



St. Mary's Catholic Academy

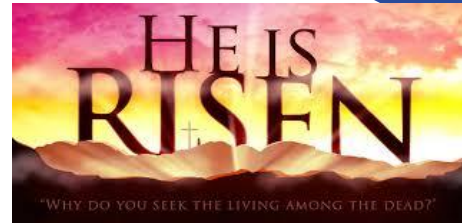
April 2024

Messenger



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the last term of this academic year. I do hope you all had a lovely Easter break! Our whole school assemblies this week have focused on the season of Eastertide. This is a significant period in the liturgical calendar lasting 50 days up until the feast of Pentecost.



I know you will all join me in welcoming back Mrs Peart from maternity leave. We are so pleased to have her back with us.

We also welcome Miss Wainwright into Year 2 who has quickly settled into St Mary's.

Thank you to all our parents in supporting the school's uniform policy, particularly regarding the girls' summer dresses. Your support is greatly appreciated. A reminder that all summer dresses must be **navy** and white check (**not pale blue** and white check). I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the policy for boy's haircuts. We have had a number of haircuts after the Easter break that have not been in line with school policy. **As the uniform policy states, 'Hair should be conventionally cut with no visible lines and should be an appropriate length (not shaven or less than grade 2).**

I would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to the Father Hudson appeal during Lent. A grand total of £226.90 was raised for the £1 per child pledge and the additional money from the envelopes. If you have not yet sent in your money envelopes, please pass to the office as soon as possible so a final amount can be counted and sent to the Father Hudson society.

We now have a foodbank collection point in school. Any donations of food or toiletries would be greatly appreciated.

On a final note, in the week beginning the 22nd April we will be holding a 'Vocation's week' in school. Vocations are entirely different to careers because it teaches the children to respond to what God is calling them to be. They are **who** God is calling us to be in order to share His love. If any parents would like to come into school to talk about their job or calling from God, please see a member of the office staff.

I do hope you all have a lovely weekend!
Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs S Rathbone
Principal

Year of Prayer

The Church is preparing for another special celebration, the Year of Jubilee in 2025. In preparation, Pope Francis has called for 2024 to be a **Year of Prayer**.

Our children have been introduced to the **Year of Prayer** and the invitation to grow their friendship with God through prayer in their time at home and school.

Ten:Ten have put together a short video introducing the **Year of Prayer**, highlighting how children might engage with prayer themselves over the coming months.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



If your child is absent from school

Please telephone the school on
01782 234820,
or email office@stmarysnewman.co.uk
no later than 9.30am.



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

SUMMER TERM

School opens to pupils Monday 8th April
MAY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Half term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May
School closes Friday 19th 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)

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

HM Government

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.

Parents Information

This term's curriculum is uploaded to your child's class page.

Please click on the link below which will take you through to our website.

St Mary's Catholic Academy - Class Pages
(stmarysstoke.co.uk)



Well done to all the children who took part in Dance 24 performance at the Victoria Hall, you were all amazing!!



Year 2 swimming will take place every Tuesday from 23rd April and run for 5 weeks. (Please note these dates have changed from the Diary dates sent out last term)

Y1 and Reception will swim during Summer 2 term.



Please click on the link below to view the new school lunch menu which started this week.

St Mary's Catholic Academy - School Meals
(stmarysstoke.co.uk)



Awards



Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Nursery	Molly	Flynn	Eisa	Mia
Reception	Alexander	Maggie	Millie	Jonah
Year 1	Arlie	Theo	Marlowe	Nela
Year 2	Earlene	Finley	Iqra	Grace
Year 3	Holly	Lucy	Jeron	Phoebe
Year 4	Darcy	Rocco	Freddie	Jacob
Year 5	Lewis	Jemimah	Wyatt	Evie Mae
Year 6	Aliyah	Gabrielle	Amelia B	Eva

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



Celebration Assemblies can be found on our website on our calendar tab:

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



Well done to all of our pupils who represented the school in the swimming gala.

The school came 4th, with the overall boys races coming 2nd.



Well done to our girls team who represented St Mary's in the Collegiate football tournament.



Well done Tate who achieved his one year award for Stage and Performing Arts.



Save the date



Date	Event
Monday 8th April	School opens for Summer Term
WC Monday 22nd April	Vocations/Careers week
Tuesday 23rd April	Y2 Swimming (x5 weeks)
1st-24th May	Y2 SATS - month
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May	Y6 SATS Week
Monday 13th May	Assessment week
Saturday 11th May	First Holy Communion
Friday 24th May	Y6 Alton Towers
Friday 24th May	School Closes
Monday 27th May -Friday 31st May	Half term
Monday 3rd June	School opens for pupils
WC Monday 3rd June	Y4 Multiplication table check
Tuesday 4th June	Y1 & Reception Swimming (x5 weeks)
Tuesday 4th June	New to nursery/reception induction meeting
W/C Monday 10th June	Y1 Phonics screening check
Thursday 13th June	Foundation stage - Fathers day activities 1.30pm
Friday 14th June	Fathers day breakfast
Friday 14th June	Father day prayer service
Saturday 15th June	Confirmation - Y6
Tuesday 18th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 25th June	City Songbirds Summer Concert
Thursday 27th June	Academy Photography - FS graduation and leavers photos
TBC	Transition for Y6 - St Margaret Ward
Friday 5th July	Reports to parents
Tuesday 9th July	Parent drop in session 3.30-6.30pm
Friday 12th July	Attendance Trip
Tuesday 16th July	Foundation stage graduation/ End of year assembly (afternoon)
Wednesday 17th July	KS1 End of year assembly 1.30pm
Wednesday 17th July	KS2 End of year assembly 5.30pm
Friday 19th July	Leavers breakfast - Y6
Friday 19th July	Leavers Assembly 9.30am
Friday 19th July	School closes for Summer

School Masses will take place on a weekly rota basis— led by Whole school, EYFS, KS1 or KS2.

All of these Masses take place on a Wednesday morning at 9.25am (*unless otherwise stated*).

We encourage all parents, grandparents and members of the parish to support these Masses where possible.



All masses can be found on our website under the calendar tab;

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