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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,

24th June 2022

Our week began with our Fathers' Day Inspire. Thank you to all those who attended and gave feedback. The feedback was extremely positive and as always we continue to consider your comments when planning future events. We hope that you enjoyed it. This week we have celebrated Science Week, World Music Day and Refugee Week. All of our wonderful refugee learning has meant that we have been awarded School of Sanctuary status, which is a great achievement. We also have been awarded the School Games PE certificate, achieving the GOLD award. Again, another massive achievement. A massive thank you to our staff who apply for these awards, whilst organising special weeks, trips and days in school. We have much to celebrate! I'd like to remind you all that we have an open door policy in school and if you have anything that you wish to discuss, SLT are happy to speak to you - although an appointment may need to be made. I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Price

### *This week's Gospel and Prayer*

John 21: 1-4

Jesus said to them: "Come and have breakfast."

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Jesus, the Son of God, is alive today!
- Jesus loves us and wants to feed us.
- We can trust Jesus to feed us and provide for our needs.

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving us! Thank you for feeding us and meeting our needs. We trust you to provide for us. Help us to share what we have with others. We believe that you are alive and our friend forever! We are an Easter people and 'Alleluia' is our song! Amen

### Catholic Life in School

Year 6 Mass - SS. John Fisher and Thomas More

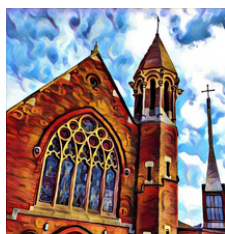
On Wednesday, Year 6 led us in our Mass dedicated to the martyrs St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More.



Whole School Mass in Church - 29.6.22 at 9:30am - SS. Peter and Paul

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 29th June 2022, starting promptly at 9:30am.

**Children from across the year groups** will be leading our Mass and all children and staff will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend - please sit in the old part of the Church.





# FATHER'S DAY INSPIRE



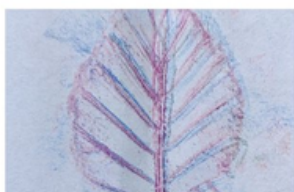
The children had a marvellous time this week in our Inspire Workshop. Here are some pictures and comments from the day.



## What did you enjoy most?

Spending precious time with the grandchildren. Meeting other parents and staff.

The variety of activities. Mixture of sports/board games and construction really covered all bases.



"Loved it, best inspire session yet!"

"I enjoyed the father's inspire, played lots of games... all teachers and staff were so friendly"

"Very enjoyable afternoon, refreshments were also very welcome"

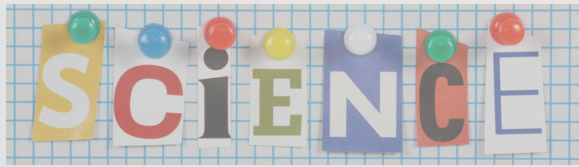


# Science Week

Year 2



Our budding botanists in Year 2 are ensuring that their plants have enough water, sunlight and are kept at the right temperature.

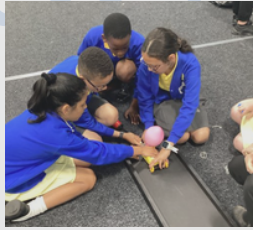


Year 4



Year 4 created their own versions of bionic hands.

Year 5



Some of our Year 5 children attended the Bishop Challoner Science Fair. They tried lots of different STEM activities, including coding, making balloon cars and creating strong structures.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the Year 3 children who made their Holy Communion over the past couple of weeks.



# World Music Day 2022

*On Tuesday 21st June 2022,  
We celebrated World Music Day...*



*Year 6 performed one of the songs from  
their upcoming performance of Oliver!*



*Year 4 performed a rap  
version of an anti-bullying  
song called 'STOP!'*



*Y1 treated us all with their  
performance of 'Under the Sea'*

## GAME AWARDS

*We are very proud to  
achieve the Gold  
Award for our  
commitment to PE,  
Physical Activity and  
School Sports.*



# WORLD REFUGEE DAY

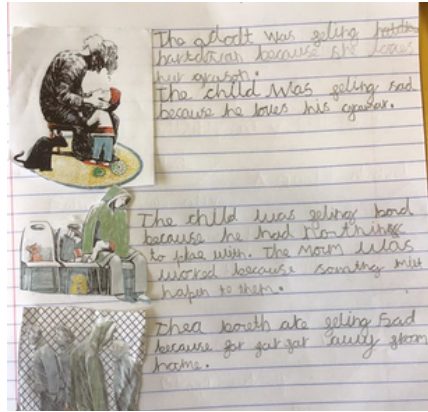


*We welcome all refugees!*



*We understand how refugees may feel to be displaced from home and family.*

*We discussed how we would keep refugees safe and welcome them to our school.*



*We have been empathising with refugees, thinking about how they might feel at different stages on their journey.*



*We know that we should question society's attitudes to immigrants and anyone who appears to be 'different'*



*Our displays around school show our learning and unity with refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers.*



*We are thrilled to have been given the school of sanctuary award!*



**School of SANCTUARY AWARD**  
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary

### Reception news: -

Reception class have enjoyed their Science learning this week, making predictions and experimenting with ink and filter paper.



