

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th May 2026

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"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

John 14:6

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week has certainly whizzed by with it being a 4 day week! Despite it being a shorter week there has been lots of wonderful things taking place. Year 6 have been completing their final preparations for their SATS assessments next week. All children in school have worked incredibly hard and shown wonderful enthusiasm in all areas of school life.

In our classrooms, we have enjoyed exciting learning opportunities, creative activities, and thoughtful discussions, with the children demonstrating kindness, perseverance and a positive attitude throughout. Well done to everybody!



Year 6 SATS assessments

We are incredibly proud of all the children as they prepare for their SATs next week. They have worked extremely hard throughout the year and have shown great determination, resilience and maturity in their learning. Their positive attitude and commitment have been wonderful to see and we know they will all do their very best.

As we move into the final few days before the tests, we would like to remind families of the importance of plenty of rest and sleep each night to help the children feel calm, focused and ready for each day. Nutritious meals and a healthy breakfast are also so important in helping children maintain their energy and concentration. In support of this, we will be offering the children toast as they come into school on the morning of each of their assessments next week.

To celebrate all of their hard work and effort, the children are invited to bring money in school for a visit to McDonald's on Thursday lunchtime. We hope this will be a lovely opportunity for them to relax together and celebrate the fantastic attitude they have shown throughout the week.

Most importantly, we want the children to know how proud we already are of them. SATs are just one small part of their journey and we encourage them to approach next week with confidence and positivity. Thank you to all our families for your continued support and encouragement at home.

So, Year 6, the time has finally come,

The dreaded SATs are here,

But this is what you've worked for,

Since you moved up into this year.

These tests will tell us what you've learned,

And what you can recall,

But there's a million things,

The SATs won't tell us at all.

They won't tell us how you dance,

Or draw, or sing, or run,

Or tell us just how great you are,

At any other things you've done.

The SATs don't measure super-ness,

Or how kind or brave you are,

They're just a way of helping to see,

All you've learned so far.

So, all we ask of each of you,

Is to try the best you can,

But no matter the score you'll get,

We'll always be your fan!

You've worked your socks off this year through,

And now the time has come

By this time next week, you can say,

Phew, the SATs are done.

So, rest up, eat lots and get some sleep,

So, you're ready and raring to go,

To show those SATs test who's the boss,

And show them what you know!

But remember that when they're over,

It doesn't matter how you've done,

Because you are wonderful, brilliant and fab,

And you'll be amazing in your lives to come!

Believe in yourself. You are all amazing!

Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Olivia	For settling into Nursery so well!
	Cameron	For being kind to others
Reception	Eila	For excellent determination when completing tasks
	Frank	For excellent effort in phonics
Year 1	Griffin	For a wonderful attitude towards learning
	Kiano	For being a kind friend
Year 2	Oliver	For trying really hard with all his work
	Daniel	For always setting an example in class
Year 3	Hugo	For fantastic attitude towards all of his learning this week
	Jaymin	For showing respect to others
Year 4	Tyler	For a great attitude when representing school during our football tournament
	Zara	For working well with her friends during our music lesson
Year 5	Timothy	For super enthusiasm and effort on our Geography field trip
	Lucy	For looking after our sunflowers very well
Year 6	Harvey	For wonderful participation in PE lessons
	Matilda	For showing responsibility and maturity

Dojo winners

Year 3



National Bee Day

To celebrate National Bee Day on 16th May, the Year 5 children joined Mrs Pinto at Congleton Park on Tuesday to discover the fascinating world of bees and learn why they are so important to our environment.

During the visit, they took part in engaging outdoor activities, explored how bees help pollinate plants and gained a better understanding of how we can protect these vital insects in our local area.



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	92.68%	Year 3	92.13%
Reception	96.32%	Year 4	100%
Year 1	99.38%	Year 5	95.12%
Year 2	96.63%	Year 6	100%



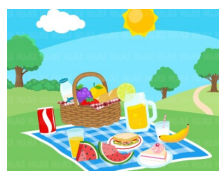
Whole School
96.1%

Picnic Lunch

Come and join us for our Whole School picnic lunch next Friday 15th May. We are looking forward to being together for a lovely event and have ordered the sunshine! Parents are asked to arrive for a 12pm start.

Children can either bring a packed lunch or order one from school. There will only be a sandwich option that day : Ham, Cheese or Tuna.

Mr. Beesley from All Hallow's Catholic College will also be joining us and doing an informal presentation for parents at 11:15am in the school hall.



This is primarily aimed at Year 4 and 5 parents and carers, but parents and carers from other Year groups are welcome to attend.



All Hallows
Catholic College
Macclesfield



May Procession

We are really looking forward to our May Procession on Wednesday 20th May at 9am to celebrate Our Lady, Mary. Parents are invited to join this assembly.

We invite all children to bring a posy of flowers with them on this day. Children taking part in their First Holy Communion will be able to wear their communion clothes.



Year 3 and 4 Football

Well done to all the Year 3 and 4 pupils that took part in the football tournament at All Hallows on Wednesday—we are very proud of you



National Numeracy Day

National Numeracy Day takes place on 20th May, but as Y5 will be away on residential, we will be celebrating a day early on 19th May with a special Times Table Rock Stars Day!

A secure knowledge of times tables is such an important part of children's mathematical development, helping them to build confidence, improve fluency and support their learning across many areas of maths.

We are looking forward to spending the day celebrating the importance of numeracy in a fun and engaging way.

Children are encouraged to come dressed as a rockstar for the day and can look forward to exciting activities, fun games, challenges and lots of prizes to be won.

We can't wait to see everyone's fantastic outfits and enthusiasm as we rock our way through the day!



Dates for the Diary

Mon 11th —SATS begin
 Wed 13th —Reception & Y6 Class photos
 Thurs 14th —Y6 Forest School and Nursery & Reception Church trip
 Fri 15th — Non Uniform day, whole school picnic from 12pm and Y4/5 presentation by AHCC & school disco until 4.30pm
 Mon 18th —Parent Book Look after school
 Tues 19th —Nursery - Reception Stay & Play and Rock Stars Day
 Wed 20th—May Procession 9am, Y5/6 mixed cricket
 Wed 20th—Fri 22nd—Y5 Alton Castle Residential
 Thurs 21st—Y4 Forest school
 Fri 22nd—Finish for Half Term
 Mon 1st June—INSET day
 Tuesday 2nd June—Back to School
 Wed 3rd—Fri 5th—Y6 Min-Y-Don Residential
 Thurs 4th—Y3 Forest School

Dear God

As we look ahead to next week's Year 6 SATs, we hold our pupils in our thoughts and prayers. May they feel calm, confident and well-prepared as they approach each test, remembering all they have learned and achieved throughout their time at primary school.

We ask for peace of mind for every child, that they may approach each day with focus and self-belief and not be overwhelmed by worry or pressure. May they feel supported by the encouragement of their teachers, families and friends.

We also give thanks for the dedication and hard work of all our Year 6 pupils and staff who have guided them on their learning journey.

May this week be a positive experience that reflects their effort, resilience and determination.

Amen.

