



**St. Mary's Catholic Academy**

**July 2024**

**Messenger**



Dear Parents,

We only have two weeks left until the end of this academic year and we still have so much to fit in! Please look carefully at the calendar dates for these last two weeks.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> June our Songbirds performed at the City Songbird Summer concert. They sang their little hearts out. Well done, Songbirds! We also had many children representing the school at Northwood – they showed great sportsmanship and did the school proud – well done!

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 93 children graduated from ‘The Children’s University’. This was a fantastic achievement of children’s engagement with extracurricular activities marked by a graduation ceremony at the Victoria Hall. Well done to all those who graduated!

Last Friday, the events team held their first ‘Colour run’. This was fantastic idea to raise further funds for our outdoor classroom and the children had an amazing time. Thank you to all those to took part, and a special thank you to Mr Spencer and Mr Sigley for being great sports!

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July we have our attendance trip to Drayton Manor for all those children with 100% attendance - we hope they have a fantastic day! We are also delighted to announce that Year 2 are the class with the highest attendance. They will be having a special rewards day in school in the final week with pizza, movie, popcorn and lots of other treats!

On a final note, please can I take this opportunity to remind you about the school uniform policy in relation to haircuts. Any part of the hair that is shaved should not be less than a grade 2 – this includes any hair shaved that falls under longer hair. There should also not be any visible lines. Any hair accessories that are needed to tie hair back all need to be in school colours. We really do appreciate your support with the uniform policy. Our children wear their uniform with such pride which is always noted by any visitors we have.

I wish everyone a lovely weekend with hopefully a little bit of sunshine!

Mrs D Statham  
Head of School



**In the weekend’s Gospel we heard that despite knowing the wonderful things that Jesus had done, he was still not welcomed within his community.**

**Pope Francis, our Holy Father, says, “God’s will is that we grow in our capacity to welcome one another.”**

**As we prepare to close one school year and begin another, let us pray that we will all be welcomed in the communities that form and shape our lives.**



Its great to see we have 69% of parents signed up to the Arbor parent app, however some parents have not yet done so.

An invite has been sent this afternoon for you to action.

Arbor parent app allows you to change details, view attendance and reward points. It is a great platform and further items will be added further down the line.



### Y6 Leaver's Breakfast

Friday 19th July from 8am (Y6 only)  
Parents are welcome to come along.,  
(pre-bookable on Scopay)

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**Leavers Assembly 9.30am**  
Everyone welcome

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We wish the children in Y6 well in their new environments and keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they make their transition to secondary school.



This week is the final week for after club curriculum.



A polite reminder, you can use our donation station to donate food. Please hand any donations to the office or ask your child to hand into their class teacher.

All donations will be greatly appreciated.



Well done to all our talented Songbird children who beautifully sung their rehearsed songs for the summer concert.



Each month our school and parish will focus on simple actions to LIVE SIMPLY.

This month we will do our best to:

- 1) Reduce food waste and know your dates. Only USE BY is a food safety indicator
- 2) Support local charities

Well done to Oscar, Eve, Elliott, Ethan and Rowan for reaching the Swimming gala finals. We are very proud of you all.





# Awards



Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Nursery	Grace S Sydney A	Lucas E Ezra S	Trixie R Patrick F	Iasmina A Annabelle H
Reception	Bonnie H Havanna C	Reeve K Scartlett S	Emilia H-H Elijah B	Maggie W Evie C
Year 1	Krishiv S Kamolatanna A	William E Henry B	Roman E Connor H	Olivia C Rocco S
Year 2	Oliver L Finley W	Ankiambom N Rocco H	Isaac McQ Lydia E	Imogen C Hollie T
Year 3	Issiah W-S	Phoebe B	Jessica E	Amelia D
Year 4	Ella F	Teddy S	Darcy B	Charlie M
Year 5	Jemimah J	Jack E	Urenna A	George C
Year 6	Amelia B Shelly A	Savannah F	Isabella S Naomi P	Faith C Chloe M



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

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



We are holding our annual Prize giving on Wednesday 17th July;  
**KS1 2pm**  
**KS2 5.30pm**



**Tuesday 16th July**  
Family and friends are very welcome to join our fabulous Reception class graduate from Foundation stage.  
**2pm start**



## **AUTUMN TERM – 2024**

Inset Day (school closed to pupils) Monday 2nd September  
Inset Day (school closed to pupils) Tuesday 3rd September  
School opens to pupils Wednesday 4th September

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

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



# Save the date



Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent drop in session 3.30-6.30pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Attendance trip
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Foundation stage graduation/End of year assembly 2pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 End of year assembly 2pm (new time)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 End of year assembly 5.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers breakfast
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers assembly 9.30am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer



## The bread and butter thing.



**New Hub Opening:**  
**STOKE NORTH**  
from Thursday 11 July

at Stoke North Family Hub, Bishop Rd, ST6 6QW.

- ➔ Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50
- ➔ Includes fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.
- ➔ Open every Thursday at 1.30pm.
- ➔ You need to become a member to use the hub but it's free to sign-up and book a slot - just follow these steps.
- ➔ There is no commitment and it's free to join.
- ➔ Everyone who signs up before 14 October 2024 will get their first order free.

### It's really easy to sign-up:

- 1  Text 07860 063 304 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: **"STOKE NORTH"**
- 2  Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, individual £5 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.
- 3  You'll get a text every Tuesday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to the STOKE NORTH hub on Thursday at 1.30pm.
- 4  Collect and pay for your goods from the STOKE NORTH hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted).