



St. Mary's Newsletter

10th May 2024

Stars of the week

- YR Heidi** for sharing her weather observations in clear sentences
Jacob for using great description in storytelling
- Y1 Georgia** for writing a superb non-fiction report on elephant trunks
Rowan for putting in great effort and showing a positive attitude to learning
- Y2 Layla** for showing great perseverance with your time work.
Livvie for great work with your retelling of Penny Dreadful.
- Y3 Ava** for giving 100% effort
Evie C for writing a wonderful poem in English
- Y4 Melody** for showing a great attitude and resilience in Math
Evee for good listening and showing a mature approach to learning this week
- Y5 Grace M** for making excellent notes in her reading record book to revise what she has read.
- Y6 Drew** for working hard this week to prepare for the SATs; showing a great desire to improve.
Tiaamii for her super attitude and demonstrating a mature approach to her learning.

Please join us in wishing our Year 6 children lots of luck for next week when they complete their SATs! They have worked incredibly hard in the lead up to this important point in their learning journey.

GOOD LUCK- YOU'VE GOT THIS!

Question of the week:

- YR What have our caterpillars changed into this week?
Y1 Why did Henry VIII start the Church of England?
Y2 What was Skara Brae?
Y3 What do we remember on Ascension Thursday?
Y4 What happens when a volcano erupts?
Y5 What is the purpose of the reporting clause with direct speech?
Y6 When can a colon be used in a sentence?



Start and end of the school day

We would like to remind you that we have a flexible drop off time each morning from 8.45 to 8.55am- when gates close. This allows time for children to hang up their coats and settle in class ready for the register to be taken at 8.58am so lessons can start promptly at 9.00am. At the end of each day, children in reception should be ready to leave the building at 3.30pm. Lessons in Y1 to Y6 will end at 3.30pm. Children will then collect their belongings on their way out of school. Based on the location of classes, children should leave the building at **roughly** the following times: YR - 3.30pm; Y1 - 3.33; Y2 - 3.35pm; Y3 - 3.33pm; Y4 - 3.35; Y5&6 - 3.37pm.

Dates for your diary are on the following page



Year 3 at Mass

Y3 went to Mass at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church today. They listened to the Gospel: John 16: 20-23. The children who read prayers did an incredible job. The whole class were a credit to our school as they demonstrated how well then can sit and listen and take part in Mass with respect and maturity. Next week, Year 4 will attend Mass on Friday. We hope to see parents and carers there too.

Attendance

Whole school: 95.9%

Best class this week: Year 5 99.1%

Best class this term: Year 1 98.4%

World Day for Children

Pope Francis would like everyone to celebrate World Day for Children on 24th & 25th May. Your child was given an art competition template to take home this week. The closing date is at the bottom of the entry sheet.



Breakfast club – If you know your child is unable to attend breakfast club PLEASE contact the school office (via email or telephone) so this place can be cancelled and offered to another child.

Dates for your diary

Event	Date	Time	Details
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			