

Weekly Newsletter

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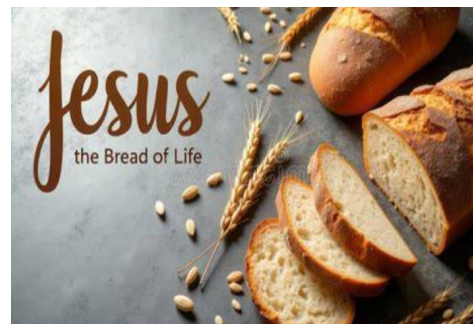
"Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever."

John 6:58

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's Gospel reminds us that Jesus nourishes us with His love and guides us each day. As a school community, we are called to follow His example by showing kindness, compassion and care for one another.

It has been another busy and successful week in school, with many opportunities for our children to learn, grow and celebrate their achievements. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and determination and we thank our families and staff for their continued support. We hope you enjoy reading about the wonderful experiences and successes from across our school this week.



NSPCC visit



This week children in Years 2, 5 and 6 took part in the NSPCC's *Speak Out Stay Safe* programme. The workshops helped children understand the importance of speaking out if they are worried about themselves or someone else and reminded them that they always have trusted adults they can talk to. Through age-appropriate activities and discussions, the children learned about ways to stay safe and where they can go for help and support.

As part of the sessions, the NSPCC team also taught the children about the four main types of abuse: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect. The workshops were delivered sensitively and appropriately for each age group, helping children to recognise unsafe situations and understand that abuse is never a child's fault. The children engaged thoughtfully throughout the sessions and gained valuable knowledge about keeping themselves safe, looking after their wellbeing and knowing how to seek help when needed.

We would like to thank the NSPCC for delivering these important workshops and supporting our pupils in developing the confidence to speak out and stay safe.

Phonics

A huge well done to all of our Year 1 and 2 children who have taken part in their phonics assessments this week. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you for the hard work, determination and positive attitude you have shown throughout the process.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff team, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children were as well prepared and confident as possible. Their commitment and support have made a real difference.

Finally, thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support at home. Whether it has been listening to your child read, practising phonics, or facilitating attendance at booster groups, your encouragement and involvement have been invaluable.

Multiplication Checks

A huge well done to all our Year 4 children who have taken part in the National Multiplication Tables Check this week. The children have worked very hard and should be very proud of the effort, determination and resilience they have shown.

We would like to thank the Year 4 team for their dedication and support in helping the children prepare so thoroughly. Their hard work has ensured that pupils felt confident and ready to do their best.

We would also like to extend our thanks to parents and carers for supporting multiplication practice at home. Your encouragement and commitment have played an important role in helping develop confidence and recall of times tables. We are extremely proud of all of our Year 4!

Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Lando	For trying his best with his writing!
	Darcey	For using our prayer corner respectfully when choosing
Reception	Lilly	For settling in so well at Saint Mary's
	Eila	For her excellent RE knowledge
Year 1	All Year 1	For working incredibly hard on their phonics. I'm so proud of you all!
	Edith	For always setting a great example in class
Year 2	Lawrence	For working hard in all subjects and always trying his best
	Siena	For speaking proudly about her family and peers and showing love and appreciation for those around her
Year 3	Jowan	For fantastic acting during his group's performance of a Merchant of Venice
	Anvika	For showing kindness and respect to others
Year 4	Felicity	For working really hard in all of her subjects, always!
	Esme	For thinking of others and their feelings
Year 5	Ellie	For 100% effort in every lesson - what a star!
	Tiana	For her super dedication to reading
Year 6	Panashe	For great use of layering to create a 3D effect in Art
	Harry	For being a helpful member of the class

Dojo

winners

Nursery



ClassDojo

Talk-time

As part of our NSPCC *Speak Out Stay Safe* workshops, the children learned about the importance of staying safe and talking to trusted adults when they are worried.

Talk together: *Who are your trusted adults and what could you do if you ever felt worried, unsafe, or needed help?*

Encourage your child to name several trusted adults both at home and at school and discuss how they can ask for help if they need it.



Attendance

We strive for excellent attendance at Saint Mary's.

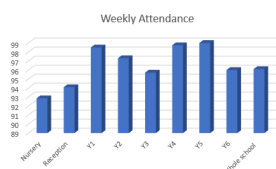
If your child is unwell and they are need to rest and recover at home we completely understand, but the table below shows the impact of a lower attendance.

