



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Holy Spirit Parish: <https://www.holyspiritmarple.com/>

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Year 2 led a very beautiful and poignant Collective Worship which allowed us to join together in peace and love. Yesterday we came together again to pay our respects in honour of the soldiers who gave their lives for us. The children's behaviour was exceptional and they were an absolute credit. Our very special Remembrance Service was thought provoking and reverently led by the Faith Friends and we are extremely grateful to both Mrs Groarke-Booth and Mrs Tadikonda who willingly gave their time and support for this act. Thank you.



HOLY COMMUNION UPDATE

It was lovely to welcome Fr Bill into school this week to discuss the special sacrament. If your child is in Y3, Y4 or Y5 and you wish for them to make their First Holy Communion at Holy Spirit, then please make contact with Fr Bill as sessions start on 17th November.

Fr Bill Fitzgerald - 07929446490 fitzgerald123@btinternet.com

Fr Daniel has been in touch to inform us that there will be one parish programme for both churches, Marple Bridge and New Mills. This will take place at New Mills, linked to the Sunday Mass. Application forms can be collected from both churches for pupils in Y3, Y4 and Y5.

WEDNESDAY WORD

Here is the link to this week's Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/openness?pid=MTA101634&v=39.20>

CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to our cross-country runners who attended Woodbank park on Saturday. They were all fantastic and gave a superb account of themselves. In the words of Miss Poole; 'Great job representing our school!'

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you for engaging with Parents Evening this week. We hope that you found the opportunity to speak with teachers valuable and you were able to gain an understanding of how your child/children have settled back into school and what they have been learning about. We really do value the partnership between home and school.

We will leave the link on for another week ahead of next weeks' meetings. Please sign up if you haven't already.

<https://stmaryscatholicvamarplebridge.schoolcloud.co.uk>

HOME LEARNING

For those children having to isolate at home presently, we have uploaded work on to the class pages in MS Teams. Please note that there is no expectation to complete work if your child is unwell.

SHOW US YOUR SOCKS



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Next week is 'Anti-Bullying Week' and the theme this year is 'One Kind Word'. We are delighted to be taking part and to help support the launch of this fantastic initiative we are asking children to wear odd socks on **Wednesday** to show that we are all unique and special. Over the past couple of years, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power of togetherness, and by uniting as one, we are sending a strong message against any form of bullying.

PICK UP/DROP OFF

Just a quick one. We fully appreciate that parking in and round school can be quite challenging and we understand that delays as a result, happen. We are noticing however; a few more children are arriving late or are being picked up a little late presently. Please note that the school doors open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am and pick up time is 3.15pm. Also, any requests to pick up early must be phoned/email through ahead of the day/time. Many thanks for your co-operation and support in this matter.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to Mrs Groarke-Booth who delivered some brilliant drama sessions for all pupils throughout the week. Just fantastic and we know that everyone really enjoyed them. Also, Mrs Groarke-Booth runs her own drama group; Kickstart Drama. If you'd like to sign up for a free trial session, contact Sarah on kickstartdrama@gmail.com or via her website www.sarahgroarke.co.uk.

A QUICK UPDATE

Once again a massive thank you to the PTA for the wonderful Trim Trail. With their help, we are currently in discussions to get a path put down so it can be used in all weathers. We recognise the frustration in having this great resource which is not being used presently and hope to get the matter resolved very soon. In the meantime, please ensure it is not used before or after school. Thanks for your support.

SAVE THE DATE – CHRISTMAS DINNER

On **16th December 2021** we will hold our Christmas dinner in school. If your child does not normally have a school dinner, but they wish to have one on this occasion as a 'one off', please let Mrs Major know by **Friday 4th December 2021**. After this date it will not be possible to order an extra lunch. £2.20 can be paid on parent pay or at the office. Christmas jumpers may be worn on this day as part of non-uniform (i.e. jumper and jeans) If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, do not fear: you are not expected to buy one. You can let your child wear a favourite jumper.

CLASS CHARITIES

We are going to be launching our class charities this half term and we are hoping the children will help decide which charity their class could pick. Any suggestions from yourselves as well will be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographer will be in school to take individual and sibling photos on Friday 19 November. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions they are not able to offer photos for pre-school siblings.

NATIVITY DATES

Advanced notice –

EYFS – Wednesday 15th December 2021

KS1 – Friday 17th December 2021

More information to follow regarding capacity numbers and tickets per household will follow in the coming weeks.

A FINAL THOUGHT

We remember all who serve and all that have given their lives in the name of peace.

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole