



St. Mary's Catholic Academy

May 2026

Messenger



St Gabriel
the Archangel
Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school looking so smart, with many now wearing their summer uniforms.

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity throughout Lent. As a school, we supported both Father Hudson's Charity and CAFOD through a range of fundraising activities. The Big Lent Walk and mini marathon raised £82 for CAFOD, while "Clothe the Sheep" supported Father Hudson's Charity. Alongside the sale of Easter chicks, we raised a fantastic total of £423 for both causes. It was a joy to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic while supporting these worthy charities.

Last Sunday, Mr Sigley took on the incredible challenge of the London Marathon in support of CAFOD. He performed brilliantly, completing the race in an impressive 4 hours and 30 minutes—an outstanding achievement. Congratulations also to Miles, Chester, and everyone who participated in the mini marathon. We are extremely proud of you all.

Last Sunday also marked Vocation Sunday. This week, the children have been reflecting on how we can live out our vocation, remembering that our shared calling to love God and others helps us to live life to the fullest. We are grateful to Miss Parton and Mrs Goodwin for giving their time to visit school and share their own vocations with the children.

We are delighted to welcome the Book Fair back to St Mary's from Tuesday 5th May to Tuesday 12th May. The children will have the opportunity to browse and purchase books. Payments can be made by cash, card, or phone via a QR code.

Assessment Week for Year 6 begins on Monday 11th May. We wish all our Year 6 pupils the very best as they complete their SATs. They have all worked incredibly hard, and we are confident their efforts will be rewarded. Please keep them in your prayers during this important time.

On Saturday 9th May, our Year 3 pupils will celebrate receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time. This is a very special occasion, and we ask that you keep these children in your prayers. All are warmly invited to join the celebration, with Mass beginning at 11am in the church.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Statham



In this week's Gospel we hear how the disciples were looking for God the Father. Little did they realise that God was standing right in front of them in human form, through the person of Jesus. John 14 beautifully shows us how we can relate to God on a personal level through the person of Jesus Christ.



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



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.

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

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

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

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.



Sporting Achievements

We've had lots of amazing wins across the school...

Football: Y5 & Y6 boys finished 3rd in the Burslem league

Cross Country: Leah, Luca and Charlie in Y6 competed at City Finals and Charlie placed 4th. Rosa from Y3 finished 1st overall and Finley Whalley 4th.

Swimming: Y5 & Y6 boys won the Burslem cup and St Mary's came 2nd overall.

Well done to everyone!

Coming up we have Handball tournaments, Y3 & Y4 girls' football and Y5 & Y6 'Play on the Pitch' at Port Vale.



Congratulations to Jan in Y5 for his incredible achievement in becoming a finalist for Young Musician of the Year!

Also to Silas in Y4 for winning the 'Plates for Change' national competition.

Now that sunny weather is (hopefully!) on the way, can children please come into school with sun hat, sun cream and water bottle every day.



To view term dates for the remainder of the academic year please click on the link below:

[Click here for term dates](#)



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

[click here to view the calendar](#)



Save the date



Tuesday 5th – 12th May	Book Fair
Tuesday 5th May	Y4, 5 & 6 Play & Clay
Wednesday 6th May	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Rosary Club
Friday 8th May	Y1 Inspire Workshop- Crowning of Mary
Saturday 9th May	First Communion, 11am
W/C 11th May	Assessment Week
Thursday 14th May	Y4 Peak Wildlife Park
Friday 22nd May	Y6 Alton Towers
Friday 22nd May	Nursery Inspire Workshop- Pentecost



Awards/Celebrations



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

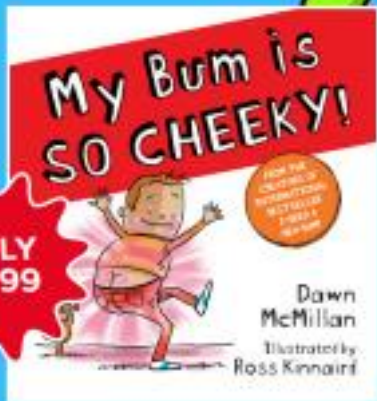
Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Nursery	Ezekiel	Jasper	Oluwapamilerin	Michael
Reception	Trinethra	Albie	Luca	Myla
Year 1	Fleur	Muna	Freya	Evalyn
Year 2	Deborah	Havanna	Nicolas	Emmanuel
Year 3	Rosa	Olivia C	Henry T	Reign
Year 4	Imogen	Lulu	Rocco	Isabelle
Year 5	Issiah	Pip	Harvey	Fletcher
Year 6	Ayra	Liam	Rocco	Mya

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Date: *Tuesday 5th May to Friday 8th May*

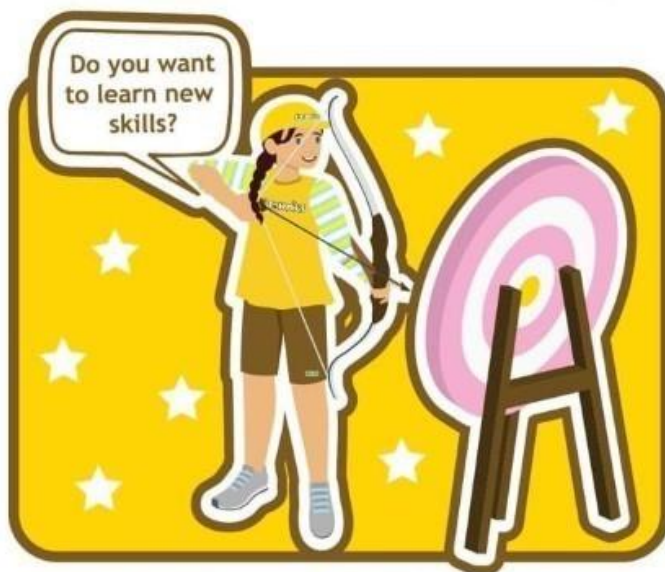
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Girls age 7-10



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