

Weekly Newsletter

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At that time: Jesus lifted up His eyes to Heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given Him."

John 17:1-2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of the half term, it seems to have flown by! I hope you all manage to have some time to rest and spend time with your loved ones over the holiday. The children have worked incredibly hard and will need the rest so they are ready for our final half term of the academic year. We have much to look forward to when we return on Tuesday 2nd June and we can't wait to share all of our exciting news with you. Thank you to our school community for your continued support.



TTRS Day

What an amazing day we had taking part in TTRS Day! The children and staff looked absolutely fantastic in their rockstar outfits and really embraced the fun spirit of the day. From inflatable guitars to dazzling costumes, everyone made a huge effort and helped create an exciting atmosphere throughout the school.

During the day, the children took part in a variety of fun times tables activities and games, showing excellent enthusiasm, teamwork and impressive mathematical skills. It was wonderful to see so many children challenging themselves, encouraging one another and enjoying maths in such an energetic way.

We also held special competitions throughout the day, including prizes for the best dressed rockstars and for the quickest times tables champions.

Congratulations to all of our winners, who showed both creativity and incredible multiplication speed!



May Procession

This week, we gathered together for our beautiful May Procession to honour Mary. The children took part reverently and proudly, bringing with them posies of flowers which were presented during the celebration. The procession was a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together in prayer and reflection during this special month of May.

We were also delighted to celebrate the children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. They looked wonderful and we are incredibly proud of them as they continue their faith journey. It was a joy for the whole school community to recognise and celebrate this important milestone together. A particularly thoughtful part of the day was when our Year 6 children delivered flowers to residents on Belgrave Avenue. This kind gesture brought many smiles and was a wonderful way for the children to share kindness and spread joy within our local community.



Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Toby	For settling in really well to Nursery!
	Thomas	For always being a kind friend
Reception	George	For great rolls in gymnastics
	Arthur	For having great manners
Year 1	Ethan	For amazing work counting forwards and backwards
	Hannah	For great teamwork making a sculpture in Art
Year 2	Sebastian	For trying really hard with his independent work
	Siyan	For setting an excellent example at his new table
Year 3	Tommy	For being amazingly kind, polite and helpful
	Kiera	For showing reverence during prayers
Year 4	George	For a great effort during our Maths activities on TTRS day!
	Jaiden	For showing compassion towards others
Year 5	Teddy	For showing care and compassion to others. He let others go first on multiple occasions
	Kate	For great effort in all tasks on the residential
Year 6	Mia	For great progress in gymnastics
	Max	For a polite attitude representing St Mary's when handing out flowers to the neighbourhood

Dojo winners

Year 5



May Half-Term at Congleton Library

Tuesday 26th May:
Stories and Songs
10.30am
Free and drop-in.

Badgemaking:
11am-5pm per badge
Drop-in- no booking required.

Wednesday 27th May:
Lego Stop Motion Movies
10.30-11.30am
1pm-2pm

Thursday 28th May:
Lego Spike Racers
10.15-11.15am
2pm-3pm

Lego Stop Motion and Lego Spike-please book on (01260)375550.

Tennis Time
★ Fun Drills for Junior Champions! ★

FRIDAYS
4:00 - 5:30 PM

CONGLETON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CONTACT RAY 07711 510771

All Hallows Catholic College
Year 4/5 Open Events 2026

Open Mornings: Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th June
9.30 am

'Aspire not to have more but to be more'
Saint Oscar Romero

Water Bottles

Please remember to bring
NAMED water bottles in
to school during this hot
weather



Our Lady Help of Christians
Catholic Academy Trust

Understanding Attendance

The School Day Consists of 2 Sessions
AM - Morning PM - Afternoon

Arriving after the AM register means you will miss your morning mark!

Why Do Sessions Matter?

Attendance is not counted by hours, but by sessions

Attendance is based on sessions, just one day off school is 2 missed sessions!

