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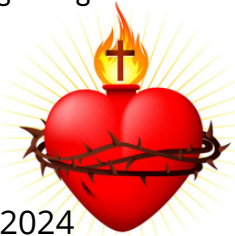


St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our theme for the Summer term is: 'Solidarity and the Common Good'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Learned and Wise'



30th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

This week, our learning about St. Peter and St. Paul has reminded us that our God is a God of Sinners and Saints - neither St. Peter nor St. Paul were without fault and are therefore excellent role models for all of us to continue on our Earthly vocation to become Saints. St. Peter and St. Paul - Pray for Us.

We have a busy few weeks left in school. Next week is Sports Week and the children should come in to school on Monday and Tuesday wearing sporty clothes and trainers. On Monday, they can wear their own non-school uniform PE kit as the PTA are asking for a donation of bottles for the Parish Fair. On Tuesday, children should wear their school PE kit. On Wednesday, children will meet their new teachers. This is always such an exciting time in school and we're looking forward to meeting our new cohort of Reception children who will be joining our St. Mary's family in September 2024. Please remember that school is shut for pupils on Thursday 4th July as it is the General election and the school building is being used as a polling station. Then, we return on Friday for our Sports Day. I hope the football fans amongst you have been enjoying the Euros. England still scraping through... less said the better.

God bless,

Mrs Yorke

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Matthew 16:13

'Jesus said to his disciples "Who do people say the Son of Man is?".'

Dear God,

Jesus, you are Christ, my Holy Father, my Tender God, my Great King, my Good Shepherd, my Only Master, my Best Helper, my Most Beautiful and my Beloved, my Living Bread, my Priest Forever, my Leader, my True Light, my Holy Sweetness, my Straight Way, my Excellent Wisdom, my Pure Simplicity, my Peaceful Harmony, my Entire Protection, my Good Grace, my Everlasting Salvation.

Amen

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Jesus' names and titles like 'the Son of Man' reveal who He really is.
- Through prayer, Jesus' titles help us to understand and connect more closely with Him.

Catholic Life in School

Whole School Mass - 28.6.24 - SS. Peter and Paul

On the solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, the whole school gathered for a Mass, which reminded us that Our God is a God of Saints and Sinners. We can all be a friend of Jesus



There is no Mass next week as it is transition day

Y3 Mass - St. Benedict

Our next Mass is in the **School Hall** on Wednesday 10th July 2024, starting promptly at 9:15am. Year 3 children will be leading our Mass and their parents/carers are welcome to attend.





Thank-you to our many families who supported our appeal for food for St. Chad's Sanctuary.



Thank-you to Jim who kindly volunteered to collect and deliver our donations to St Chad's Sanctuary.



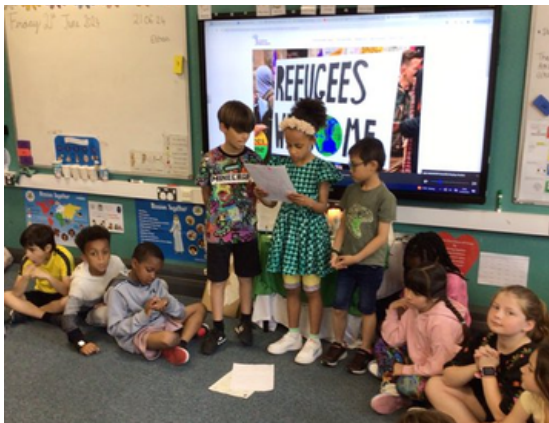
Child-led Prayer and Liturgy



Year 6 met with Fr. Hilary ahead of their Leavers Mass and then worked on the introduction and bidding prayers.



Year 5 and Year 6 children led a beautiful prayer service about St. Peter and St. Paul in their classes.



Year 3 children led a beautiful prayer service this week about the importance of welcoming refugees.



Year 2 spent time in prayer to St. Peter and St. Paul and spent time in prayer outdoors this week in our beautiful prayer garden devoted to Mary.



