



St. Mary's Newsletter

3rd May 2024

Stars of the week

- YR James** for cooperating with friends to build in our new digging area
Olivia H for being a great reading partner in phonics
- Y1 Arlo** for super effort in reading
Abby for being a kind and helpful friend
- Y2 Noel** for creating a lovely clay tile with amazing detail
Jonah for showing good perseverance with your time work
- Y3 Jack** for an outstanding piece of writing in Geography
Emily for great work finding homophones
- Y4 All of Year 4** for fantastic teamwork in all of the challenging activities at our residential retreat
- Y5 Harry S** for having an upbeat and positive approach to work and play
- Y6 Eliza** for her approach to her learning and producing thoughtful and interesting written work
Evan for demonstrating great determination to improve in maths and showing resilience when learning something new



World Day for Children

Pope Francis would like the everyone to celebrate World Day for Children on the 25th and 26th May. We are planning activities in school to support this which the Mini Vinnies are organising. They are sending information home for you to read.



Question of the week:

- YR What animals can we find in Kenya?
- Y1 Can you name the continents?
- Y2 Where will the minute hand point when the time is showing 'quarter past'?
- Y3 What happened at the first Pentecost?
- Y4 What can you do when you feel lost?
- Y5 How many degrees are in three quarter turns?
- Y6 What is the difference between a factor and a multiple?

Playground Equipment

In an attempt to encourage positive play, teachers have planned to teach their class how to play some traditional street games during the next 3 weeks of PE. To aid this and to provide children with more things to do at breaktimes, we hope you can donate any outdoor play equipment that children can use, e.g. hula hoops; skittles; skipping ropes; cones; agility hurdles etc. This will hopefully avoid children reverting to rough play such as acting out wrestling or violent computer games. Some children struggle to realise when their rough play needs to stop and they may end up hurting others accidentally and unintentionally. PLEASE help us by talking to your child about what could happen if they are involved in rough play.



Dates for
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Year 4 Residential to The Youth Village

The children really loved it and their behaviour was excellent throughout. The theme was lost and found. Children did a lot of work on what to do when you feel like giving up; and the importance of encouragement and resilience. The key message was to keep going and never give up. Lots of our children showed maturity and resilience, especially considering that it was their first time away from home. They were helpful (doing own dishes etc) and their team work was excellent. They developed a sense of their own talents and uniqueness and made friends with children from the other schools.

Attendance

Whole school: 95.9%

Best class this week: Y1 100%

Best class this term: Y1 99.1%

Year 6 children visited Nissan this week for an enterprise day. They thoroughly enjoyed being tasked to build a Lego car as if they were on a production line. They were amazed at how accurately the robot could draw pictures and write names. As always, our children were a credit to the school - well done Y6!

Changes to signing when children are late – we now need a reason for the late. This will allow us to offer support where necessary. Parents will have an option to select a reason when they sign their child in or out from the touchscreen - if a parent selects other (i.e. The reason they are late/going home is not listed) please speak to office staff who will update the child's Arbor register with the specific reason. We will soon be sending out punctuality emails so you are frequently informed about how many hours of learning your child has missed due to them arriving at school late. As with holidays taken during term time, there is a very clear link between the children who are falling behind in their learning and in their social skills due to the lateness into school.



new event

Dates for your diary

Event	Date	Time	Details
Y3 at Church for Mass	Fri 10 May	10am	All parents welcome
Y6 SATs week	13-16 May		Children only
Y5 trip to Centre for Life	Wed 15 May	All day	Children only
Y4 at Church for Mass	Fri 17 May	10am	All parents welcome
Fri 24 May break up for Spring 1/2 term - Mon 3 June return to school			
Y5 at Church for Mass	Fri 7 Jun	10am	All parents welcome
Y1 trip to Beamish	Wed 12 Jun	All day	Children only
Y2 trip to Beamish	Fri 14 Jun	All day	Children only
Y6 at Church for Mass	Fri 14 Jun	10am	All parents welcome
INSET day	Fri 21 June	All day	School closed to children
Y6 @ Youth Village	Mon 24 June	All day	Children only
Sports week	24 - 28 June		Children only
Whole school sports day	Fri 28 June	2.00-3.30	All parents welcome
Y6 transition day @ St Bede's	Mon 1 July	All day	Children only
Y6 transition day @ St Bede's	Tue 2 July	All day	Children only
Whole school moving up day	Tue 2 July	All day	Children only
Y6 residential to Kingswood	3 - 5 July		Children only
Y5 taster day at St Bede's	Fri 5 July	All day	Children only
Y5 Trust Athletics	Mon 15 July	All day	Details to follow
Fri 19 July break up for Summer holidays			
INSET day	Mon 2 Sept	All day	School closed to children
INSET day	Tue 3 Sept	All day	School closed to children
Wed 4 Sept return after Summer break			