



# ST MARY'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Families,

### Celebration of the Word

Mini Vinnies will be leading our Celebration of the Word on Monday on Pope Francis's theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope' for the Church's Year of the Jubilee,

### Whole School Mass

We will be celebrating Mass at church on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 10.00am. The children will be leading the readings and singing; all families are welcome to join us for this.

### Car Parking Outside of School

I would like to remind all parents and carers who are dropping off and collecting children by cars to please park responsibly in the surrounding areas to ensure the safety of pupils and others. The church car park is always available for parking and is only a short walk from the school. I trust that you will be fully supportive of this in order to keep our pupils and others safe.

### Online Safety - What Parents & Educators Need To Know About TikTok

Please find attached the guide which highlights the risks involved in using TikTok and advises on how to keep users safe.

[What Parents & Educators Need To Know About TikTok](#)

### Weekly Attendance

The overall attendance for the whole school this week is 97.19 %.

Reception	100%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	97%

Year 3	96.67%
Year 4	97.93%
Year 5	95.83%
Year 6	96.67%

### **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 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 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- Year 4 Multiplication check – Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025
- Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## Clubs

Clubs for next week:

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

## Diary Dates

Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Whole School Mass at Church (10.00am)
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Class Parents' Stay & Play Session (9.00am – 10.00am)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	KS1 & KS2 Online Safety Assemblies
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday
	KS2 Pupils attend Parish Ash Wednesday Mass at Church(10.00am)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Lego League Event
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 5 Bikeability Sessions





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Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 Skipping Festival Event
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Bikeability Sessions
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter holidays

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Siobhan Foster  
Head Teacher

