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St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our theme for the Summer term is: 'Stewardship'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Attentive and Discerning'



Dear parents and carers,

17th June 2022

What a wonderful end to the week with our St. Mary's Summer Fair. It was fantastic to see the whole school community come together for the event and to support the PTA fundraising efforts. A special thank you to those on the PTA who made it possible and to those who volunteered. I know that many of you would like these events to run, but they can only happen if you join the PTA and help organise them - we hope for more volunteers for next year. This week has also been money week and the children have enjoyed learning more about economics (important learning for their future) and many of our pupils used this learning whilst supporting the stalls at our Summer Fair. Well done to our sporting teams, who were marvellous this week, winning many medals and the rounders tournament. It has been a fabulous week!

Miss Price

This week's Gospel and Prayer

John 16: 13

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will lead you to the complete truth."

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- The Holy Trinity – of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is the central mystery of our faith.
- Making the Sign of the Cross reminds us of and affirms our belief.
- Faith is having confidence to believe in things we might not fully understand.

Dear God, three-in-one

We know that you love us and you are always with us. You give us all we need to live your way. We believe in you and love you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When we find our faith tricky and hard to understand, help us to trust in you and believe.

Amen

Catholic Life in School

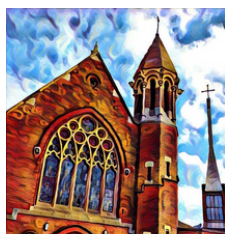
Year 2 Mass - Holy Trinity

On Wednesday, Year 2 led us in our Mass dedicated to the Holy Trinity.



Year 6 Mass in Church - 22.6.22 at 9:15am
 - SS. John Fisher and Thomas More

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 22nd June 2022, starting promptly at 9:15am. **Year 6 children** will be leading our Mass and Year 5 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.



Money Week

We have had money week in school and the children took part in a range of economic activities, which brought money matters to life.

We met many of our objectives from our maths and PSHE curriculum, designed to raise awareness of the importance of financial education. Look at our fabulous learning...



Reception have been learning about money this week! Learning about what the different coins represented.



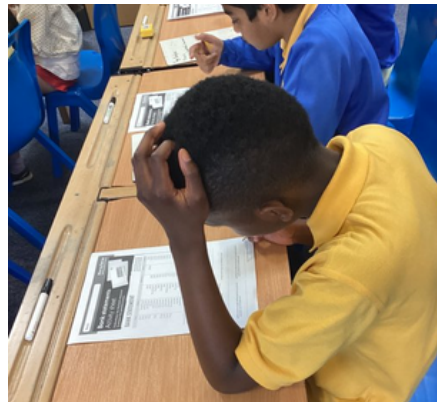
Year 2 played 'shop', buying and selling, wheeling and dealing.



Year 4 designed an advert to persuade our character 'Abigail' to spend her money.



Year 1 used coins to solve their addition questions in their maths lessons.



Year 5 learnt what bank statements include and what budgeting is all about



Reception made passports this week to use in the travel agents!

We were so proud of our children who gave their time to run the stalls at our Summer Fair, as part of their Money Week learning.



Year 4 worked so hard on their money week project. They made enough profit to plant over 80 trees.



As part of their money week project, year 3 sold cakes and lemonade.



Reception news: -

Reception were very enthusiastic when designing a new coin for the Queen.



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been thinking about how we can look after our seas. They know we must look after our beautiful world God created for us!



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 went on a tour of the Church.



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 learnt about how the Holy Spirit breathes new life on us as they learnt to sign the song: - 'Like the Dewfall'



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 re-enacted a baptism for their unit of learning in RE. Thank you to Fr. John.



Year 5 news: -

Year 5 spent the afternoon looking at the evidence for a flat Earth and the evidence for a spherical Earth. They used the evidence to come to the conclusion - it's spherical!

