

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 5th June 2026

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'For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.'

John 3:16

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday, it was wonderful to have some warm weather and beautiful sunshine. Unfortunately the weather seems to have taken a bit of a turn as we have returned to school. Hopefully we will have some more sunshine in the coming weeks. Please do ensure that your child has everything they need for school in the changing weather from rain coats to suncream!



Year 6 at Min-Y-Don

After all their hard work preparing and completing their SATs, Year 6 have been on an exciting three-day residential trip to Min-y-Don. The residential gave pupils the chance to relax, have fun and create lasting memories with their friends. Throughout the three days, the children took part in a variety of activities that encouraged teamwork, confidence and resilience. From outdoor adventures to evening games and challenges, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

The trip also provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to spend time together outside the classroom, strengthening friendships and developing independence as they prepared for the transition to secondary school. Year 6 represented the school brilliantly throughout the residential, demonstrating excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and a positive attitude. It was fantastic to see them enjoying themselves after the effort they put into their SATs.

We are incredibly proud of all the children and hope they will cherish the memories of their time at Min-y-Don for years to come. Thank you to Mr Billings, Miss Owen and Mrs Stanway who gave up their time along with myself on this residential.



Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Crystal	For always coming in with a smile on her face
	Roux	For always being respectful during prayer
Reception	Spencer	For his excellent maths work
	Lily	For excellent determination
Year 1	Gracie	For listening at all times and for always doing her best
	William	For showing great kindness towards others
Year 2	Layla	For fantastic effort in English
	Chloe	For showing respect through excellent listening and focus during carpet time
Year 3	Zara	For settling in so well and being a fantastic member of Saint Mary's
	Brooke	For always being very dedicated in all that she does
Year 4	Edith	For excellent resilience during the first week back!
	Phatyma	For showing humility, kindness and love on the playground
Year 5	Muhammad	For using his super maths skills to analyse results in a science experiment
	Isabella	For her kind and caring nature towards her peers and adults
Year 6	Matilda	For persevering at bike riding at Min-y-Don
	Jaxon	For determination all week

Dojo

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Nursery



ClassDojo



Join the movement—do your bit for the environment while being kind to your wallet.
WOMEN'S & OLDER KIDS PRE-LOVED CLOTHES EVENT
 Tuesday 9th June
 7:30pm - 9:00pm
 Congleton Town Hall
 High Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1BB



Father's Day Gift & PTA helpers needed

The PTA are organising a gift for Father's Day. Please can all children bring a small gift in to school by Friday 12th June. Please pay £1 on Arbor, under 'Shop' and children will choose a gift on Wednesday 17th June to bring home.

PTA are also needing helpers for the Summer Fair. Please email the office if you are able to help.

Congleton In Bloom

Thank you to Muhammad, Phatyma and Reggie who joined Mrs Pinto planting the children's tubs in Congleton town centre for Summer on Saturday 23rd May.

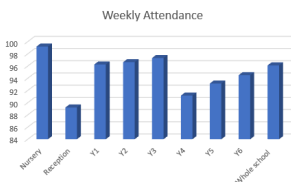
We have taken part with this activity at the park for over a decade and the children, along with their parents, carers and staff always have fun.

Here are the children pictured with the Mayor.



Attendance

Nursery	99.19%	Year 3	97.31%
Reception	89.2%	Year 4	91.15%
Year 1	96.26%	Year 5	93.13%
Year 2	96.63%	Year 6	94.5%



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!



Taking Holidays during Term Time

Please remember that taking your child out of school without the school's authorisation may result in the school requesting the Local Authority to issue a fixed penalty notice to each parent / carer for each child. The penalties are shown below. Please be aware that only a few days of absence can impact significantly on a child's attendance percentage and consequently the child's education and learning.

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£80 per parent	£80 per child = £160 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£160 per parent	£160 per child = £320 per parent
After 28 days	You will be summonsed to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	You will be summonsed to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your children's regular attendance

Welcome

Welcome to all the new families that have joined us this half term, we are really excited that you are here with us at Saint Mary's and I know that everyone will make you feel welcome!



Church Raffle Tickets

Please can all raffle tickets and money for St Mary's Church 200 Year Jubilee be returned to School by 19th June. Please contact the office if you would like any further tickets

WATER SAFETY – STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER

Cold water can kill – even on warm days

- ☐ Cold water shock can happen suddenly causing panic and loss of breathing control
- ☐ Even strong swimmers can get into difficulty very quickly

Stay safe near water

- ☒ Never jump straight into open water
- ☒ Avoid swimming alone – stay with others
- ☒ Do not mix alcohol with water activities
- ☒ Always supervise children closely
- ☒ Follow safety signs and local advice

Know the risks

- ☐ Water is colder than it looks
- ☐ Hidden currents or deep water may be present
- ☐ Edges can be uneven or slippery

FLOAT TO LIVE

- ☐ Stay calm, control your breathing.
- ☐ Lean back, tilt your head back, ears submerged and float on your back
- ☐ Move your hands and legs to stay afloat
- ☐ Your legs may sink that's OK
- ☐ Keep your airway clear
- ☐ When calm, call for help

In an emergency – CALL 999 OR 112

- ☐ Call the emergency services
- ☐ Do not enter the water
- ☐ Use a lifebuoy or rope if available



Staffing update

Miss Cork has recently resigned from her role at school. We would like to thank her for all she has done during her time with us and wish her all the very best for the future. For the rest of this academic year, Year 2 will be taught by Miss Raine and Mrs Aidley.

We are also delighted to share some exciting staffing news for September : Miss Raine will be joining us full-time and Miss King will be joining the team to cover Miss Small's maternity leave. Both teachers bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm and we are looking forward to them becoming part of our school community. We know they will be a fantastic addition to the team and are excited for the year ahead.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent parent questionnaire. We really value your feedback as it helps us celebrate what is working well and identify areas where we can continue to improve. Your views are important to us and we appreciate your ongoing support and partnership with the school.

Parking outside school

We have been in touch with the Police regarding continued concerns about parking outside school. PC James Rowley is keen to support us and will be present outside school at drop off and pick up times. Please do walk if possible, remember that Tesco have agreed for us to use their car park to ease congestion.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 8th—NSPCC Workshop with Y2/Y5/Y6 and Y3/4 Diamond Cricket

Tues 9th—Thurs 11th—All Hallows Open Mornings 9.30am

Wed 10th—Y5/6 Cricket at AHCC

Thurs 11th—Y2 Forest School

Mon 15th—Y5 Experience Day at AHCC

Wed 17th—New Reception parents and children stay and play

Thurs 18th—Y1 Forest school

Tues 23rd—New Reception starter taster session 1pm

Wed 24th—Early Years Mass at Church, Y5/6 Athletics at AHCC and Y5/6 Rounders at CHS

Thurs 25th—EYFS Forest School

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

All Hallows Open Events

All Hallows Catholic College Open Mornings are being held Tuesday 9th—Thursday 11th June at 9.30am.

These tours are available to Parents and Carers of Year 4 and Year 5 Children who want to visit the school.



**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



Prayer

Thank you for helping us through our first week back at school. We are grateful for the opportunities we have had to learn, play and spend time with our school community.

As we reflect on this week, help us to be proud of our achievements, learn from our mistakes and show kindness and respect to those around us. Thank you for the moments of laughter, friendship and success that we have shared.

As we head into the weekend, help us to rest, enjoy time with our families and friends and return next week ready to learn and grow together.

May we continue to support one another and make our school a happy and welcoming place for everyone.

Amen

