



St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy Newsletter– February 2024

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Dear parents/ carers,
We now finish for the Easter break and prepare to celebrate the great feast of the Resurrection. This is the most important feast in the Church's calendar and reminds us all of the lovely message it brings; peace, hope and love.

Please read the newsletter with care and remember that the school reopens on Friday April 12th

Please take this holiday to spend time with your loved ones and rest in the presence of the great heart of Jesus whose love and care we all are committed.

Safeguarding at St Mary's

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please contact our designated safeguarding Team. At St Mary's our safeguarding lead is Mr. J O'Connor, safeguarding officer is Miss C Queen and deputy-safeguarding officers Mrs. M Steeper. Level 3 safeguarding trained are Mrs R Walton, Miss J Briscoe and Miss B Cullum. Mrs K Tuff is our well-being, personal development and RE lead.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 12th April

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School Opens
(Art Day/Fun Day
Non-Uniform)

Tuesday 23rd April

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Swimming Year 4
Swimming Year 5

Tuesday 30th April

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Debate Mate Competition

Monday 13th May

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SATS Start for Y6

Thursday 16th May

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Book Fair

Friday 24th May

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School Closes

Monday 3rd June

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School Opens

Friday 19th July

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School Closes



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Information you need to know

What you need to know about Benefit Free School Meals.

You can claim free school meals for a child/children if they are in full-time education, you are responsible for the child, and you get at least one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- Guaranteed pension credit
- Child tax credit with an annual income each year of less than £16,190 (as assessed by tax credits)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual earned income of no more than £7400 or £616.67 monthly)
- If you receive child tax credit and working tax credit, your child will not qualify for free school meals.



Universal Free School Meals

Even if your child receives Universal Free School Meal (Reception, year 1 and year 2) it is still important to make an application as the school will receive additional funding, known as the pupil premium, for every eligible pupil.

School Milk

School milk is free for children in nursery and reception.

When your child turns 5 years old and not on benefit school meals you will have to order the milk from our new milk provider – Cool Milk – please follow link below to order milk for your child. www.coolmilk.com. However, if you are entitled to benefit free school meals and your child would like to have milk please pop to the school office or tell your child's teacher.

To order lunches via <https://nel.mealselector.co.uk/>

Health and Safety.

Can all parents/carers refrain from parking or using the staff car park to pick up and drop off.

This is a very busy area with delivery vans and staff vehicles.



Arbor App

This is a reminder to parents about the new Arbor App. This app allows you to access all your information in one place and check on your child's attendance from anywhere. Please check your emails / junk emails to login. Any issues please contact the office. Thank you to the parents/carers who have signed in and using the app already.

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER EASTER

Children return to school on Friday 12th April. This will be a day of art and storytelling so the children do not need to be in school uniform. Send them in clothes that are OK if they get a bit messy.

It would be useful to send in an Art top / shirt.





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Teachers, school and term and holidays for 2024/2025

1 x Training Day still to be allocated

NB- Training days can be subject to change

2024/25	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	
SEP	2	3	4	5	6	Term 1 33 Days
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	25	26	27	28	
SEP/OCT	30	1	2	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	Term 2 39 Days
OCT/NOV	28	29	30	31	1	
	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
NOV/DEC	25	26	27	28	29	
	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
DEC/JAN 2025	30	31	1	2	3	Term 3 29 Days
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	
FEB	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	Term 4 30 days
	24	25	26	27	28	
MAR	3	4	5	6	7	
	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
MAR/APR	31	1	2	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	Term 5 23 Days
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
APR/MAY	28	29	30	1	2	
	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	
JUNE	2	3	4	5	6	Term 6 37 Days
	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
JUN/JUL	30	1	2	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	190 Days + 5 training days
	27	28	29	30	31	
KEY:	HOLIDAYS		BANK HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL DAYS		TRAINING DAYS



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Catholic Life at St Mary's

The Mini Vinnies led the whole school a Celebration of the Word based on the principles of Catholic social teaching. At the end of the Celebration of the Word, each class was given one principle of Catholic Social Teaching, and one of our school virtues to look at in detail over the coming term, to help all pupils understand how these link to our school mission statement.