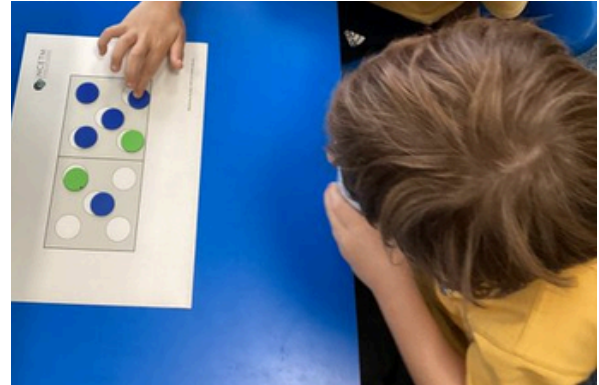
Reception news: -

Reception children have been making their own decade of the Rosary to help them with their prayer time.



Year 1 news: -

Mathematicians in Year 1 have been enjoying their mastery maths lessons.



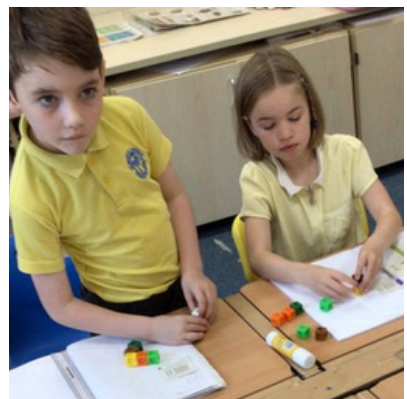
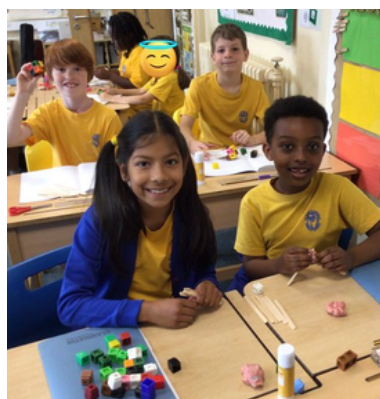
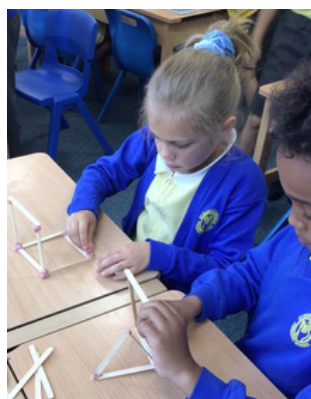
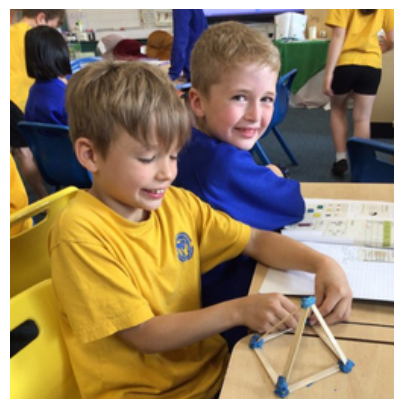
Year 2 news: -

In Science this week, Year 2 created their own food chains.



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 Mathematicians have been making 3D shapes with cubes, plasticine and lolly sticks.



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 have been practising their long jump and javelin skills in PE lessons.



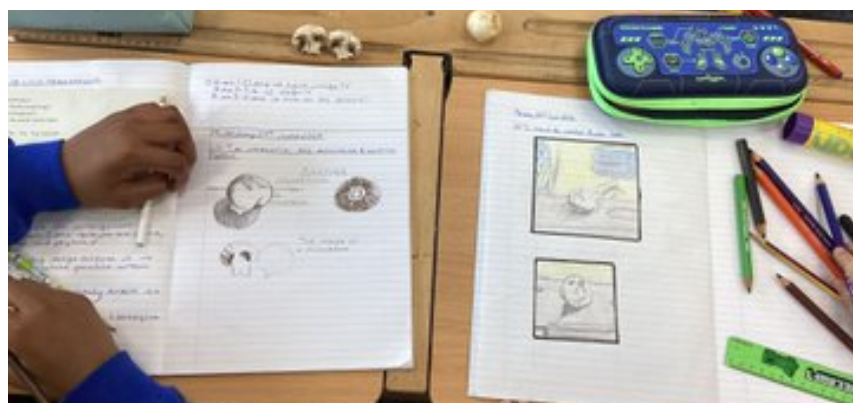
Year 5 news: -

Year 5 measured their shadows across the day to evaluate the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.