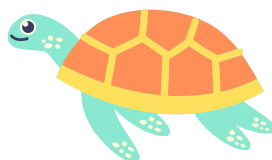
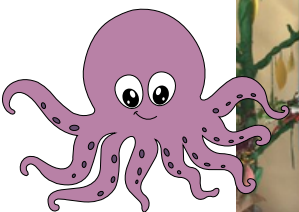


Year 6 news: -

Year 6 created team balances and movements in their gymnastics lesson.



Home Learning
Well done Year 1 for all
your amazing home
learning all about
'our seas'!



St. Mary's Summer Fair

We had such an amazing time at our Summer Fair, organised by the PTA.



The PTA are in serious need of volunteers and commitment if they are to continue to run as a charity and put on so many wonderful events, raising money for the children in school. They particularly need a treasurer at the moment. If you can commit to this, please speak to Miss. Price or Mrs. Davis.

SPORT SUCCESS

Great news for St. Mary's PE

This week, our KS2 Rounders team won their tournament! They played sensationally and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship! The weather was beautiful too. Well done, children!



Our Year 6 Athletics team competed in a variety of events at King Edward's School, including: shot put, javelin, 60m and cycling! Between them, they won 27 medals which included some individual awards for best overall! We are incredibly proud!



Next week: - WB 20.6.22

Fathers' Day Inspires

As it is Fathers' day this weekend, we will be hosting our first Fathers' Day Inspire in school on Monday. Dads are invited to attend, but if dad is unavailable, mums, grandfathers, uncles... any responsible adult over the age of 18 can attend. It is the first time that we are hosting where the entire school is involved and there will be a carousel of activities. We look forward to seeing you next week.

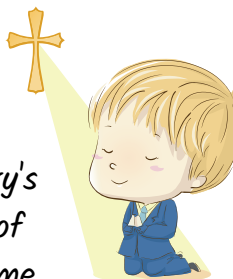


Holy Communion

Group 1 - 14.6.22 7:00pm

Group 2 - 16.6.22 7:00pm

Some of our Y3 children will be making their First Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church this week. This marks the third major step on the children's journey of faith, when the children receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.



School of Sanctuary and Refugee Week

Next week is refugee week in school and the theme is 'whoever, whatever, whenever, everybody has a right to seek safety'. At St. Mary's we believe that every refugee should be welcomed and treated with dignity - regardless of their birthplace, origin, race or religion. On Friday 24th June 2022, we will be assessed to see whether our vision and learning will mean that we are awarded with the School of Sanctuary award. We're very confident!



BABY NEWS



Massive congratulations to Mrs Richards and her husband on the safe delivery of their baby daughter. Mum and baby are doing very well.



This is an Operation Encompass School

KEEPING SAFE

We are an operation encompass school. Therefore school is working alongside the police to ensure support for any child who has been involved in or witness to domestic abuse.

Please find more information about this on our website or contact the school office.

Pastoral Team

If you require any support from school please speak to a member of our pastoral team



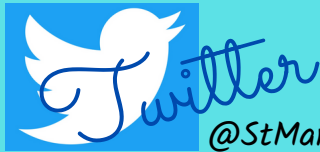
Online Safety

The NSPCC have partnered with Ambitious about Autism to create online safety tips, advice and activities for parents and carers of children with SEND, including children with dyslexia, autism and speech and language difficulties. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/>

Keep your children safe online

Child net advocate that the Internet, when used safely and appropriately can help young people feel a sense of belonging and inclusion. The links below can be used to explore online safety, mental health and well-being. For any support with these issues or further advice, please speak to a member of the pastoral team.

