



# St. Mary's Catholic Academy

## March 2024

## Messenger



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new half term - a very busy half term!

Lent is the most important time for the school and Church. We are doing a number of things to fully prepare children for Easter. The Lenten prayer services have already begun; these always prove to be a very reflective way to prepare ourselves for the season of Easter. All are most welcome to attend. This Sunday is a whole school family mass, at St Mary's church at 10:00. You are all warmly invited to attend. It would be lovely to see as many of our children and families there to support our parish.

Last week, Emilia Gill, Imogen, Finley, Naeto, Alexis, Roman E, Rosa, Marlowe took part in a multi-skills event at Fenton Manor and Dylan, Callum, Harvey, Holly, Charlie, Romaya, Rocco, Mya took part in a Change 4 Life event at Excel Academy. The children had an amazing time and were a credit to the school. Well done everyone, we are very proud of you all!

This week we have also sent out the envelopes for the Father Hudson 'Good Shepherd Appeal'. All donations will go to a very worthy cause. To find out more about this charity, please follow the link below. [Father Hudson's Care | Social Care Agency \(fatherhudsons.org.uk\)](https://fatherhudsons.org.uk). We have also been asked by the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service to have another fundraising initiative to support the Father Hudson society. If every child in a Catholic school in the Arch diocese of Birmingham donated £1, over £83,000 would be raised. As of next week the Easter chick's will be on sale – there are enough for every child to buy one to help achieve this diocesan target.

Next week we will be holding our parents evening meeting. We encourage all of our parents to attend these meetings – further information can be found via this link.

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I do wish you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs Rathbone

Principal



**“Today too, the cry of so many of our  
oppressed brothers and sisters rises  
to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do  
we hear that cry? Does it trouble us?  
Does it move us? ”**

Pope Francis' message for Lent 2024



### If your child is absence from school

Please telephone the school on  
01782 234820,  
or email [office@stmarysnewman.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysnewman.co.uk)  
no later than 9.30am

Please ensure that doctors and dentist  
appointments are booked outside of school hours  
where possible.

Thank you for your co-operation.

#### SPRING TERM

School Closes Friday 22nd March

#### SUMMER TERM

School opens to pupils Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

MAY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Half term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

School closes Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

2024/25 dates are available on our website,  
please click on the link below

St Mary's Catholic Academy - Term Dates  
([stmarysstoke.co.uk](http://stmarysstoke.co.uk))

**"THIS MORNING,  
HE HAD A  
RUNNY NOSE...  
BUT LOOK AT  
HIM NOW!"**



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



HM Government

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.

**NHS**

## Easter Special

- Shepherd's Pie**  
served with  
Roasties and Spring Vegetables
- Bunny Pizza Slice**  
served with  
French Fries and Carrot Sticks
- Cheesy Egg**  
served with  
French Fries and Baked Beans
- Rice Krispie Nest**  
topped with Crushed Chocolate Eggs  
or  
**Bunny Shortbread Biscuit**
- Drink**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
2024

CITY catering

**NSPCC**

NSPCC have some excellent resources  
available on their website to support parents  
with topics such as;  
Early parenting advice | Managing family life |  
Friends and relationships | Supporting yourself  
| Staying safe online.

Please click on this link to find out more

[Support for parents | NSPCC](#)

We raised £450 from the  
Valentines disco, thank you for  
your support.



# Save the date



<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent target meeting (in person) 3.30-6pm
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent target meeting (school cloud) 5.30-8pm
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 - Recorder Festival
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World book day
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Foundation stage – Mother's day activities (afternoon)
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mothers day breakfast/Prayer service Year 1 (9.15am)
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 1 - Phonics Meeting 3.30-4pm
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 5 – Prince of Wales Theatre
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> march</b>	Nursery – Peak Wildlife Park
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March (Date change)</b>	Reception graduation and Year 6 leaver photographs
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Foundation stage Easter bonnet parade (2.30pm)
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Chocolate bingo 3.30-4.30pm

Please click on the link below for dates and times of our Lenten Prayer Services in preparation for Easter.

<https://www.stmarysstoke.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=8&viewid=1>

St Mary's Catholic Church Easter services

- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6pm
- Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10am
- Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7pm
- Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 3pm service
- Easter Vigil Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7pm (no mass today)
- Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 10am

We have our Family Mass this Sunday (3rd March) at 10am, it would be lovely to see you all.





# Awards



Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Nursery	Annabelle	Evalyn	Trixie	Molly
Reception	Amari	Layla	Isabel	Noah
Year 1	Dottie	Ruhaab	Nela	Henry B
Year 2	Rocco	Oliver	Meghan	Aiden
Year 3	Amelia	Madison	Jenson S	Philippa
Year 4	Lexi	Tate	Harry	Jack
Year 5	Antionette	Ese	Max	Emilie
Year 6	Olivia	Ethan	Noel	Gabrielle

Please remember to bring in any certificates as we love to celebrate achievements in our assemblies!



Well done to George who achieved his yellow belt in Kickboxing.

## SPORTS

It has been lovely to see so many children represent St. Mary's over the last month. Participating in a range of competitions.

Well done to you all.

We would like to congratulate our winners for NSPCC Rocks competition which was a 24 hour competition for Year 2 to Year 6.



1st place - Chimamanda Y5  
2nd place - Freya Y6  
3rd place - Sobia Y4



Well done to everyone who took part in our half term challenge for Year 3 and 4

1<sup>st</sup> place – Max Y3  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Harry Y4  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Teddy Y4



Celebration Assemblies dates and times can be found on our website on our calendar tab:

<https://www.stmarysstoke.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=8&viewid=1>

THE EVENTS TEAM PRESENTS



# CHOCOLATE BINGO

Thursday 21st March  
3.30-4.30pm

Please register your interest on Scopay

£2 per person includes;  
4 games of bingo  
2 games children bingo