

# 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 we called to their vocation, we had a solicitor and a zookeeper; and Matt Corrigan, the Senior lay Chaplin 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 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)

#### **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

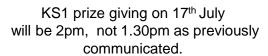


If you would like to volunteer for school trips for the next academic year, or would like to know more please speak to the school office.

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



#### Time change



#### **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



If you would like to donate any of the below branded items please hand them to the school office;

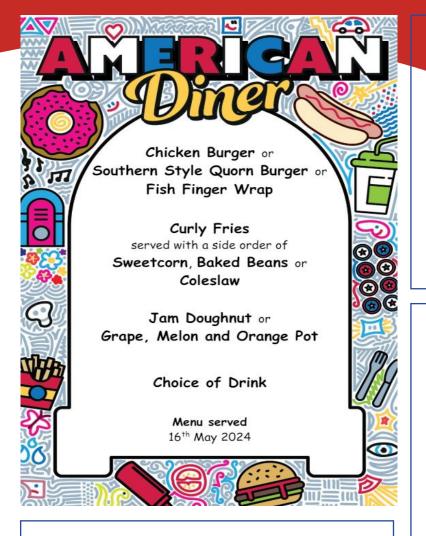
Tie

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)

## THINK BEFORE PARK

BE CONSIDERATE TO OUR NEIGHBOURS YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE





## **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



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