



Dear Parents / Carers,

In June, we celebrated the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The children from St Mary's and our sister school, St Joseph's, took part in a wonderful liturgy which encapsulated the meaning of the outpouring of sacrificial love which Jesus gave for us when he died upon the cross. July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus and so we place our whole school community at the foot of the cross during these two very special months in the Church's calendar.

There is much to celebrate in the newsletter and I would ask that you read it carefully. Before the end of the year, I will send an overview of class teachers/ Teaching Assistants to all parents. I will also send out details of the school uniform. I have been more than understanding of the situation parents find themselves in, when it comes to uniform but clearer guidelines will be sent out which will be followed from September. This will make clear of the uniform and shoes which are to be worn.

If you have queries about anything, please remember to always speak to the office staff.

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 officer 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 1st July

Year 6 Briars Trip

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Tuesday 2nd July

Bikeability for Year 5

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Thursday 11th July

End of Year Mass for all.

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Tuesday 16th July

Careers Day

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Thursday 18th July

Leavers Assembly 9:30am

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Themed Lunch

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Friday 19th July

Whole School Certificate Assembly

9:30am

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1:30pm Whole School Liturgical Prayer

Service

-

School Closes for Summer

holidays.

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Wednesday 4th September

Back to school



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Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning Every Tuesday at 9.15am in the Hall. If you are a parent or carer at St Mary's, please 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 and also Nicola and Ali from NSPCC.



Warmer Weather

With the warmer weather arriving please apply sun cream to your child before they come into school. Please also send your child in with a hat with their name clearly marked on it. The children will be on the school field for break and lunch times. For Nursery and Reception only, you can send in your child's sun cream, this must have their name on it. We have plenty of shaded areas for your child to enjoy, and we always ensure water is available. The office does not hold or keep any sun cream. – Thank you

ParentPay and Arbor – Important Announcement.

Mealselector (used for ordering meals) will be closing down in the next couple of weeks. Parent/carers will be able to order free school meals or pay for meals via ParentPay. These changes will benefit your child as you will be able to update any information via ParentPay about allergies and intolerances etc. This is also a reminder to order meals for your child's day back on 4th September. Orders need to be put in 2 weeks' prior of returning to school. If missed you will need to supply packed lunches once orders have been placed.

Arbor APP

Also just a reminder to download the schools Arbor App. You can check your child's attendance, update any information and soon be able to use it for payments. Please check emails especially junk folder as logins details will be sent via email.





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Free School Meals

As you may be aware when your child moves into year 3 in September they will no longer be entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Free School meal scheme.

If your child currently has school meals, there will be 3 options for you from September 2024.

1. You can send your child with their own packed lunch each day.
2. You can pay for your child to have a school meal through the app ParentPay.
3. If you are entitled to Benefit Free School meals you can continue to order meals through ParentPay just select the free school meal option.

If you are unsure if you are entitled to free school meals please pop to the school office to fill out a form, we will scan it and send it to the council for you. Although September seems a long way away, applications for free school meals do take a bit of time to process so the earlier you apply the better. This will also give us time to let the caterers know that your child is entitled to Free School Meals so they have you recorded in their system for when you order.

Free Milk

Free Milk does end when your child is 5 years old unless your child is receiving Benefit Free School Meals. If you wish for your child to continue having milk at school and would like to pay for this, please visit coolmilk.com





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Teachers, school and term and holidays for 2024/2025

Training days can be subject to change.

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TEACHERS SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAYS 2024/25

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 28 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		
	24	25	26	27	28		
MAR	3	4	5	6	7	Term 4 30 days	
	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		
	14	15	16	17	18		
	21	22	23	24	25		
APR/MAY	28	29	30	1	2		Term 5 23 Days
	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 36 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		
	27	28	29	30	31		
KEY:	HOLIDAYS		BANK HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL DAYS	TRAINING DAYS		



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Catholic Life at St Mary's



Pupils from the chaplaincy team worked together with pupils from St Joseph's chaplaincy team to lead a celebration of the Word on the Sacred Heart of Jesus in each school. This was a great opportunity for pupils to begin to get to know each other ahead of their joint retreat to the Briars. We were asked to consider all the ways we show love to others and the ways we are loved by God, before making a promise to love like Jesus loves and making our own thumbprint heart surrounding the image of the Sacred heart of Jesus. These hearts will be displayed in each school as a reminder of that promise





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What we have been up to at St Mary's

What an amazing morning Nursery had at Sports Day.

Mrs Sadler and Miss Rowell are so proud of the children, they all did really well. Thank you to all of the parents who came to support us, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Nursery have also had fun doing a Fantastic Pen Disco. Lots of great pen control and great concentration.



This term in R.E Reception children have been learning about Hinduism. We recapped Diwali and acted out the story of Rama and Sita. Children listened well and showed respect, well done everyone





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Year 1 - children enjoying one of their PE sessions in this Pentecost Term. At St Mary's we use PE coaches from Grimsby Town. Mr Pickett was very pleased with the class. Well Done.



Year 2 children learnt about Queen Victoria, one of Britain's significant monarchs. They have written a biography of her life and in the following lesson will learn in more detail why she was significant and the impact her reign had on Britain.





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Our Year 3 class in English have been learning preservative writing this Pentecost Term. Preservative writing is a form of non-fiction writing and the writer can use authoritative, emotional, factual and logical arguments to persuade the reader. Well Done Year 3.



In Year 4, students visited the Hands on History museum in Hull where the children participated in an Ancient Egypt workshop, followed by some time to explore the exhibits and enjoy lunch. After that, Year 4 took a short walk to the Hull and East Riding Museum of Archaeology to explore. What an exciting day we all had.





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In History, Year 5 have been learning about enslaved Africans and the transportation that took place to benefit countries.

First, we learned about the Portuguese sailors and how they used the enslaved Africans for their knowledge of crop plantation and farming. To further our understanding, we learned about the triangular slave trade over the Atlantic, which involved Europe, America, the Caribbean and Africa.



As part of our science topic on classification, Year 6 took part in a Forest School's session. We started the lesson by playing a boundaries game, which enabled us to understand the perimeters.

We then collaborated to make the shapes that Mrs Ballard presented to us; this became difficult when we were tapped on the shoulder to say we had to shut our eyes and others were not allowed to speak.

Next, we were shown how to make the timber hitch knot. We used our Sammy the snake story to remember the sequence.

We also enjoyed hot chocolate, hot dogs and onions, for our hard work.





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Sports Day June 2024

St Mary's held our annual sports day on the 21st June with Early Years in the morning and Year 1 to Year 6 in the afternoon.

Well done to all our children who took part and a huge thank you to all our parents and carers who came along to support all the children.

Congratulations

RED – Soubouris for overall winning at the event and well done to **YELLOW** – Lisieux who won the overall sporting award.

Thank you again to Mrs Solomou for organizing a great day and all the staff for supporting the children.





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