



St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

Newsletter– February 2024

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Dear Parent/Carers

We will soon be approaching the feast of the Ascension, followed by Pentecost. Pentecost is the second most important feast in the Church's calendar- it celebrates the birthday of the Church.

As with all birthday's this is a time of great joy and St Mary's has been blessed to feel a tremendous amount of joy and love of late; especially that which is reflected in the extraordinary work undertaken by the staff and children of the school.

There are many dates and times contained in this month's newsletter and I ask that you all take time to read it carefully, especially dates for the Year 6 assembly and end of year celebratory events

On behalf of all the staff, I hope you have an enjoyable month of May and above all, rest of the Bank Holiday.

Mr Joseph O'Connor

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

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 for Half Term

Monday 3rd June

School Back Open
Year 4 Multiplication Check begin.

Thursday June 20th

Shared Liturgy with Sty Joseph's for the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Monday 1st July

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Year 6 Briars Trip

Thursday July 4

Year 6 Leavers Mass 1:30

Thursday 11 July

End of Year Mass

Friday 12th July

Careers Day

Thursday 18th July

Lavers Assembly 9:30

Friday 19th July

While school Certificate Assembly
9:30

1:30 Whole School Liturgical Prayer Service

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School Closes

Joint Ascension Mass at Corpus Christi on the 9th May at 1.15pm.

Year 3 to Year 6

Children will be travelling via coach.



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Coffee Morning Every Tuesday at 9.15am in the Hall come for a chat and coffee or a cup of tea.



If you are a parent at St Mary's come along to our coffee morning every Tuesday.

There are toys and mats out if you have younger children with you too. The session is yours, you can use it for catching up with friend or if you need any help and support we can try and help.

We are joined by Ryan from the YMCA and Godwin from Care Plus Group.

Ryan supports dads and youth groups that run at the YMCA and is really passionate about the new renovated skate park on Kent St. If you have any questions he'd be happy to answer them for you. Ali met Godwin previously at a migration support drop in. Godwin has agreed to join the coffee morning to offer advice for anyone working in the care sector, including anyone new to the area.

Nicola will also be attending and is able to offer welfare and benefits advice.

If you have question or want to make an appointment to ensure you are receiving everything you are entitled to, Nicola is full of knowledge.

Ali from the NSPCC will be there offering support with children and parenting.



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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	
OCT/NOV	28	29	30	31	1	Term 2 39 Days
	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	190 Days + 5 training days
	21	22	23	24	25	
	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 helped Fr Andrew with Mass for the Annunciation of the Lord. We were reminded of when the Angel Gabriel told Mary she would give birth to the Son of God, and how Mary, even though she was afraid, said 'yes' to God.

Although the Annunciation of the Lord usually takes place on March 25th (nine months before the birth of Jesus), this year, because of when Easter was, the Annunciation was moved to 8th April, in the middle of our Easter holidays. Because our school is St Mary's, and our school motto is 'Monstra Te Esse Matrem', which means 'Show yourself a mother', we have to chosen for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord to be when we celebrate our school's patron.





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What we have been up to at St Mary's

In **Nursery** children have been practising writing their name. All children tried so hard to form the letters correctly. Well done everyone.

In **Reception** our topic this half term is “Tell me a Story”. Our first story is ‘The Three Little Pigs’. Children have loved taking on a role and retelling the story. They have done some fantastic acting and even made their own props to use. Over the next few days we will do some writing linking to our story. It has been fantastic watching them get stuck in and join in - great work everyone.



On Friday 12th April, **Year 1** had an Art day! We used it as a hook day to get the children interested in our new topic, which is the Arctic and Antarctica. The children made collage penguins, paper plate igloos, snowflakes and decorated some large animals. The children really enjoyed themselves and being creative.

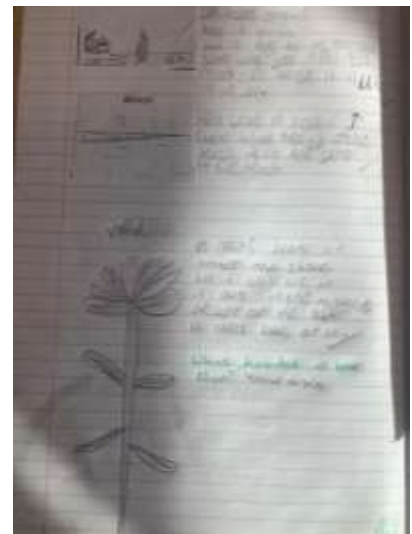




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Year 2 kickstarted their week learning about fractions in Maths. The children explored halving and quartering cakes and sweets. Also, in Science, children explored where to find plants in our school surroundings and learnt more about the different habitats. They found plants and the reasons why they are suited to those habitats.



Year 3 are learning about Spanish artist Juan Munoz. He is famous for his sculptures of groups of people. With this lesson, Year 3 were learning about how poses and body language can show different emotions, ready to begin sketching and making sculptures later.





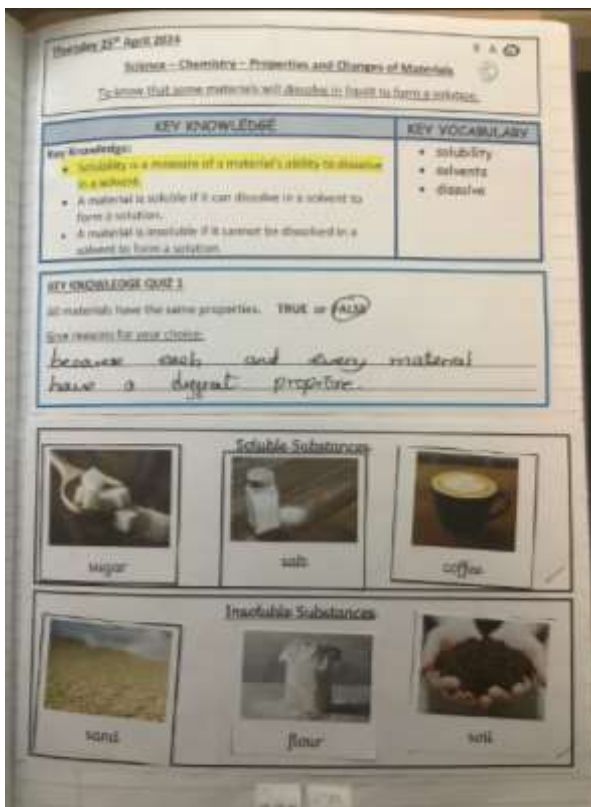
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Year 4 in Art are learning about Barbara Hepworth and her Modernist sculptures. Year 4 also had a trip out to the Deep in Hull, what a wonderful day for children and staff.



Year 5 In Science we are learning about properties and changes in materials. The children learnt that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution.





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In art **Year 6** are currently learning about sculptures and how they are formed using clay. Also in RE children are learning about being a witness and how we can relate that into the Catholic church.

