St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

Reflecting the love and faith of Mary in all that we do.

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Newsletter

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Our Virtue Focus

Love of Learning

At St Mary's, we have 12 virtues that we focus on throughout the school year to develop our pupils character education. The virtues focus on developing us as individuals to be the best version of ourselves.
For the next few weeks we will be focusing on the virtue of the Love of Learning.

Proverbs 2:1-6
'For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.'

Parents Evening

A reminder that parents' evening will be held on Monday 28th September and Wednesday 30th September. Please book a slot with your child's class teacher via the teachers2parents website.

Confirmation Preparation

It was lovely to have our Year 6 children and their parents join us for our first Confirmation family catechesis session last week. The next session will be held at 5pm in school on Thursday 1st October.

Website Information

Please take the time to visit our school website and your child's class page for information about the class routines, what they are learning this academic year and knowledge organisers to support their understanding of foundation subjects.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 25th September we will be holding our Macmillan Coffee Morning in the dining hall after celebration assembly. We invite parents to come and enjoy tea, coffee and cake to raise money for a charity that supports so many.

Please could we have donations for the cake sale brought in that morning. Children will be able to visit the cake sale and so are invited to bring money for this.

World Homeless Day

On 9th October we will be having a non-uniform day for World Homeless Day to raise funds for the charity Happy Days. We ask for a donation of £1 on school money if your child is coming to school in non-uniform. Happy Days is a local charity who supports those in the community who are most in need.

Harvest

On Wednesday 30th September 34TL will be leading us in a Harvest Celebration Assembly at 9.10am in the school hall.

We ask for harvest donations to be brought into school over the next couple of weeks, things such as pasta, rice, cereals, tins of food. These will then be donated to Happy Days to support with their food bank.

Parish Race Night

All are invited to the St Mary's Race Night that is being held on 13th November at The Catholic Club on Hopwood Lane. Tickets are available at St Mary's church or ask at the school office. Tickets are £7.50 which includes pie and peas, and there will 5 races as well as other games.

Mobile Phone Policy

The DfE's statutory mobile phones guidance includes in the term 'mobile phones' all devices with communications and smart technology that the school chooses to include in its policy.

Smartwatches are wristwatches with smart technology in them. They can be used to tell the time, send and receive text and voice messages, make calls and listen to music. Some smartwatches have wellness and health-related features. Tracking devices are also covered under this policy.

At St Mary's, children in KS2 are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school where this is deemed necessary by a parent. Situations that are necessary include:

- Children who walk to/from school without parent/carer supervision
- Children who use public transport to attend school without parent/carer supervision
- Children who walk to/from the school yellow bus without parent/carer supervision
- Children who may be being collected by another parent/carer than they came to school with

Other situations will be approved on a case-by-case basis by the headteacher.

All mobile devices must be switched off throughout the school day and handed into the class teacher. Mobile devices are stored in the classroom by the teacher throughout the school day.

Smart Watches and tracking devices are not permitted in school.

Attendance

Please note that when reporting your child's absence due to illness, a specific reason must be given for why they are not in school. For example, you need to inform school whether they are off due to having a temperature, sickness or a headache. If no reason for absence is given, this will be recorded as an unauthorized absence.

Similarly, if you are late into school, a specific reason must be given as to why you are late. If you arrive after 9.10am then the laeness will be recorded as unauthorised.

Uniform Policy

We are having a lot of children come into school wearing bangles, bracelets and chains. A reminder that our uniform policy stipulates that children should not wear any jewellery apart from small studs.

Hang Out Hub

Hang Out Hub must be paid for in advance of your child attending. Should you need to book your child into Hang Out Hub last minute, this can no longer be done via email. Please ring the school office and you will be asked to pay for the session over the phone.

Term Dates 2026-2027

The pupil holiday dates for the academic year 2026-2027 are as follows:

Holiday	*Close*	*Open*
Autumn	----------	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Half Term	Friday 23rd October 2026	Tuesday 3rd November 2026
Christmas	Friday 18th December 2026	Tuesday 5th January 2027
Half Term	Friday 12th February 2027	Monday 22nd February 2027
Easter	Thursday 25th March 2027	Monday 12th April 2027
May Day	Monday 3rd May 2027	Tuesday 4th May 2027
Half Term	Thursday 27th May 2027	Monday 7th June 2027
Summer	Tuesday 20th July 2027	----------

Staff Training Days:
Tuesday 1st September 2026, Monday 2nd November 2026,
Monday 4th January 2027, Friday 28th May 2027, Wednesday 21st July 2027