Year 6 news:-

Scientists in Year 6 have been inspired by Beatrix Potter and studied scientific subjects, such as fungi and plants, completing their own scientific illustrations of them

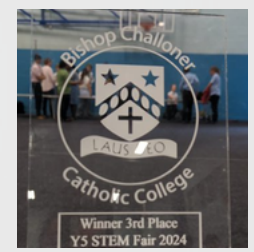


Year 3 school trip

Year 3 had an amazing trip on Tuesday to Selly Park. learning all about the Tudors. They learnt all about the start of the Tudor reign, Henry VIII and his family and the reformation.



St. Mary's came third
in the STEM fair at
Bishop Challoner

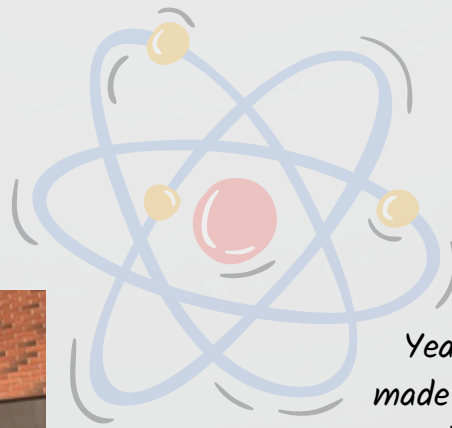


Year 6 learnt about
aerodynamics.



Year 2 made their own play dough
and their own food chains.

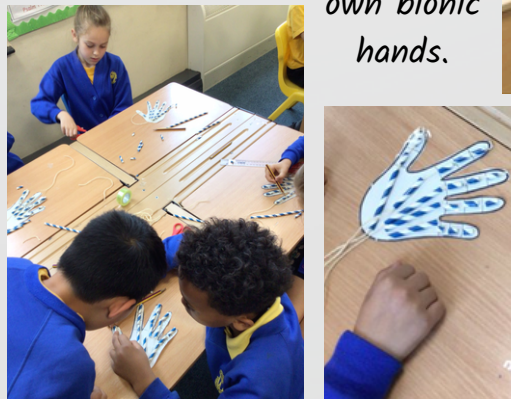
Year 4 made egg parachutes and
tested them out of the window.



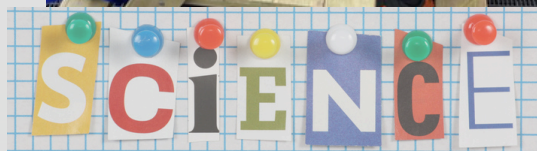
Year 3
made their
own bionic
hands.



Year 5 made their own bath bombs
and watched how they fizz in water
when the carbon dioxide is released.



Year 1 used play dough to show
their learning about plants.





Harborne Academy Summer Holiday Camp

Multi-Activity Camp

Our Multi-Activity Camp offers a wide range of different sessions (from Archery to Fencing alongside many other sports/team games and enrichment activities) for children to enjoy.

Dates: Tuesday 23rd July To Friday 30th August

Times: 9am- 4pm (4-year olds allowed for half days 9am-1pm)

Price: £18.84 (£12.30 for half day)

Early Bird 30% Discount on offer until 30/06/2024 (Reduced to 20% from 01/07/2024)

Booking Link- [Harborne Academy – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)



Football Camp

Our Football Camp will look to develop children's football skills each day with plenty of opportunities for games and lots of teamwork.

Dates: Monday 12th August To Friday 16th August

Times: 9am- 4pm (4-year olds allowed for half days 9am-1pm)

Price: £18.83 (£12.30 for half day).

Early Bird 30% Discount on offer until 30/06/2024 (Reduced to 20% from 01/07/2024)

Booking Link: [Football Holiday Camp – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)



FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

We are able to offer FREE places (12pm – 4pm) for any children who are Free School Meal (FSM) from 23rd July – 9th August 2024 funded by the governments Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF). You must supply your FSM code when booking (the code will be provided by your school). We will provide your child with a free packed lunch, all your child will need is a water bottle and suitable clothing plus lots of energy!