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	92.86%	Year 3	95.71%
Reception	94.09%	Year 4	98.75%
Year 1	98.5%	Year 5	99%
Year 2	97.31%	Year 6	99%



Whole school
96.1%

Important changes to Free School Meals

Are you receiving Universal Credit? The previous annual earnings cap of £7,400 has now been removed and from September your child may be eligible for Income Related FSM. Even if your child is in KS1 and has Universal Free School Meals, they may still be eligible for Income Related FSM which raises additional pupil premium funding for school which can help with extra staffing and resources and can help you with trips and uniform. If you think you may be eligible, please complete the form via the link below: [FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT – Fill in form](#) or contact the office if you have any questions.

Father's Day Gift & PTA helpers

The PTA are organising a gift for Father's Day. Please pay £1 on Arbor, under 'Shop'. We are very low on gifts, so please can everyone bring in a gift so we can facilitate this event like we have done previously for Mother's Day.

PTA are also asking for helpers before and during the Summer Fair on 3rd July - are you able to help? If so, please email the office.

Stay and Pray

We invite everyone to our 'Stay and Pray' session on Wednesday 1st July.

This starts at 8.35am where you will be welcome to visit your child's class to take part in prayer activities.



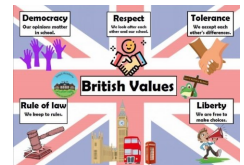
British Values Day and Non Uniform Day

Friday 19th June is British Values Day at St Mary's.

Throughout the day there will be special (age appropriate) activities planned by teachers promoting the five core British Values : democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

We will also holding a non uniform day, please can everyone bring a bottle in for the school fair.

There will be no Merit Assembly on that day.



BLUE LIGHT GAMES

FREE

Sport activity days

For 8-15 year olds

Middlewich
Alsager
Nantwich
Sandbach
Crewe

Scan the QR Code for dates and to sign up

CREWE ALEXANDRA FOOTBALL CLUB
Cheshire Constabulary
SAFER Cheshire East Partnership

Celebration Circle

Well done to the 8 children chosen by teachers for their hard work during last half term. Miss Butterfield took the children for a biscuit treat and a play outside in the sunshine.

Nursery—Bella
Reception—Frank
Year 1—Polly
Year 2—Daniel
Year 3—Jowan
Year 4—Freya
Year 5—Albert
Year 6—Alby



SUMMER PLAY DAYS 2026

FREE!

10.30AM - 2.30PM

28 July: Nature
4 August: Sports
11 August: Animals
18 August: Music

Congleton Town Centre
www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

Church Raffle Tickets

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

Appreciation Post

Miss Butterfield would like to say a big Thank You to all the staff who work behind the scenes at St Mary's.

Today we are highlighting Mrs McDonald and Mrs McGeady who work hard to make delicious meals and snacks for all the children and staff.

Also Mrs Febery, Mrs Rozek, Miss Farr and Mr Lapadatescu who help at lunchtime and keep the school safe and clean.

School Games Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for 2025/26. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our commitment to PE has been stronger than ever this year and we have taken part in a variety of games and events hosted by All Hallows, Eaton Bank and Congleton High School. In addition to this we have ensured lots of sporting opportunities at school, including special visits from various experts!



We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A very special thanks to Miss Owen and Mrs Aidley for all their hard work!



New Website

We have been working hard behind the scenes with the team at Juniper to create a new website! Please bear with us as we add more information as there have been a few technical difficulties—thank you for your patience. We think it looks great!

[Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School - Home](#)

Dates for the Diary

Mon 15th—Y5 Experience Day at AHCC
Wed 17th—New Reception parents and children stay and play session
Thurs 18th—Y1 Forest school
Fri 19th—British Values Day, Non uniform day and bring a bottle for School Fair
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—Nursery and Reception Forest School
Fri 26th—INSET DAY
Wed 1st —Fri 3rd July—Y6 Liverpool Hope Residential
Wed 1st July—Stay & Pray and Congleton Town Sports
Thurs 2nd—Y5 Forest School
Fri 3rd—School Summer Fair

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the many people who care for us, support us and help to keep us safe each day.

Help us to be kind and caring towards others, to have the courage to speak up when something is wrong and to listen when someone needs our help.

We pray for all children, that they may feel safe, valued and loved. Bless our families, school staff and wider community as we work together to help every child grow and flourish.

Guide us to make good choices, to look after one another and to always remember that we are never alone.

Amen.

