



St. Mary's Catholic Academy

September 2026

Messenger



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent/teacher target meetings both in person and via school cloud. These meetings are so valuable in supporting your child and seeing how they are progressing.

Last week we held our Macmillan Coffee morning. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and support that we received. A special thank you to those who also volunteered their time to help out. A grand total of £252 was raised through the coffee morning. Many thanks for all your support.

This week, our Year 6 children have had a wonderful time at Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre. They have explored new challenges, tested themselves, worked together as a team, developed new friendships and have made everlasting memories. They were all amazing and were a credit to the school! Well done boys and girls!

This week, on Wednesday, we celebrated our Harvest Mass in church. We were truly overwhelmed by your generosity. All the donations were gratefully received by the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Over the past few weeks, a number of children have represented our school at Key Stage Two football tournaments. A super well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 representatives who played amazingly well and came 2nd in the collegiate. Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 football team who won their tournament! A huge thank you and well done to all the children who showed not only great skill but more importantly great sportsmanship. Well done children!

On Sunday 20th September, we gathered together for our first family Mass this academic year at our parish church. It is always lovely to see our families celebrating mass together. Father John and our parish are always ready to welcome us every week, so please don't wait until the next family Mass (Sunday 29th November).

Last Thursday, our school council went to London to visit the Houses of Parliament, the London Eye and went on a cruise along the River Thames. The children had a fantastic day and were a credit to the school.

Week beginning the 5th October the discipleship team will be leading the Rosary club. This will happen every Tuesday and Thursday during October at 8:30am. All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Statham
Head of School



In this Sunday's Gospel reading Jesus teaches us, through the parable of the tenant workers, about rejection and acceptance. We hear how we are all called to respect Jesus, by listening to His message of love and sharing it with others. Matthew 21 33:43



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: Friday 23rd October

Half term: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Inset day: Monday 2nd November

School opens to pupils: Tuesday 3rd November

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!

Ruby - Head Girl

Max - Head Boy

Jeron – Deputy
Head Boy

Madaleine –
Deputy Head Girl



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!



Any medication for students must be brought into the school office and an authorisation form signed (whether medicine is to be consumed during the school day or after school)

School uniform

Please check our website for the uniform policy: [St Mary's Catholic Academy - School Uniform](#)

Pre-loved uniform can be purchased via [our Uniformd page](#). Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name.



If you need to contact Care Club, please note their number is listed on our website: 07444 618 525 (calls only)

'The Events Team needs you!'

Are you able to help with events such as school discos 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 the school office.



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



Save the date



Date	Event
Friday 2nd October	Creation Day: Non-Uniform & Whole School Assembly (2.30pm)
Monday 5th October	Active Families Session, 2-3pm
Wednesday 7th October	Y1 Trip to The Children's Country House at Sudbury
Thursday 8th October	Reception Class Saint Day/World Animal Day
Thursday 8th October	Y3 Trip to Wolseley Centre
Thursday 8th October	Phonics Info Sessions, FS & KS1 (2pm & 5pm)
Friday 9th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 9th October	Y4 Inspire Workshop- Rosary
Monday 12-Wednesday 14th October	Y5 Trip to Alton Castle
Monday 12th October	St Margaret Ward Open Morning (Y6)
Thursday 15th October	Y4 Class Saint Day
Friday 16th October	Y6 Trip to Oscott College
Monday 19th- Thursday 22nd october	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 22nd October	Spooky Disco
Friday 23rd October	INSET Day
Monday 26th-Friday 30th October	October Half Term
Monday 2nd November	INSET Day
Tuesday 4th November	Flu Immunisation Programme
Thursday 5th November	Academy Photographs- Individual/Sibling



Awards



We would like to congratulate all of the children who have received awards so far this term!

Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Reception	Nellie	Rex	Harrison	Penelope
Year 1	Ovie	Luca	Mujid	Ava-Grace
Year 2	Ezra	Evalyn	Albie	Elliott
Year 3	Noah	Ralf	Jonah	Sofia
Year 4	Abigail	Connor	Carter	Olivia
Year 5	Ivan	Aaron	Imogen	Aiden



Celebration assembly dates can be found on our website, on our calendar tab:
[St Mary's Catholic Academy - Calendar](#)



Thank you to everyone who brought in food items for the harvest festival. This has been donated to Stoke-on-Trent foodbank and will help to support many local families.



Our next Family Mass is being held on Sunday 29th November; it will be lovely to see you there.





Spooky disco

Thursday 22nd October
EYFS / KS1 – 5:00 – 6:00pm
KS2 – 6:15 – 7:15pm

Admission £3

(Includes unlimited juice/water, sweet treat
and packet of crisps)

Additional items can be purchased
Hotdog or V option £1.50
Glow item £1.00

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WEEKLY FOOTBALL COURSE

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ST4 5NT

EVERY FRIDAY

GROUP 1 AGES 4-6 5:30 - 6:30PM	GROUP 2 AGES 7-8 6:30 - 7:30PM	GROUP 3 AGES 9+ 7:30 - 8:30PM
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TROPHY & CERTIFICATE FOR EVERY CHILD

FUN COMPETITIONS & PRIZES

LEARN NEW SKILLS MAKE FRIENDS HAVE FUN!

ALL COACHES DBS CHECKED AND FA QUALIFIED

JUST £7 A SESSION!

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TO BOOK:
TEXT CHILD'S NAME + GROUP NUMBER + "JOSEPH" TO
07749164777

DISCIPLINE | TEAMWORK | RESPECT | A BRIGHTER FUTURE

LEARN PLAY DEVELOP MAKE FRIENDS HAVE FUN

BELIEVE IMPROVE ACHIEVE

ASMS SPORTS

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FOR CHILDREN AND ADULT BEGINNERS

FREE EVENT

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER, 2026

6:00 PM

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TWO SMITHFIELD,
LEONARD COATES WAY
HANLEY, SOT, ST1 4FD

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City of Stoke-on-Trent