Booking link:

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/892512>



For any queries, please contact our Community
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- + Morning sessions in guitar, violin or ukulele
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- + Book from 1 day to the whole experience
- + Discounts including 10% sibling discount & tax free childcare


- + Different theme every week
- + Afternoon workshops, from sport to art to drama
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Celebrate your child's new musical skills at our Grand Concert, where you can see what they've learnt with their new friends!




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Next week - WB 1.7.24



Donation of bottles needed to support our Parish Fair



The PTA have asked for bottle donations for the Parish Summer Fete in exchange for a non-school uniform day tomorrow. If you are able to make a donation, please bring a bottle into school tomorrow (or over the next few days). Remember, this week is Sports Week in school. Children should wear clothes that they can complete their PE workshop in. Thank you :)

Sports Week - WB 1.7.24



Next week is Sports week and we have organised a range of activities and workshops for the children on Monday and Tuesday.

On both these days children need to be dressed prepared for physical activity and should wear trainers to school on both days.

Monday - PTA are asking for bottles for the Summer Fair

Tuesday - St. Alphonsa are wearing yellow...

Children must wear sports wear even though these days are non-school uniform days. Thank you



St. Alphonsa celebration - 2.7.24

St. Alphonsa's feast day is in the Summer holiday, so we're going to celebrate her before we break up.

All children who are in St. Alphonsa's house can come to school wearing their house colour yellow as non-school uniform on Tuesday 2nd July.

Please ensure that non-school uniform is still appropriate for school.



Year Harborne Library Visit - 2.7.24

Year 3 classes and 1L will be visiting Harborne Library next Tuesday.

3L will leave at 8:50am

3T will leave at 10:20 am

1L will leave at 1:00pm

If you are a parent who would like to attend and support walking to and from the library, please let the school know.



Transition Day - Wednesday 3rd July

On Wednesday 3rd July, children will be meeting their new teachers for the day. This is always such an exciting day in school.

Teacher lists

I will confirm classes and teachers in next Friday's newsletter.