### Year 1 news: -

Year 1 are enjoying their outdoor PE lessons. They have refined the skills of throwing, catching, bouncing and rolling the ball.



### Year 2 news: -

Year 2 enjoyed observing local invertebrates on their nature walk.



### Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have started their new topic 'save our trees', using atlases to locate rainforests in the world.



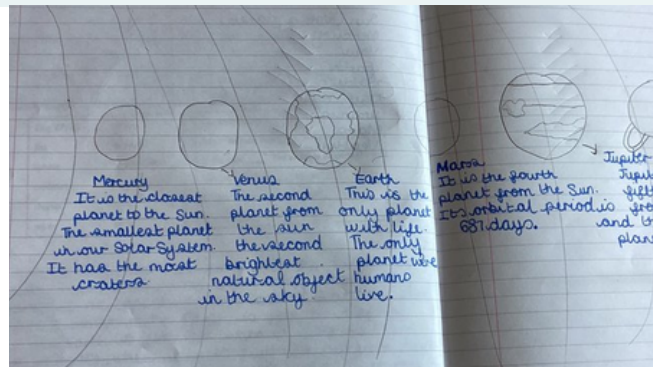
## Year 4 news: -

Year 4 had an amazing time at the Forest School exploring the woods and learning new skills.



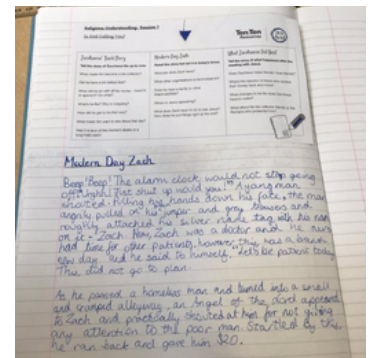
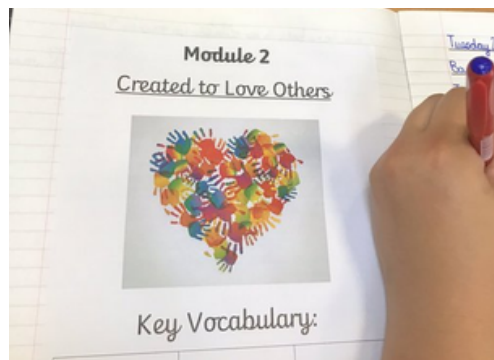
## Year 5 news: -

Year 5 learnt the order of the planets in our solar system, as well as learning about their features. They created some very interesting mnemonics to help them remember.



## Year 6 news: -

Year 6 started their next RSE unit 'Created to Love Others', they considered how Zacchaeus changed his ways when he met Jesus.



Monday 20th June  
2022 - Year 5 Trip -  
Cadbury World  
On Monday 20th June,  
Year 5 enjoyed their  
Summer trip to Cadbury  
World.



Thursday 23rd June 2022

- Year 4 Trip -

Arboretum

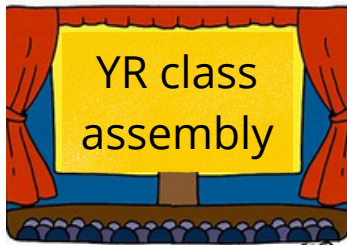
Year 4 enjoyed their tree identification walk on their trip to the arboretum.



Next week: - WB 27.6.22

*Drone Workshop*

On Monday 27th June, some of our Y5 children have been selected to attend the drone workshop at Bishop Challoner Secondary School.



On Friday 1st July 2022, parents of our Reception classes are invited to attend school to watch their children in their class assembly. Covid restrictions have lessened, but please do not come in to school if you are feeling unwell, and follow PPE advice if vulnerable. Thank you.



*Community News*

THE BEST START FOR OUR CHILDREN

### EARLY HELP DROP-IN

AT DODDINGTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
10AM-12PM

For all families with children under 18

CALL NOW TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT!  
0121 477 6440

We can offer signposting to helpful services, organisations, and community groups, as well as family support.

e.g. school, education or training, home and life relationships, health and emotional wellbeing, work/finances/housing, domestic violence/abuse, crime or anti-social behaviour, connections to the local community, special needs and disabilities, parenting support

*Early Help Drop-in*

A reminder that our next drop-in at Doddington Green Children's Centre will be 10am-12pm on Tuesday 5th July



St Mary's Church will retain all its Covid precautions for the foreseeable future, despite widespread relaxations.



