



**St. Mary's Catholic Academy**

**May 2024**

**Messenger**



Dear Parents,

In the week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, we celebrated our Vocation's week. The school council led an assembly about vocations and how God is calling us to use our God given gifts and talents to help others. Thank you to all of the parents and visitors who came into school to help bring our vocations week to life by sharing how they were called to their vocation, we had a solicitor and a zookeeper; and Matt Corrigan, the Senior lay Chaplain from St. Margaret Ward. They certainly inspired the children to think about how God may be calling them to serve him.

We are really excited to welcome the book fair back to St Mary's. This will be available from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The children can browse and buy a book from the fair which are at discounted prices. Payments can be made using cash or card.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May begins our assessment week for Year 6. We would all like to wish year 6 all the best as they carry out their SATs tests. They have worked extremely hard in their preparations and I am sure this effort will be rewarded. Please keep our year 6 children in your prayers during this week.

Next Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, our year 3 pupils who have been preparing to receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist will be taking the sacrament for the first time. Please remember these children in your prayers. All are welcome to celebrate this special occasion – Mass will begin at 11am in church.

I do wish you all a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Mrs Rathbone

Executive Principal



In this week's Gospel we will hear about how Forty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension and hear about how the disciples witnessed Jesus ascending into Heaven. We also remember the instructions Jesus left His disciples - to share the Good News and do incredible things through the power He would give them.

This is a reminder of how we would encourage our children to consider how they can honour Jesus and follow His instructions to be disciples themselves.

### If your child is absent 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

### SUMMER TERM

School opens to pupils Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 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))

### Trip Consent

A reminder to please ensure that consent for trips  
are completed by the deadline date, which is stated  
on the parent letters.

Thank you for your co-operation

**"THIS MORNING,  
HE WAS WORRIED  
ABOUT SCHOOL...  
BUT LOOK AT HIM  
NOW!"**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

 HM Government  
Search the Education Hub to find out more



If you would like to  
volunteer for school trips  
for the next academic  
year, or would like to  
know more please speak  
to the school office.

Without volunteers our  
educational visits may  
not be able to go ahead.



### Summer Uniform

Children may now wear Navy blue and  
white checked summer dress or dark  
grey trouser shorts if desired.  
Please check our website for the uniform  
policy by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.stmarysstoke.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=119>



### Time change

KS1 prize giving on 17<sup>th</sup> July  
will be 2pm, not 1.30pm as previously  
communicated.



If you would like to donate any of the below branded  
items please hand them to the school office;  
Tie  
Jumpers/Cardigans/sweatshirts  
PE hoodies

Your donations of pre-loved items help other families.



St Mary's family masses this term are on  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> June at 10am,  
it will be lovely to see you there.





Children's University  
(Children by invite)  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, time TBC  
Graduation Ceremony at Kings Hall, Stoke.



Congratulations to all the children who have taken part in the handball tournament across the collegiate over the last few weeks. We would also like to congratulate Fawwaz, Ethan and Rowan who competed in the City cross country finals.

### Would you like to have your design on our reading diaries?

We are holding a competition and need a bright, colourful front cover for our Foundation Stage/KS1 and KS2 reading diaries.

The front cover needs to:

- Be bright, colourful and clear
- To represent the school mission statement 'Many Hearts , One accord'

All entries need to be returned by Friday 17th May

**If you would like a spare copy to enter, please collect one from the school office.**

### Mass Dates

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





# Awards



Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Nursery	Raidyn M	Mia M	Jace A	Halima K
Reception	Aneiky H	Chester S	Harriet D	Maisie F
Year 1	Reign S	Krishiv S	Alexis A	Marlowe R
Year 2	Aaron H	Frank J	Emilia G	Caleb W
Year 3	Rayan K	Sebastian R	George S	Callum G
Year 4	Ada B	Roman H	Luca E	Ellie J
Year 5	Tola D	Zachary M	Jack E	Luca G
Year 6	Savannah F	Dominic J	Quinn C-B	Tilly B



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

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



## Save the date



<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 2 SATs month
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Year 3 – Potteries Museum
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Year 1 Inspire Workshop
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	First Holy Communion
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATS Week
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Nursery Inspire Workshop
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 Alton Towers