



St. Mary's Catholic Academy
October 2024
Messenger



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent/teacher target meetings both in person and via school cloud. These meetings are so valuable in supporting your child and seeing how they are progressing.

On Sunday, we gathered together for our first family Mass this academic year at our parish church. It was lovely to see so many of our families celebrating mass together and the children who attended the children's liturgy engaged so well. Our parish is ready to welcome us every week so please don't wait until the next family Mass.

Last week, our Year 6 children went to Stanley Head outdoor education centre; and this week our Year 5 children went to Alton Castle for a religious retreat. All of the children had a wonderful time and have made memories that will last forever. As always, they were great ambassadors for our school with their fantastic attitudes and behaviour – thank you and well-done Year 5 and Year 6! We are all very proud of you.

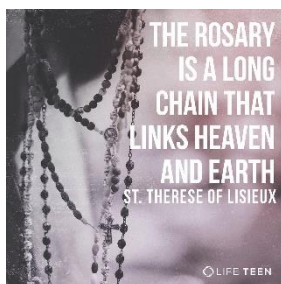
Over the past few weeks, a number of children have represented our school at Key Stage Two football tournaments. A super well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 representatives who played well and came third across the collegiate. Congratulations to the Year 5/6 football team who won their tournament. A huge thank you and well done to all the children who showed not only great skill but more importantly great sportsmanship. Well done children!

Last week we also held our Macmillan Coffee morning. We were again overwhelmed by the generosity and support that we received. A special thank you to those who also volunteered their time to help out. A grand total of over £319.20 was raised through the coffee morning, the bake sale after school and after mass cake sales at church. Many thanks for all your support.

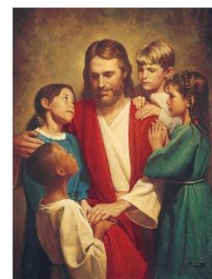
On Wednesday this week we will be celebrated our Harvest Mass in. All donations were greatly received by Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank. Thank you

Next week the discipleship team will be leading the Rosary club. This will happen every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during October at 8:30am. All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Statham
Head of School



In this week's Gospel we hear how Jesus commends the open-heartedness of children and welcomes children despite others trying to keep them away. *'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs'.*



Mark 10:14

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

“Keeping up is easier than catching up!”



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Its important that we hold up to date information on our pupils.

Did you know that you are able to make changes to contact details on Arbor yourself?

All you need to do is log into the account and make the changes, we will receive notification of those changes and approve.

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

If an appointment is unavoidable please ensure your child is absent for a minimal amount of time from school.

AUTUMN TERM

HALF TERM Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Inset day Monday 4th November

School opens to pupils Tuesday 5th November

School closes Friday 20th December

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

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

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

We have appointed our school council for this academic year, please join us in congratulating them. In September they had the privilege to visit the Houses of Parliament. They will hold their first meeting this month, we will share any updates with you in next months Messenger.





Thank you to everyone who donated to the Harvest collection.
All of the food was donated to Stoke-On-Trent food bank which will be distributed locally.



Our next St Mary's family Mass is being held on Sunday 1st December at 10am. It will be lovely to see you there.



Did you know we have a Facebook page?



Why not like and follow us....
stmarysnewmannorton

Nursery Parent Reminder

You will be invited to take part in our induction questionnaire today. We would really appreciate if you could take the time to complete this as your feedback is important to us.

Thank you.



On Friday we collectively raised **£319.20** between the coffee morning, donations and cake sale for Macmillan.

Thank you



Awards/Celebrations



We would like to congratulate all of the children who have received awards

Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Reception	Albie	Oreofeoluwa	Anabila	Evalyn
Year 1	Amari	Sofia	Deborah	James
Year 2	Marlowe	Alexis	Theo	Casey
Year 3	Ivan Caleb	Hollie Naeto	Isaac Zoey	Emilia Grace
Year 4	Issiah Ruby	Harvey Rosalie	Dylan Noah	Max Dylan
Year 5	George Maisey	Miles Harry	Sobia Leah	Charlie Mya
Year 6	Faith	Tola	Chimamanda	Evie Mae

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



Celebration Assembly dates can be found on our website, on our calendar tab:

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

Did you know that you can subscribe to our calendar?

All you need to do is click on the subscribe button - celebration assemblies and masses will appear on your selected device calendar. e.g Phone or tablet...



Save the date



Autumn Term 2024

Date	Event
Monday 2nd September	School closed to pupils - Inset day
Tuesday 3rd September	School closed to pupils - Inset day
Wednesday 4th September	School opens for Autumn Term
Wednesday 11th September	RSE parent workshop 2.30pm & 5pm
Wednesday 18th September	Parliament visit (School council)
W/C 23rd September	Y6 Stanley Head
W/C 23rd September	Rec-Y1 'Read with me' 1:1 sessions - bookable via school cloud
Tuesday 24th September	Parent Target Meetings (in person) 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 25th September	Parent Target Meetings (school cloud) 5.30-8pm
Tuesday 24th September	Y6 Swimming (x5 weeks)
Monday 30th Sept-Wednesday 2nd October	Y5 Alton Castle
Thursday 26th September	Nurs-Y2 Phonics afternoon and evening 2pm & 6pm
Friday 4th October	Creation day
Friday 4th October	Nurs-Y2 Phonics watch me learn
Friday 4th October	Rec-Y6 Immunisation
Thursday 24th October	Y6 Height and Weight
Thursday 31st October	Deadline for high school applications
Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November	Half term
Monday 4th November	School closed to pupils - Inset day
Tuesday 5th November	Y5 Swimming (x5 weeks)
Thursday 7th November	Academy Photographers - Individual, family, siblings
Thursday 14th November	Maths Afternoon and evening 9-10am & 5-6pm
Friday 15th November	Y4 Inspire Workshop (Rosary) 2-3pm
Friday 22nd November	Watch me learn 9am (Maths)
Wednesday 27th November**	Foundation Stage prospective parents session 2pm & 5.30pm
Monday 25th November	City Songbirds concert
Friday 29th November	Reception Inspire Workshop (Advent wreaths) 2-3pm
Tuesday 10th December	Christmas Concerts Foundation stage 2pm and KS1 6pm
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Concerts KS1 2pm and Foundation stage 5.30pm
Friday 13th December	Year 3 Inspire workshop (Christingle) 2-3pm
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner day (bookable on SCOPAY)
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Jumper day
Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December	Christmas Breakfast (bookable on SCOPAY)
Thursday 19th December	End of term assembly 1.45pm
Friday 20th December	KS2 Carol Concert and Nativity in church 9.30am
Friday 20th December	School Closes



Open Day

We would like to invite all prospective parents to our open day which is being held on Wednesday

**27th November
at 2pm and 5.30pm**

St Mary's Catholic Academy
Ford Green Road
Norton-Le-Moors



This will include a tour of the school and Q&A session.

Visiting our open day will give you an insight into our school.



Admissions now open for

Reception

Born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021

Admissions opens 1st December

Nursery

Born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022

Applications can be made online via www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions



Spooky disco

Thursday 24th October
EYFS / KS1 – 5:00 – 6:00pm
KS2 – 6:15 – 7:15pm

Admission £2

(Includes a drink and small snack)

Additional items to purchase

Hotdog or V option £1.50

Snacks 30-50p

Drinks £1