

Weekly Newsletter

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Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:29

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term! I am not sure how we have arrived here so quickly! We started the week by reflecting on this week's Gospel, hearing how Jesus invites us to trust in Him and receive His blessings, encouraging us to use the eyes of faith to believe. It was a thoughtful reminder for the children as we begin a new term together.

As we look towards the Summer term, there is a lot to look forward to. We are excited about the many opportunities ahead and look forward to sharing the accomplishments and achievements of the children over the coming weeks. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Easter Mass

On Wednesday, our school community came together to celebrate a beautiful Easter Mass led by Father Francis. It was a very special occasion, giving us time to reflect on the joy, hope and new life that Easter brings. Father Francis shared an inspiring message, reminding us of the importance of kindness, love and faith in our daily lives.

The children were respectful and reverent throughout the service, joining in thoughtfully with the prayers and hymns. A special thank you goes to our talented Year 4 violinists, whose wonderful music added to the atmosphere of the celebration and helped make the Mass even more memorable.

It was a lovely way for us all to gather together and celebrate Easter as a school family.

Year 3 Dewa Trip

Year 3 had a fantastic time on their trip to Chester, where they took part in the exciting DEWA Roman Experience. The children travelled back in time to discover what life was like for the Romans in the ancient city of Deva. They enjoyed dressing as Roman soldiers, learning how to march and exploring Roman artefacts.

Everyone was enthusiastic and eager to join in with the hands-on activities. It was a wonderful day full of learning, laughter and memorable experiences.



The Big Clothes Movement

We were very pleased to host The Big Clothes Movement event on Wednesday. The event was a huge success and we are looking forward to supporting this event again in the future.

A big thank you to The Big Clothes Movement who kindly donated £50 to our PTA, we really appreciate their generosity.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to the children who have joined Nursery this term, we are very excited that they have joined our wonderful school community.

Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Abraham	For making excellent progress in phonics and reading
	Arlo	For always showing kindness to others
Reception	Lily	For excellent effort in her writing
	Bode	For great contribution to class discussions
Year 1	Dolly Mae	For showing amazing creativity during art day
	William	For wonderful participation in RE lessons
Year 2	Logan	For excellent effort with concentrating skills when writing
	Oliver	For applying phonics when reading new words - fantastic!
Year 3	Arianna	For fantastic attitude towards her learning especially during our science investigation
	Tommy	For always showing respect and kindness to others
Year 4	Reggie	For showing great dedication and enthusiasm while completing the Easter reading challenge
	Harriet	For showing kindness to everyone
Year 5	Blake	For good teamwork and participation in football
	Timothy	For his kindness and charity work
Year 6	Charlotte	For great effort with booster sessions
	Blake	For a great attitude

Dojo

winners

Reception



ClassDojo

World Art Day

To celebrate World Art Day on Wednesday, Miss Lankester organised a wonderful day for everyone! Each class got to explore and complete different art work. Following on from this all the artwork was taken to the hall so that each class could have the opportunity to see all the wonderful pieces that had been created across the school.

We loved showing parents and carers all of the children's work at the end of the day too!



Attendance

We strive for excellent attendance at Saint Mary's.

If your child is unwell and they are need to rest and recover at home we completely understand, but the table below shows the impact of a lower attendance.

Children will miss valuable learning time and typically will not as much progress as their peers who are in school every day.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	1.4 Weeks	45 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	3.4 Weeks	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	5.4 Weeks	145 Lessons
80%	36 Days	72 Sessions	7.1 Weeks	180 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	9.3 Weeks	240 Lessons

Attendance

Nursery 95.6%

Reception 97.03%

Year 1 98%

Year 2 95.77%

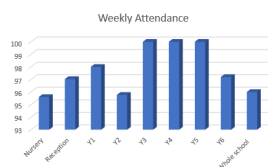
Year 3 100%

Year 4 100%

Year 5 100%

Year 6 97.2%

Whole School 96%



Save the Date

This year Sports Day will be held on Friday 10th July—More details to follow!



Working with Monsignor Mba Nursery and Primary School

Father Francis recently visited Monsignor Mba Nursery and Primary School in Nigeria, where he once attended as a child. It was a wonderful opportunity for him to return to his old primary school and spend time with the children and staff there. During his visit, he shared resources such as books and other stationery that had kindly been donated by our school and parish community.

The children were delighted and very excited to receive these gifts, which will help to support their learning. They were also thrilled to hear all about the children at Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School and to learn more about our school community. Thank you to everyone who generously donated and helped make this special visit possible.

Over the coming days, we will be talking with the children in school about the similarities and differences between our schools and helping them to recognise how fortunate we are to have so many wonderful resources and opportunities. We would be grateful if you could also discuss this with your child at home, thinking about everyone's right to an education and the importance of having the things they need to learn and succeed.



Dates for the Diary

Tues 21st—Thurs 23rd—Y4 Residential
Tues 21st—Y1 trip to Congleton Park
Wed 22nd—Netball at All Hallows
Thurs 23rd—Y1 Forest School
Fri 24th—Book Fair opens 3.15pm
Mon 27th—Wed 29th—Book Fair after school
Tues 28th—Y5/6 Football Vale tournament
Wed 29th—Y5 Bikeability
Wed 29th—Y1/2 Athletics EBA
Thurs 30th—Y5 Bikeability
Thurs 30th—Reception/Nursery Forest School
Mon 4th May —Bank holiday, school closed
Tues 5th May—Y4 Bikeability
Tues 5th May—Y3/4 Football Vale tournament
Wed 6th May—Y3/4 Football AHCC
Thurs 7th May—Y5 Forest School
Fri 8th May—Y2 sleepover
Mon 11th May—SATs begin
Wed 13th May —Reception & Y6 Class photos
Wed 20th—Fri 22nd May —Y5 Residential

Prayer

Loving God,

We thank You for the joy of Easter and the hope of new life in Christ. As we celebrate this Eastertide, help us to live as people of peace, kindness and love.

Fill our hearts with joy like the disciples who met the risen Jesus and open our eyes to see You in the world around us.

Bless our families, our school and our community.
Guide us to share generously, care deeply for others
and grow in faith each day.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

