



St. Mary's Catholic Academy

July 2026

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.

Last week, our Songbirds performed at the Big Sing Concert. They sang their little hearts out. Well done, Songbirds! We have also had many children representing the school at Northwood and at the swimming gala finals. The children have shown great sportsmanship and have made the school proud – well done!

On Tuesday 30th June, 105 children graduated from 'The Children's University'. This was a fantastic achievement of children's engagement with extracurricular activities marked by a graduation ceremony at Staffordshire University. Well done to all those who graduated!

This Friday, the events team will hold their annual 'Colour Run'. 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 over £1,600 this academic year. The events team will be using some of these funds raised to plan an exciting event which will take place next academic year, watch this space! We are always looking for additional parents to join our Events Team. If you can spare some time and would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office for more information.

On Thursday 9th July we have our attendance trip to Drayton Manor 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 **with 98.55%**. They will be having a special reward day in school in the final week.

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



As we near the end of the school year, we are encouraged to remember the importance of rest in our lives, to be restored physically and mentally, and be filled spiritually. During this holiday season let us remember to bring our concerns and worries to Jesus and find our rest in Him.



We were honoured to welcome His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our wonderful young people. It was a joyful and prayerful occasion, marking an important step in the faith journey of our pupils. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for the commitment, reflection and faith they have shown throughout their preparation.

UNIFORMD

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](#)



Seaside Menu

Crispy Battered Fish,
or
Quorn Sausage (V)
Served with Chips
And a choice of Mushy Peas,
Garden Peas or Baked Beans,
Curry Sauce or
Gravy
~
Rocket Ice Lolly

Friday 17th July 2026



Wimbledon Special Menu

Chicken Burger served with
Potato Tennis Balls
Baked Beans or Veg
Or
Cheese & Onion Quiche served
with 'Tennis Potato Balls',
Baked Beans or Veg
~
Wimbledon Cupcakes
Or
Strawberries and Cream

Thursday 9th July, 2026



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

We are very proud of you all.



Save the dates



Y6 Performance

Y6 have been working hard to prepare their end of year production 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. Performances will take place on Tuesday 7th July at 1.30pm and Wednesday 8th July at 5pm. Tickets are available from the school office.

Y6 Leaver's Breakfast

Friday 17th July from 8am (*Y6 only*)
Parents are welcome to come along (pre-bookable on Arbor).

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 10th July will be our last session for the after-club curriculum.
We will only be providing wraparound care on the final week.



- KS2 – Monday 6th July, 9:00–11:30am
- EYFS & KS1 – Tuesday 7th July, 9:00–11:00am

Please remember to send children with a sun hat, water bottle, and sunscreen already applied.



We are holding our annual Prize giving ceremonies on;
Tuesday 14th July
EYFS 9.30am
Wednesday 15th 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 – 2026

Summer Bank Holiday Monday 31st August
Inset Days (school closed to pupils) Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September
School opens to pupils Wednesday 3rd September

2026/27 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)



Awards



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

Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Year 3	Henry T & Blake	Connor & Annie	Warren & Krishiv	Casey & Theo
Year 4	Smith & Elliot	Iqra & Ivan	Aoife & Rocco	Finley W & Iqra
Year 5	Max & Ruby J	Sebastian & Rosalie	Rosa & Noah	Jenson S & Phoebe
Year 6	Lexi & Ellie	Romaya & Maisie	Jack & Fawaz	Darcy & Lola

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thurs 2nd July	New Class Transition Meeting - 3.30pm & 5.30pm
Fri 3rd July	Colour Run
Mon 6th July	KS2 Sports Day
Mon 6th July	SMW Summer Concert
Tues 7th July	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
Tues 7th July	Parent drop-in session 3.30-6.30pm
Tues 7th July	Y6 Performance 1.30pm
Weds 8th July	Y6 Performance 5pm
Weds 8th July	Nursery trip to Stafford park
Weds 8th July	Y4 Saints Day
Weds 8th July	Summer Music Concerts
Weds 8th July	Y1 Nature Reserve Visit
Thurs 9th July	Attendance trip
Thurs 9th July	Y3 Parent drop-in session 3.30-6.30pm
Tues 14th July	Foundation stage graduation/ End of year assembly 9.30am
Wed 15th July	KS1 End of year assembly 2pm
Wed 15th July	KS2 End of year assembly 5.30pm
Fri 17th July	Y6 Leavers Breakfast
Fri 17th July	Y6 - Leavers Assembly 9.30am
Fri 17th July	School closes for Summer

THE
OLD NORTONIAN
SOCIETY

& Ford Green
Hall



GARDEN PARTY



Rural Crafts

Tombola

Sunday July 5th
11am to 4pm

Activities
for Children

Refreshments

Pottery Painting

Live Music

Cream Teas

Plant Sales

Photo Archive
Displays

Proceeds in support of



Norton Community Church

f FREE ADMISSION TO
HALL AND GARDENS

Ford Green Road, Smallthorne, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 1NG

THE PLAY BARN

the PLAY BARN
Soft Play & Café

@ ROUND MEADOWS FARM

SEN SESSIONS

14:30 - 16:30



UPCOMING DATES



28 JUNE



26 JULY



12 AUGUST



30 AUGUST



27 SEPTEMBER



Please note: this is a
dedicated SEN session
exclusively for children
with additional needs
and their families.



Reduced capacity
Fewer children for a more
relaxed experience.



Lower background music
A quieter environment
to help everyone feel
more comfortable.



PLEASE BOOK ONLINE

ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIRED

WWW.PLAYBARNRMF.CO.UK

New for Summer Lauren's Littlies'

30 minute, one to one
horse riding slots with a
dedicated and passionate
little person instructor



Tuesdays

4.00pm to 6.00pm

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A PONY ENCOUNTER

(half pony care,
half riding)

£27.50

OR

RIDING SESSION

£32.00



★ Booking is strictly first come, first served and
all our usual terms and conditions apply. ★

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Email
admin@coursesforhorses.org.uk



Call
01782 505664

OPEN DAY

Free Entry

Saturday 11th July 2026

Longton Fire Station

11am-4pm

Demonstrations

Activities

Food

Fairground Rides



11am-12pm
Sensory friendly hour

There will be no flashing lights or sirens to accommodate neurodivergent members of the community.



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The Fire Fighters Charity



Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service
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