- <https://www.childnet.com/blog/checking-in-this-mental-health-awareness-week/>
- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health>



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YOUTUBE PARENTAL CONTROLS
that Help Keep Your Kids Safe



Dates for next term

Summer 2 theme -

20th June - 9:15am-11:00am

20th June - 1:15pm-3:00pm

21st June - all day

21st June 2022 - 7:00pm

22nd June 2022 - 9:15am

23rd June 2022 - all day

23rd June 2022 - 7:00pm

24th June 2022 - am

29th June 2022 - 9:30am

1st July 2022 - 9:15am

3rd July 2022 - 12:00pm-3:00pm

5th July 2022 - all day

6th July 2022 - all day

7th July 2022 - 9:15am

11th July 2022 - all day

14th July - SPORTS DAY

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19th July - 9:30 prompt start

19th July - 2:00 prompt start

20th July - 9:30am

21st July -

Save our seas, save our trees - Take Action!

Fathers' Day INSPIRE - morning session

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World Music Day in school

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 3

Y6 Mass in Church (Y6, Y5 parents welcome)

Y4 trip to Boddenham Arboretum

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 4

Refugee Retreat morning

Whole School Mass for SS. Peter and Paul (parents welcome in old Church)

Reception class Assembly (parents welcome)

St. Mary's Parish Fete

School closed for children - INSET day

Transition Day - children meet their new teachers for the next academic year

Y3 Mass in Church (Y3, Y4 parents welcome)

Year 6 end of year trip to Drayton Manor

9:00-10:00 Reception Sports Day

10:30-12:00 KS1 Sports Day

1:30-3:15 KS2 Sports Day

Y6 production of Oliver (Y6 parents only)

Y6 production of Oliver (Y6 parents only)

Y6 leavers Mass (Y6 parents welcome)

Break up for Summer holidays

Summer 2

Starts: Monday 6th June

Tuesday 5th July -
INSET - Children NOT in School

Ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

Do not book holidays during term time

This is a reminder that holidays during term time are unauthorised. If you intend to take your child out of school during term time, we ask that you complete a holiday request form at least 2 weeks prior to the leave date where possible. Parents may be fined by the Local Authority for taking unauthorised leave of absence. Children need to be in school every day so please ensure holidays are only booked during school holiday time.

Term dates are on this newsletter and on the website.

Attendance and Punctuality: -

Good attendance, after the disruptions of the last two years, continues to be a school and government priority. During Parent consultations, staff will be giving out your child's attendance this term and discussing any concerns. Remember below 95% is a concern and below 90% is classed as persistent absence. If you have any problems with regards to getting your child to school or you are struggling to improve your child's attendance, please speak to Miss Price or Mrs. Davis.

Class	YRF	YRL	Y1F	Y1L	Y2F	Y2L	Y3F	Y3L	Y4F	Y4L	Y5F	Y5L	Y6F	Y6L
%	94%	97.7%	96.3%	98.7%	97.7%	94.3%	98.3%	98.7%	95.9%	97.7%	95%	93.7%	97.3%	94.7%
Lates	5	1	4	2	10	6	7	6	4	5	9	4	3	4
Whole School Attendance so far this year						95.7%		School Target				97%		

Well done Y1L and Y3L: - our Attendance Champions



Congratulations to the following children who have shone in school over the last week:

- Year RL Pistis trying really hard with her learning and listening extremely well to adults
- Year RF Monty always being so polite and kind to others and so helpful to his teachers
- Year 1L Marta fabulous piece of home learning
- Year 1F Anthony super home learning all about the seas
- Year 2L Paulos trying his best to improve the standard of his work in all subjects
- Year 2F Cara describing the features of reptiles and mammals
- Year 3L Annabel creating a fantastic advertisement for the Money Week stall at the Summer Fair
- Year 3F Melissa writing an excellent poem, which rhymes, in English lessons
- Year 4L Martina excellent ideas in Exciting Writing
- Year 4F Adrian outstanding effort and improvement with his handwriting this week
- Year 5L Isobella a positive work ethic and for trying his best
- Year 5F Martha creating some lovely imagery to use in her poetry
- Year 6L Brittany being a wonderful role model to others with excellent behaviour
- Year 6F Nicole showing exemplary behaviour and excellent listening

