



St. Mary's Catholic Academy

July 2025

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.

We have had many children representing the school at Northwood, and there's even more to come! The children have shown great sportsmanship and have made the school proud – well done!

On Tuesday 1st July, 99 children graduated from 'The Children's University'. This was a fantastic achievement of children's engagement with extracurricular activities marked by a graduation ceremony in school. Well done to all those who graduated!

On Friday 20th June, the Events Team held their annual 'Colour Run'. The children had an amazing time and made lasting memories. A special thank you to all of the parent volunteers who supported with the Colour Run and the Summer Disco; your enthusiasm, energy and support for the school is very much appreciated. Due to the Events Team's hard work, they have raised a total of £2,211.08 this academic year, which is going towards resources for our newly refurbished school library. If you would like to be a part of the Events Team, please speak to the school office.

On Friday 4th July, we have our attendance trip to West Midlands Safari Park for all those children with 100% attendance - we hope they have a fantastic day! We are also delighted to announce that Year 6 are the class with the highest attendance. They will be having a special reward 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 lots of sunshine!

Mrs D Statham
Head of School



In this week's Gospel we hear how Jesus' disciples were amazed at what they could do in the power of Jesus' name. But Jesus reminded them not to rejoice because of what they could do, but because God called them His children! We, like the disciples can be inspired to know that with Jesus, we too can do incredible things in His name, and whilst we may find reward on Earth, our real reward waits for us in Heaven.



Well done to all 99 children who graduated from Children's University this week. Well done everyone – we are all very proud of you! Individual photos will be emailed to parents in due course.



As we approach the end of the academic year, we are asking for donations of any pre-loved uniform. **Please note, we are only accepting School Logo items; Sweatshirt, cardigan, jumper, tie.**

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

[click here to view](#)

Summer Day Menu

Battered Fish, served with
Chips, Mushy Peas or
Steamed Peas
or
Quorn Sausage (V)
Chips & Gravy
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Rocket Ice Lolly

Friday 18th July 2025



Well done to all the children who have represented St Mary's in the recent sporting events, athletics and swimming gala finals.

We are very proud of you all.



Save the dates



Y6 Performance date change

Our afternoon performance on Friday 11th July has been cancelled. The new 1.30pm performance will be Thursday 10th July.

Y6 Leaver's Breakfast

Friday 18th July from 8am (*Y6 only*)
Parents are welcome to come along.,
(pre-bookable on Scopay)

Leavers Assembly 9.30am

Everyone welcome

We send our best wishes to the Year 6 children as they move on to their new schools. They will remain in our thoughts and prayers during this important transition to secondary education.



Friday 11th July will be our last session for the after club curriculum. We will only be providing wraparound care on the final week.



Please refer to the letter sent yesterday with all important cut-off dates, as we transition to Arbor for all payments.



We are holding our annual Prize giving ceremonies on;
Tuesday 15th July
EYFS 9.30am
Wednesday 16th July
KS1 2pm
KS2 5.30pm



Family and friends are very welcome to join our fabulous Reception class graduate from Foundation stage.

9.30am start



AUTUMN TERM – 2025

Inset Day (school closed to pupils) Monday 1st September
Inset Day (school closed to pupils) Tuesday 2nd September
School opens to pupils Wednesday 3rd September

2025/26 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)



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