RE: General Election

Thursday 4th July

As we are a polling station, school will be

closed to all children on

• **Thursday 4th July 2024**



Friday 5th July 2024

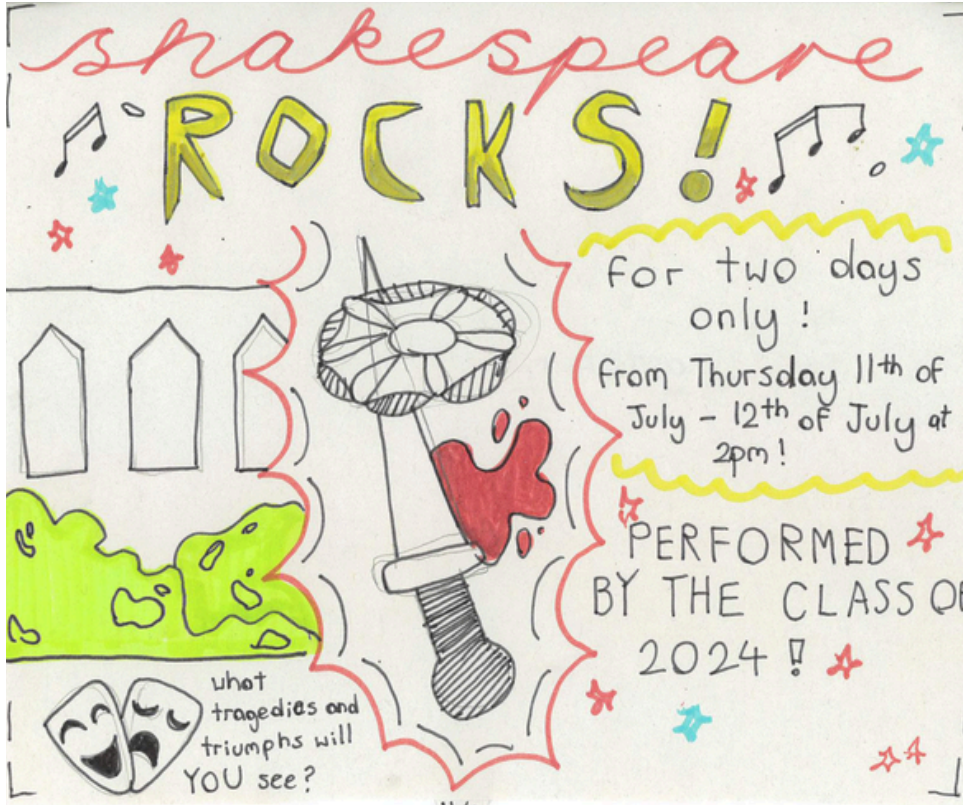
9:00-10:00 = Reception class

10:30-11:30 = Year 1 and Year 2

1:30-3:00 = Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

We have made plans for our Sports Day to be on Friday 5th July 2024.

The timings are above and we are hoping for good weather.



Shakespeare Rocks

Not long now to our Year 6's perform one last time at St. Mary's in their show -

Shakespeare Rocks

Year 6 are putting on two performances of Shakespeare Rocks for Y6 parents only.

The performance will also be recorded so can be shared with loved ones later.

Performances are:

11th July at 2:00pm

12th July at 2:00pm

Year 6 Leavers Mass - Wednesday 17th July 2024 - 9:30am

We will be celebrating Year 6 and their time at St. Mary's with a whole school Leavers Mass on Wednesday 17th July at 9:30am. All parents and family members are able to attend this Mass. For the Mass, we will ask parents to sit in the old part of the Church.

After Mass, the rest of the school will leave and return to have break time. Year 6 will remain in the Church and parents will join them to watch their slideshow of memories in the Church.

This will be when we hand out presents too.

The rest of the school / siblings will watch the slideshow in their classrooms.



Friday 19th July - all day

Shirt signing will take place on the final day of term. We also continue to encourage parents, staff and children to join us in the guard of honour as they leave school for the final time as Year 6 pupils. Collection times of all children are in red in 'dates for this term' - all children will need to be collected by 2pm and then Year 6 (and any staff leavers) will come out.

Staff News



Maternity News

Congratulations to Mrs. Richards and her husband who are expecting their second child in the Autumn term. I am sure that you will join the St. Mary' staff in celebrating this fantastic news.

SPORT SUCCESS

Well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 girls who played wonderfully at round 2 of the Harborne Netball Competition this week in very hot weather! We came 4th out of ten schools. This is a fantastic achievement girls. Keep playing!



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



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators PROMOTING PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Physical activity isn't only beneficial for our bodies, it also plays a role in promoting mental wellbeing. With both the Euros and the Olympics this summer, it's an opportunity to engage young people in regular exercise which can reduce stress, improve mood and boost self-esteem. Imagine these benefits, every children have access to participating in physical activity.

- 1 MAKE IT FUN**
Encourage activities that children see as playing games or having fun. Encourage them to learn sports or games activities by taking them to the park and a variety of other activities.
- 2 MIX MOVEMENT WITH LEARNING**
Educational settings can use the opportunity to mix movement with learning. Encourage children to learn through physical activities like dance, drama, and games. Encourage children to learn through physical activities like dance, drama, and games.
- 3 CREATE OPPORTUNITIES**
Provide clear channels for physical activity throughout the day. Both indoors and outdoors, before and after school, during breaks, and after school. Encourage children to learn through physical activities like dance, drama, and games.
- 4 PROVIDE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT**
Praise and encourage children for their efforts and achievements in physical activity. Encourage children to learn through physical activities like dance, drama, and games.
- 5 VARIETY IS KEY**
Introduce a variety of physical activities to keep children engaged and prevent boredom. Encourage children to learn through physical activities like dance, drama, and games.
- 6 MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE**
Ensure that all children have access to physical activity. Encourage children to learn through physical activities like dance, drama, and games.
- 7 SET REALISTIC GOALS**
Help children set realistic physical activity goals. Encourage children to learn through physical activities like dance, drama, and games.
- 8 ENCOURAGE PERSISTENCE**
Help children develop confidence and persistence in their physical activity. Encourage children to learn through physical activities like dance, drama, and games.
- 9 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
Parents and carers can be a positive role model for their children. Encourage children to learn through physical activities like dance, drama, and games.
- 10 ENCOURAGE PERSISTENCE**
Help children develop confidence and persistence in their physical activity. Encourage children to learn through physical activities like dance, drama, and games.

