



ST MARY'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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10th January 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas with your families.

Celebration of the Word

Next week the theme of our Celebration of the Word is 'Baptised in the Holy Spirit' and we will be thinking about Jesus's baptism. We will also be reminded that we are all part of God's family with the Holy Spirit guiding and supporting us.

Year 6 High Borrans Residential

Next week our Year 6 class will be going to High Borrans Activity Centre in the Lake District, leaving on Monday morning and returning Friday afternoon. They are all very much looking forward to the trip and I know they will have a fantastic time learning new skills, challenging themselves and having lots of fun! Look out for photographs and updates on Twitter.

PTFA Christmas Fair Update

Thank you for generously supporting our PTFA Christmas Fair which raised £1,246.63 for funds to spend on our children.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings will be taking place on Monday 17th February and Tuesday 18th February; we will open the booking of appointment times next week.

Hutchison's Fun Day Lunch

On Thursday 16th January, Hutchison Catering will be providing an Australian themed lunch. Please see the attached menu.

Year 4 Class Celebration of the Word

Year 4 will be leading a class Celebration of the Word 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 – What Parent & Carers Need To Know About Justalk Kids

Justalk Kids is a social networking platform aimed at children up to the age of 13 years old. Please read the attached guide which provides information about the platform and highlights the associated risks.

[What Parents & Carers Need To Know About Justalk Kids](#)

Weekly Attendance

The overall attendance for the whole school this week is 96.6%.

Well done to Year 1 and Year 4 who have won the Attendance Award for this week with 100% attendance.





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Reception	97.8%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	92.8%

Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	93.3%

Reminders:

Healthy School Award

In line with our Healthy Schools Award, snacks for morning break time should be a healthy snack – not crisps or chocolate biscuits/bars. Pupils are allowed to bring in water bottles to keep themselves hydrated throughout the day but these should be filled with water not juice.

School Uniform

We are very proud of how smart our children look in their school uniforms and would like this to continue. However there are a couple of points, I would like to remind parents about:

- trousers and skirts should be grey not black
- skirts should not be excessively short
- earrings should be removed
- nail varnish should not be worn
- pupils should not have extreme hair styles including tramline lines/designs shaved into hair or have dyed hair and hair accessories should be small and blue to match in with our uniform.

Please see the school uniform list below. We do have items of donated uniform available at the school office, if anyone requires anything.

- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, pale blue polo shirt, school sweatshirt/cardigan, black school shoes (not trainers).
- PE Kit - White t-shirt/**Royal Blue shorts**
Black or Navy Joggers (for colder days), Black Plimsolls/Trainers.
No logo (eg Nike, Addidas etc) items of clothing for PE – thank you.
- Jewellery, including earrings, are not permitted to be worn. Pupils can wear a wrist watch.
- Makeup/Nail varnish are not permitted to be worn.

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

(*1 session = a morning/afternoon session)





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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)
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

Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th January	Year 6 Residential to High Borran
Thursday 16 th January	Hutchison's Australian Themed Funday Lunch
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)
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
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday
	KS2 Pupils attend Parish Ash Wednesday Mass at Church(10.00am)





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Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

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