### Relaxation of Covid Restriction

From July 1st, sanitising and masks are no longer obligatory. Please remember that medically vulnerable worshippers are reassured by our wearing of masks in Church, if you choose to continue wearing them.



### Current Year 6 use of parish centre from September

The Parish Centre will be available Sunday nights 6:00-8:00, twice a month for current Year 6s to meet up from September, when that are in Year 7: but a group of parent volunteers is needed.



### St. Mary's Summer Fayre – Sunday 3rd July 2022 12:00–3:00pm

All details of what is needed for the fayre (bottles, cakes, extra helpers) can be found on the Parish Bulletin and in the Church Porch. Volunteers are also needed to help set up on Saturday 2nd July 10:00-11:00 and 2:00-4:00. Please contact [cyndeeson@aol.com](mailto:cyndeeson@aol.com) or Helen Collins if you can help.

### Other News

#### Congratulations - Yisen

Massive congratulations to Yisen, who has passed his ABRSM Grade 8 Piano with distinction, and won a silver prize in London Young Musician, in Purcell International Competition for Youth Pianists. We're very proud of you Yisen.



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



**TIK TOK - PARENT SAFETY INFORMATION**

TikTok is a free social media app that lets you create, share, and watch short clips. The app is popular for viral dances and celeb cameos and is most popular with under 16s.

**What do you need to know?**

1. Parents have expressed concerns about the inappropriate language of some of the videos posted which may make this less suitable for younger children.
2. Predators seeking to connect with children is another risk
3. By default all accounts are public so anyone on the app can see what your child shares. However, only approved followers can send them messages.
4. Children may be tempted to take risks to get more of a following or likes on a video so it's important to talk about what they share and with who.



*Stay up to date with everything that is happening at St. Mary's by following us on our Twitter Page and giving us more likes!!!*

*Tik Tok - know the dangers!*



Reminders

**Uniform**



We have so much uniform in school, without names. We have washed it and ironed it. Many items are almost new and very good quality. We would like uniform to be claimed or given away to families who will use it. If you would like to take some uniform (this can be anonymously), please speak to Mrs. Davis. We have all shapes and sizes available.

**Birthdays - no sweets or cakes...**

If it is your child's birthday, they can wear their own clothes to school.

This is a visual sign that it is their special day and they will receive many good wishes from their peers and teachers.

We ask that children do not bring in sweets or cakes to give out.

We have this rule to protect children who may have allergies. Thank you.



**Thursday 14th July 2022**

- 9:00-10:00 = Reception class
- 10:30-11:30 = Year 1 and Year 2
- 1:30-3:00 = Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

We have made plans for our Sports Day to be on Thursday 14th July 2022.

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

**Mobile phones**

This is a reminder that mobile phones are not allowed in school.

Children should not be bringing in phones. If a child in Year 6 has a phone because they are walking home, this must be handed in to the school office.



# Dates for next term

Summer 2 theme -

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!

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

1:40 finish time - Reception classes

1:45 finish time - KS1 classes

1:50 finish time - sibling group

2:00 finish time - KS2 classes

## 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.*

### Summer 2

Starts: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July -  
INSET - Children NOT in School

Ends: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

## 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	
%	94.5%	99%	100%	97.3%	96%	98%	97.7%	99.3%	93.8%	99.4%	99%	92%	96.6%	96.9%	
Lates	11	6	4	7	9	5	2	4	8	6	11	3	4	5	
Whole School Attendance so far this year						95.7%		School Target				97%			

Well done Y1F: - our Attendance Champions



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

- Year RL Janelle great ideas about the sea and excellent independent writing this week
- Year RF Theo writing brilliant sentences
- Year 1L Henry wonderful independent work in maths
- Year 1F Amalie always being polite and trying her best in everything that she does
- Year 2L Aadya trying her best in every lesson and always presenting her work beautifully
- Year 2F Alicia always making good choices
- Year 3L Noah his hard work and perseverance in all lessons
- Year 3F Jayne creating a brilliant exciting writing piece giving a setting description
- Year 4L Harry being an excellent role model
- Year 4F Mar being a consistently polite, helpful and conscientious member of our class
- Year 5L Milly enthusiastic participation in the STEM fair
- Year 5F Maya excellent work in the drone workshop
- Year 6L Ajitesh excellent contributions to discussions and working really hard on his acting skills
- Year 6F Sophie making the right choices and exercising a great sense of independence in her work