The Chaplaincy team have been leading reflections on the Stations of the Cross, they have recorded short videos about each Station and classes could scan QR codes to follow Jesus on his Good Friday journey.

The whole school took part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk to help us remember the journey's people around the world face, to access clean water, food, medicine, or to get to school. During our walk, we practised the songs for the Passion play, helping us to reflect on the long journey Jesus took to Calvary. Scan the QR code to hear members of the Chaplaincy team explain more.

The whole school helped to lead the Passion of Christ, a rhyming reflection on the journey of Jesus during Holy Week, from Palm Sunday, through his Death on Good Friday, and finally to his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.





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What we have been up to at St Mary's

Nursery and Reception children enjoyed making Easter Cakes. Yum!



Year 1 enjoying World Book Day with Mighty Mariners. Year 1 also took a trip to Cleethorpes seafront looking at all the different new and old buildings. They looked like they had a very good time!





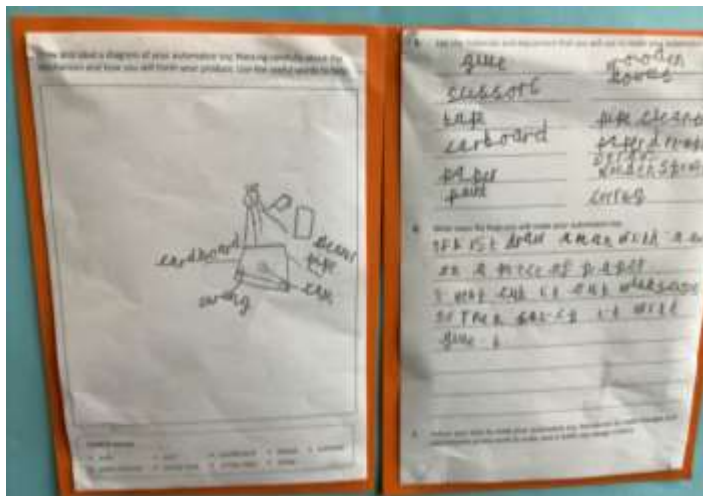
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RE Year 2 looked at ways we can be good Christians during Lent and the things we can do for others. We also listened to the scripture on Good Friday.



In Year 3 Design and technology we have been learning all about cams and how different shapes create different movements.



Year 4 on World Book Day with the Mighty Mariners from Grimsby Town

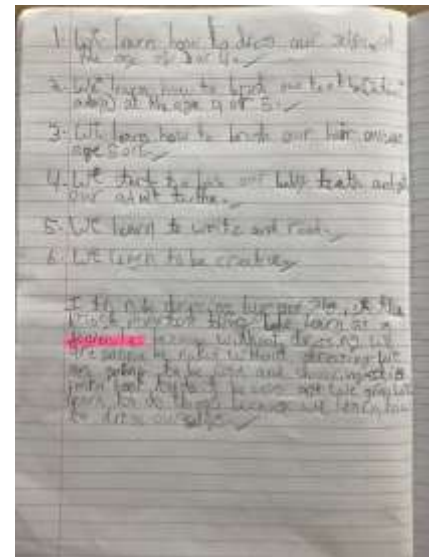
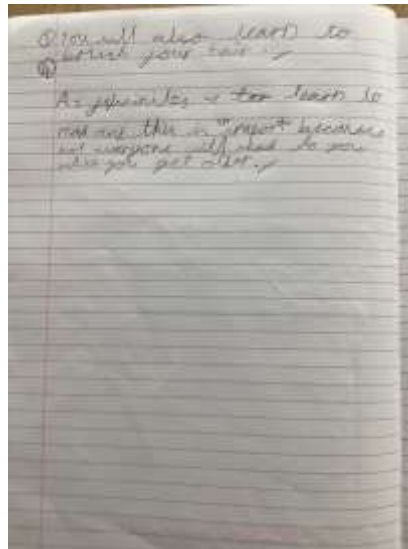




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Year 5 science the children learnt that juveniles go through rapid growth, change and development over time. The children had to describe the milestones that children learn at a young age and say which was the most important.



Year 6 enjoying World Book Day - Year 6 visited early years to read books and engage with the children.

