



ST MARY'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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17th January 2025

Dear Families,

Our Year 6 pupils returned from their residential to High Borrans Activity Centre today. They have had great week away and fell walking, caving, canoeing, orienteering, rope challenges and gyhll scrambling to name just a few of the activities they have taken part in! Thank you to Mrs Thompson, Mrs Gartland and Mrs Atkinson for taking the children on the trip.

Celebration of the Word

Next week the theme of our Celebration of the Word is 'Ask, Listen, Believe, Follow' and we are reminded through the Gospel reading that Jesus is always there to guide and support us.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings will be taking place on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February. Appointment will be available to book from 5.30pm today on Parentmail.

Year 4 Class Celebration of the Word

Year 4 will be leading a class Celebration of the Word next week on Wednesday 22nd January at 9.10am in the school hall; their family members are welcome to join them for this special event.

Online Safety - Top Tips For Keeping Children Safe on Social Media

Please see the attached guide which advises parents and carers about safety on social media.

[Top Tips For Safety On Social Media](#)

Weekly Attendance

The overall attendance for the whole school this week is 97.6 %.

Reception	96.9%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	99.6%

Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	100%

Reminders:

Attendance & Punctuality

- The school day starts at 8.55am with the school doors opening at 8.45am.
- Registers are taken from 8.55am and will remain open for 30 minutes.
- Any pupils arriving after 9am will be marked as 'late before register closes'.
- Any pupil arriving after the register closes will be marked as an unauthorised absence.
- Please note that holidays should not be taken in term time and will not be authorised; if a holiday is taken and meets the new threshold of 10 sessions* within a period of 10 weeks, we may refer the matter to the Local





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Authority who may issue a penalty notice. **The penalty notice has increased to £80 per parent, per child.**

(*1 session = a morning/afternoon session)

Statutory Assessment Dates

Each year statutory assessments are carried out for certain year groups in the summer term. This year's dates are as follows:

- Year 1 Phonics Screening check – Week beginning Monday 10th June 2025
- Year 4 Multiplication check – Week beginning 2nd June 2025
- Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs – Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025

Clubs

Clubs for next week:

Day	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		Recorders	KS1 Art (3.30 -4.15pm) Y5 & Y6 Football (3.30-4.30pm)
Tuesday	Year 1 & Year 2 Multiskills (8.00 – 8.45am)		KS2 Dance (3.30-4.30pm) Y5 & Y6 Art Club (3.30 -4.15pm)
Wednesday	Year 3 & Year 4 Multiskills (8.00 – 8.45am)	Recorders	Y1 Rugby Minis (3.30-4.30pm) KS2 Art (3.30 -4.15pm)
Thursday			Y3 & Y4 Yoga (3.30-4.30pm) KS2 Choir (3.30 -4.30pm)

Diary Dates

Monday 20 th January	School Nursing Team - Reception & Year 6 Heights &Weights Measures
Wednesday 22 nd January	Year 4 Class Celebration of the Word (9.10am School Hall)
Friday 31 st January	Whole School Mass at Church (10.00am)
Mon 3 rd – Fri 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Thursday 6 th February	Reception Class Parents' Stay & Play Session (9.00am – 10.00am)
Monday 10 th February	KS1 & KS2 Online Safety Assemblies
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 17 th February	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 18 th February	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Friday 21 st February	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 rd March	Pupils return to school





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Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday KS2 Pupils attend Parish Ash Wednesday Mass at Church(10.00am)
Wednesday 12 th March	Full Lego League Event
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st March	Year 5 Bikeability Sessions
Friday 21 st March	Year 4 Skipping Festival Event
Friday 4 th April	Year 4 Bikeability Sessions
Friday 11 th April	Break up for Easter holidays

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Siobhan Foster
Head Teacher