Meet Our Expert
Adam O'Hair is a wellbeing and development specialist who, as well as working for the National College, is also a parent and a former professional footballer. He was named as the best in his expert research group for the Department for Education, one of only three without a degree to be named to do so.

WakeUpWednesday The National College

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#WakeUpWednesday - Promoting Physical Wellbeing

With the Euros in full swing, plenty of children are taking to the pitch but perhaps we can keep them active all year round. This #WakeUpWednesday is full of expert tips on promoting physical wellbeing to young people.



Joyful June 2024

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month

2 Say positive things in your conversations with others

3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good

8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently

10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18 Look for something good in a difficult situation

19 Get outside and find the joy in being active

20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to



24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today

30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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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.

Good attendance, continues to be a school and government priority.

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 Mrs. Yorke or Mrs. Davis.

We will announce the attendance for the previous week in this section of the newsletter each week.

Attendance and Punctuality: –

Our attendance for the last week of term was –

Week 17/06-21/06

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	99	96.3	95.3	93.6	95.3	97	98	99.3	95	98.3	97	98.6	93.2	96.2
Lates	4	4	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	5	4	1	3	3
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.3%			School Target				97%	

Well done 3T: - Our attendance champions!

Dates for this Term

Summer theme -

Summer 2

WB 1st July 2024

WB 1.7.24

1st July 2024 - 3:45-4:30

2nd July 2024 - all day

2nd July 2024 - am

2nd July 2024 - 1:15pm

2nd July 2024 - 3:45-4:45

3rd July 2024 - all day

4th July 2024 - all day

5th July 2024 - all day

8th July 2024 - all day

11th July 2024 - 1:15pm

11th July 2024 - 2pm

12th July 2024 - 2pm

15th July 2024 - 9:00am

17th July 2024 - 9.30am

17th July 2024 -pm

19th July 2024 - all day

19th July 2024 -

Stewardship

Learned and Wise

PE week

Collections of bottles for the Parish Fair

KS1 piano concert in school hall

St. Alphonsa house wear **yellow** non-school uniform day for their house Saint

Year 3 visit to Harborne library (8:50 3L and 10:20 3T)

Year 1L library visit

KS2 piano concert and guitar concert in school hall

Transition Day (inc. new Reception cohort) - children will meet their new teacher

Polling Day - school closed to children and staff

Sports Day (9:00-10:00 YR; 10:30-11:30 KS1; 1:30-3:00 KS2)

Year 2 trip to the Botanical gardens

Year 1F library visit

Year 6 performance to parents - 'Shakespeare Rocks'

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Year 2 prayer service for parents

Year 6 Leavers Mass (Y6 parents welcome)

Reception buddies / Year 6 teddy bears picnic

Shirt signing for any children and staff who are leaving

Break up for Summer holidays

Early finish time

1:40 finish time - Reception classes

1:45 finish time - KS1 classes

1:50 finish time - sibling group

2:00 finish time - KS2 classes

Star of the week

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

- Year RB Simona For some beautiful drawings of Mary in RE this week.
Year RT Asher For always being enthusiastic about his learning and joining in with class discussions!
Year IF Rakeb For always living out the St. Mary's mission in everything she does.
Year IL Jahmi For trying hard in his learning
Year 2E Aryana For always, always ,always trying her best!
Year 2G Janelle For constantly living out the virtues of Jesus – especially love and compassion
Year 3L Sofia For always trying her best and putting in maximum effort in everything she does
Year 3T Henry For his superb modelling on our school trip to Selly Manor
Year 4J Abigail For trying hard with her handwriting and presentation
Year 4M Eliza-Rose For her super RE exciting writing!
Year 5F Brigid For going above and beyond in her learning and helping peers and teachers
Year 5M Isabella For being attentive and putting others first before herself
Year 6O Maggie For the enthusiasm and talent she has shown in our Y6 production rehearsals
Year 6R Benedict For working really hard to learn his lines and solos in rehearsals

