thanks for his leadership and example of faith in action.

As a community, we have taken time to talk with the children about Pope Francis' message of love, forgiveness, and stewardship, and how we can honour his legacy through our actions, no matter how small.

We invite you to join us in this short prayer:

"Loving God, we thank you for the life and service of Pope Francis. May his example inspire us to live with kindness, humility and faith. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen."



★ Stars of the Week ★

Well done to all of our Stars this week for putting so much effort into their work!

Nursery	Eila	For being an excellent role model to her friends and always impressing Mrs Burrow.
Reception	Kiano	For his enthusiasm for learning Spanish on Spanish Day.
Year 1	Violet	For working hard in her maths lessons.
Year 2	Hugo	For amazing effort in maths!
Year 3	Zuzanna	For amazing effort all week and showing great determination.
Year 4	Eric	For his contribution and hard work in all lessons.
Year 5	Blake	For demonstrating stamina in distance running.
Year 6	Elizabeth	For great effort and enthusiasm for Spanish Language Day



¡Hola! National Spanish Language Day

On Wednesday, April 23rd, our whole school took part in National Spanish Language Day – and what a fantastic day it was! The celebration followed our recent PLN staff meeting on Spanish, and it gave us the perfect opportunity to bring our learning to life across the school.

As part of our journey toward achieving an Emerging Award in Spanish with the support of the PLN, we embraced Spanish throughout the day in all year groups and subjects.

The day ended with a brilliant celebration assembly at 2:30pm, where each year group proudly shared something they had learned – a wonderful showcase of Spanish learning across our school community.

Here's a glimpse of how Spanish was woven into our learning:

During story time, pupils enjoyed Spanish versions of familiar books like *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

In handwriting sessions, children practiced Spanish greetings.

PE lessons included traditional Spanish playground games.

In English, pupils explored Spanish culture through various writing styles.

In history, children learned about the origins of Spanish Language Day.

A highlight of the day was when our KS2 pupils visited EYFS and KS1 to teach them something they had learned in Spanish – such as colours or numbers. It was a heartwarming example of collaboration and peer learning.

Thank you to everyone for making the day such a success – muchas gracias for your enthusiasm and support!



ClassDojo

Dojo winners of the week - Year 4!

PTA

We would like parents to join the PTA as previous members' children are leaving school this time. Please contact the office (admin@saintmaryscongleton.co.uk) and they will pass your details on. A PTA meeting will be arranged next week.

Farewell and Best Wishes to Mrs Tomlins

We would like to let you know that Mrs Tomlins has made the decision to step down from her role at Saint Mary's and will not be returning this term.

Mrs Tomlins has been a valued member of our team for several years and she will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils. She has made a lasting impact on the lives of so many children during her time with us and we're incredibly grateful for her dedication and care.

We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

We will keep you updated as soon as we have more news to share.

Key Dates

Book Fair continues Monday to Wednesday next week (3:15pm-3:45pm)

EYFS/Reception Forest School – Friday 2nd May



Parent Lunches

Reminder of dates for school lunches :

Y5 - Monday 28th April

Y4 - Wednesday 30th April

Y3 - Friday 2nd May

Y2 - Wednesday 7th May

Y1 - Friday 9th May

Reception and Nursery - Friday 16th May (change of date due to SATs)

Friday ice lollies

We are offering lollies at breaktime every Friday - starting next Friday 2nd May. The cost up to 18th July is £7.50 (75p per day) Please pay for this under school shop.

Y4 Swimming - Monday 28th April

Y2 Formby Beach trip – Wednesday 30th April

Thank you as always for your continuous support and communication with the school. Please do contact the school if you would like to discuss anything concerning your child's education and/or welfare.

Wishing you peace this weekend,

Mr G Merrick
Deputy Headteacher