For further information, contact Natalie McNulty - Education Welfare Officer of DEL
E-Mail: N.McNulty@allhows.org.uk Tel: 01782 447273

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	80.77%	Year 3	90.74%
Reception	97.62%	Year 4	91.67%
Year 1	85%	Year 5	95%
Year 2	96.16%	Year 6	88%



Whole School
96.1%

Year 6 Cricket

Some of our Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic day at Congleton Cricket Club on Wednesday. The team showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout, with excellent batting, fielding and catching on display. After a strong group-stage performance, they narrowly missed out on the finals, finishing second in their group — a fantastic achievement.

Most importantly, every child represented the school brilliantly with their attitude, effort and encouragement towards one another. Well done, Year 6!



Stay and Play

Thank you to all the parents and carers of Nursery and Reception children who joined us for our Stay and Play session on Tuesday. We hope you had a lovely time with us and can't wait to invite you in to school again soon.



Year 5 Residential to Alton Castle

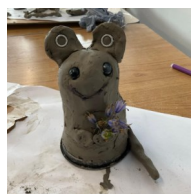
Our Year 5 children had an amazing time on their residential visit to Alton Castle, taking part in a range of exciting outdoor activities. Throughout the trip, the children showed fantastic teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm while trying survival skills, low ropes, trekking, biking and archery.

They challenged themselves, supported one another and represented the school brilliantly at all times. The residential was a wonderful opportunity for the children to build confidence, develop new skills and create lasting memories with their friends. A huge thank you to Mr Merrick, Miss Small and Miss White for giving up their time and helping to make the trip possible.



Outdoor Classroom Day

Thursday, we proudly took part in Outdoor Classroom Day. Classes embraced the great outdoors as a place for learning, something we regularly enjoy at Saint Mary's. From active investigations to creative activities, pupils benefited from fresh air, teamwork and hands-on experiences that brought learning to life.



Multiplication Tables Check

After the half-term break, Year 4 pupils will be taking part in the Multiplication Tables Check. This is a short national assessment designed to assess children's fluency in recalling times tables facts up to 12×12 .

Any extra practice at home over the break would be extremely valuable in helping children build confidence and improve their speed and accuracy.

Regular quick-fire practice of times tables and division facts can make a big difference. Thank you for your continued support.

Walk to School Week

This week has been 'Walk to School Week' and it has been wonderful to see that some families have been making the effort to walk, scoot or bike to school. Tesco allow families to park on their car park for drop off and pick up to help reduce the parking difficulties outside school. It would be very useful if more families utilised this kind offer as there have been several bumps outside school over recent weeks—we are concerned that someone will get seriously hurt.

Please park a little further away and walk to or from home if you are able to, as this will significantly ease congestion.



Dates for the Diary

Mon 1st June—INSET DAY
Tues 2nd —Back to School
Wed 3rd—Fri 5th Y6 Min-Y-Don Residential
Thurs 4th—Y3 Forest School
Mon 8th—NSPCC Workshop with Y2/Y5/Y6
Wed 10th—Y5/6 Cricket at AHCC
Thurs 11th—Y2 Forest School
Wed 17th—New Reception parents and children stay and play
Thurs 18th—Y1 Forest school
Tues 23rd—New Reception starter taster session
Wed 24th—Y5/6 Athletics at AHCC
Fri 26th—INSET DAY
Wed 1st —Fri 3rd July—Y6 Liverpool Hope Residential
Wed 1st July—Congleton Town Sports
Thurs 2nd—Y5 Forest School
Fri 3rd—School Summer Fair
Tues 7th—New Reception Parents tour

Parent Questionnaire

Please complete our parent questionnaire by 29th May so that we can hear your views—thank you!

[Parent Survey Summer Term 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we come to the end of this half term, we thank You for all the blessings You have given our school family. Thank You for the opportunities to learn, to grow in friendship and to share kindness with one another each day.

We are grateful for our teachers, staff, parents and carers who guide and support us with love and patience. Thank You for the laughter, achievements and happy memories we have made together.

As we begin our half term holiday, we ask You to watch over all our families. Keep us safe in our travels, help us to rest well and fill our hearts with joy and peace.

May we return refreshed, ready to continue learning and following Your example.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.