



St. Mary's Catholic Academy

September 2025

Messenger



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year! A special welcome to all of our nursery children and any new children who have joined us this year. We are very much looking forward to working with you all this year. The children have all come back to school looking very smart and have settled in to their new classes beautifully.

On Wednesday 10th September we will come together to celebrate our first school Mass in church, as always, you are more than welcome to attend.

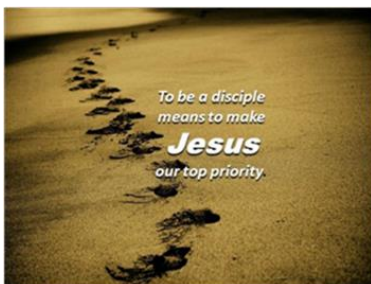
Please remember that parents are warmly invited to our celebration assemblies every Friday at 9:00, please check the website and calendar to confirm whether it's a Key Stage One or Key Stage Two assembly.

On Friday 26th September we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning, 9:00 – 10:30. Please refer to the letter for further details. It would be lovely for you to share this special event with us.

On Wednesday 1st October we will be holding our annual Harvest Mass. All donations of non-perishable foods will be greatly accepted and donated to the Stoke on Trent Foodbank.

On a final note, I would like to thank you for the parental feedback from the questionnaire in the summer. All feedback is greatly appreciated and I will look forward to sharing developments that have come from the feedback with you in the near future.

Mrs Statham
Head of School



This Sunday's Gospel from Luke invites us to reflect on what it truly means to follow Jesus. It's a powerful reminder that discipleship is not always easy or comfortable—it calls for sacrifice, intention, and unwavering commitment. Jesus encourages us to honestly examine our lives: Are we willing to let go of our own comfort, preferences, and personal desires in order to follow Him more closely? Are we ready to align our priorities with His will, even when it challenges us to change? As we begin a new school year and settle into new routines, this is a fitting time to reflect on where Christ is leading us. Let us ask for the grace to respond with courage and trust, knowing that when we give our whole hearts to Him, He leads us on a path of true joy and purpose.

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



It is 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.

AUTUMN TERM

Inset day Monday 1st September

Inset day Tuesday 2nd September

School opens to pupils Wednesday 3rd September

HALF TERM Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

St Mary's Catholic Academy - Term Dates
(stmarysstoke.co.uk)

**"THIS MORNING,
HE HAD A
RUNNY NOSE...
BUT LOOK AT
HIM NOW!"**



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



HM Government

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.



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

We have appointed our Head and Deputy head children for this academic year.

Please join us in congratulating them.



Head Boy – George



Head Girl— Ella



Deputy Head Boy – Miles



Deputy Head Girl — Arya

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to all our pupils!

We're thrilled to see such a positive and enthusiastic start to the new academic year.

A special welcome to our new pupils – you've made a wonderful start and have settled in brilliantly. Well done!



This academic year all pupils will continue take part in Forest school, where they will learn about the outdoors and nature. This is linked to the curriculum.

This half term Reception and Year 1 will take part from 17th September.

Please ensure appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear for wet/cold weather is brought into school every Wednesday.

School uniform

Please check our website for the uniform policy by clicking on the link below:

[St Mary's Catholic Academy - School Uniform](#)



Please ensure all uniform is correctly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you



Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for our coffee morning on :

Friday 26th September

9.00-10.30am

£2 donation for coffee and cake

'The Events Team needs you!'

Are you able to help out with events such as school disco's and summer fairs? This is a great way to make new friends as well as supporting the school in delivering exciting opportunities for your children.

If you are interested please contact Emma Brundrett on

emmabrundrett@outlook.com



Did you know we have a Facebook page?

Why not like and follow us....
stmarysnewmannorton

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

Please click on the link below which will take you through to our website.

[St Mary's Catholic Academy - Class Pages \(stmarysstoke.co.uk\)](#)



Please click on the link below to view this terms menu's:

[St Mary's Catholic Academy - School Meals](#)



Save the date



Monday 15th September	Y2 – Tunstall Library
Wednesday 17th September	RSE Parent workshop 2.30pm and 5pm
Wednesday 23rd September	Parent target meeting (school cloud) 5.30-8pm
Thursday 24th September	Parent target meeting (school cloud) 5.30-8pm
Friday 26th September	Macmillan coffee morning 9-10.30am
Tuesday 30th September	Reception/Y1 – Read with me 1:1 sessions (all day)
Sunday 5th October	Family mass @10am
Wednesday 1st October	Y1 – Nature Reserve
Wednesday 1st October	Y4 – Wroxeter Roman City
Friday 3rd October	Reception-Y6 Flu Immunisation
WB Monday 6th October	Y6 – Stanley Head
Thursday 9th October	Y3 – Woseley Centre
Thursday 9th October	Nursery – year 2 Phonics afternoon 2pm and 6pm
Friday 10th October	Nursery – Y2 Phonics watch me learn
Wednesday 15th October	Reception – Nature Reserve
Thursday 23rd October	Y1 – Sudbury Hall



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

[St Mary's Catholic Academy - Calendar](#)



St Mary's family Masses this term are on being held on Sunday 5th October and Sunday 30th November at 10am, it will be lovely to see you there.



CAMHS Open Day

Saturday 13th September 2025

9:30am - 12:30pm

Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre



**Core
CAMHS**



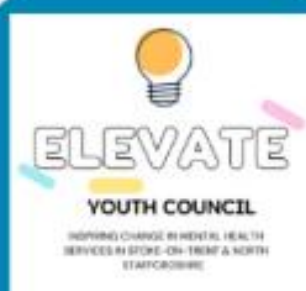
**Mental
Health
Support
Teams**



**Partner
Agencies**



**CAMHS
Looked
After
Children**



**Come along to our open
day to find out more
about the services we
offer!**

