



St. Mary's Catholic Academy

May 2025

Messenger



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term. It was so lovely to welcome the children back into school. All of the children look very smart, some children choosing to wear the summer uniform.

Thank you for all your kind donations for the Big Lent Walk. We raised £405 for CAFOD and the children had a wonderful time on their reflective Lenten walk.

On Monday 21st April we awoke to hear the sad news regarding the passing of Pope Francis. We recognise that he has returned to the Father's house and give thanks for his life of service and leadership of the church. We pray that the cardinals are inspired by the Lord and filled with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit when electing the next Pope of the Catholic Church.

We are really excited to welcome the book fair back to St Mary's. This will be available from Friday 2nd May– Wednesday 7th 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 or phone (by scanning a QR code).

On Thursday 8th May we will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE day. The children will have their lunch outside for a 'street party' themed lunch. The children will bring home a paper lunch bag for them to decorate. Please return these by Tuesday 6th May.

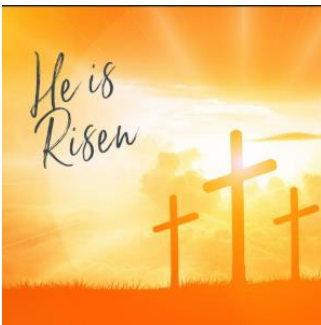
Monday 12th May begins our assessment week for Year 6. We would all like to wish year 6 all the best as they carry out their SATs tests. They have worked extremely hard in their preparations and I am sure this effort will be rewarded. Please keep our year 6 children in your prayers during this week.

Next Saturday, 10th 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!

God Bless,

Mrs Statham



In this week's Gospel we hear how the resurrection of Jesus is a reality that transforms how we live every single day. John 21 beautifully shows us that life after the resurrection is about allowing Christ to influence every area of our life. Through the Gospel story of Jesus sharing a miraculous breakfast with His disciples, we learn that we can trust Jesus to provide for our needs – because He loves us!



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

Did you know that you are able to make changes to your child's 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.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please telephone the school on 01782 234820 or email office@stmarysnewman.co.uk before 9.30am.

Thank you.

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

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The **Rosary Club** will take place daily throughout May, starting at 08.30am, in the KS1 library. All are welcome; it would be great to share the Rosary together, in honour of Our Lady.



Last term, we worked together, as a school and parish community, to have fun and to fundraise for our charity focus, the Father Hudson 'Good Shepherd Appeal' and for CAFOD during the Big Lent Walk.

We have raised £1119!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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



All of these Masses take place in church 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 [click here](#)



Sun Safety



To view term dates for the this and next academic year, please click on the link below:

[Click here for term dates](#)



When collecting your child(ren) from Care Club, please keep to the right of the playground where the picnic tables are, as other clubs will be using the playground at the same time.

Thank you

This term's curriculum is uploaded to your child's class page under ½ termly curriculum.

[click here to be taken to our website](#)

It is important that children's teeth are checked regularly by a dentist. If you are looking for a NHS dentist for your child and your family. If so, please contact the school office – we can help!



We are offering free workshops this term in partnership with the Family Hub. Please look out for the letters, which will be emailed to the relevant key stages.



We have pre-loved uniform available . All items are priced at £1

[click here to view](#)

If you would like to donate any pre-loved uniform we are only accepting School Logo items; Sweatshirt, cardigan, jumper, tie.

We kindly ask that the items are clean and in good condition.



Celebration Assemblies are held at 9.05am, you can view these on our website calendar:

[click here to view the calendar](#)

Well done!

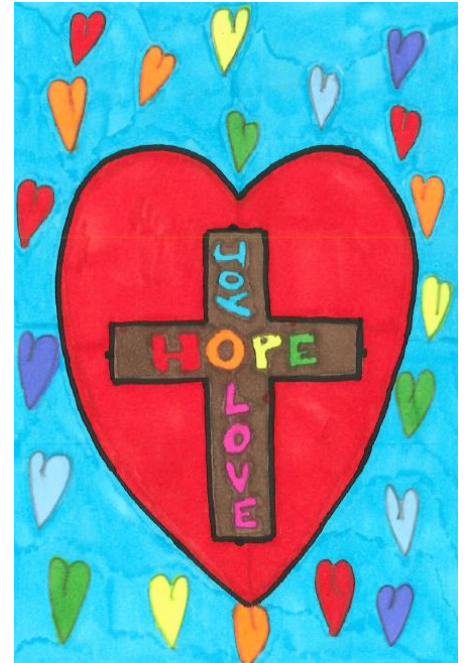


Thank you for all the entries we received for the reading diary competition. We had a total of 48!! There was so many fantastic designs, well done to you all.

Head boy and girl chose the winners for each Key stage.

We are pleased to announce our winners for this year.....

Rosa Stonier—KS1 winner
Rosalie Towers—KS2 winner



Well done to Luca! To commemorate 100 years of Staffordshire his plate was a winning design along with 8 other winners from across the county of Staffordshire.

Their plates are going to be on show in various places of interest across Staffordshire. Well done Luca!

[click on this link to find out more](#)



Awards



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

Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Nursery	Summer	Aubree	Archie	Layla
Reception	Nathaniel	Grace	Elliott	Eadfrid
Year 1	Theodore	James	Adha	Scarlett
Year 2	Annie	Aurora	Reign	Connor



Save the date



Summer Term 2025

Date	Event
W/C Monday 5th May	Vocations/Careers week
May/June TBC	Y2 SATS - month
Monday 5th May	School closed to pupils - Bank Holiday
Friday 9th May	Y1 Inspire workshop - Crowning of Mary
Saturday 10th May	First Holy Communion
Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May	Y6 SATS Week
Monday 12th May	Assessment week
Friday 23rd May	Y6 Alton Towers
Friday 24th May	School Closes
Monday 26th May -Friday 30th May	Half term
Monday 2nd June	School opens for pupils
WC Monday 2nd June - 13th June	Y4 Multiplication table check
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th June	Y5/Y6 France residential
Wednesday 4th June	Songbirds summer concert
Friday 6th June	Nursery Inspire workshop - Pentecost
Tuesday 10th June	New to nursery/reception induction meeting 2pm
Tuesday 10th June	Y1 & Reception Swimming (x5 weeks)
W/C Monday 9th June	Y1 Phonics screening check
Thursday 12th June	Foundation stage - Fathers day activities 1.30pm
Friday 13th June	Fathers day breakfast
Friday 13th June	Y2 Fathers day prayer service 9am
WC Monday 16th June	Rec - Y1 'Read with me' sessions
Tuesday 17th June	Sports Day
Saturday 21st June	Y6 - Confirmation

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Wednesday 7th May*

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