



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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

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A WARM WELCOME

Well, I think we jinxed the weather, though the school and surrounding areas were looking particularly beautiful yesterday morning after the brief smattering of snow. It very much has been an action packed week at St Mary's and there have been lots of celebrations during today's assembly. Mrs Ashton had the honour of presenting certificates and medals to some of our amazing Woodbank park runners, their dedication and determination in the cold winter months does not go unnoticed. PGL certificates were also given out, Music certificates shared, our fabulous Year 1 and 2 Cross Country runners were congratulated and we got the chance to say a BIG well done, to all our raffle winners and to say a BIG thank you to the PTA for their organisation. The prizes look amazing! CROSS COUNTRY

As we come to the end of another fabulous term we would like to say thank you to you for all your support for helping to make St Mary's the very special school that it most certainly is.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Many thanks to our wonderful Year 5 children who throughout the week have taken us on a prayerful journey of solidarity and reflection as they delivered a very reverent and beautiful Stations of the Cross each morning. Through scripture, story, choral response and prayer we were able to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, his sacrifice and his unwavering forgiveness and love for us all. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us and to the children for their superb behaviour.

Holy Communion Information

Please find details below for candidates for both Holy Spirit and St Mary's.

Holy Spirit

Saturday 14th May 2022.

Due to numbers and restrictions there are 2 masses. 11.00am Y3 and Y5 and 2.00pm Y4

St Mary's

The Holy Communion mass will take place at **St Mary's Church, New Mills on Saturday 21st May 2022** at 12.00pm.

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>

PTA INFORMATION

Please find details below of up and coming PTA events and meeting dates and times. This is primarily to give you the 'heads up' and further specifics will be shared with you over the coming weeks.

Meeting dates – venue and times

19.04.2022 – The Norfolk Arms – 8.00pm

06.05.2022 – St Mary's – 9.00am

24.06.2022 – St Mary's – 9.00am

Upcoming events

Friday 22nd April 2022 – Spring Discos – further details to follow

Friday 17th June 2022 – Gin and Bingo night with our very own Stockport Gin – time TBC

Saturday 2nd July 2022 – GLASTONMARY IS BACK!! – further details to follow

The PTA will also be arranging a 'Colourrun' in July and launching £22 in 2022. Stand by for more information...



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KEY STAGE 1 CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

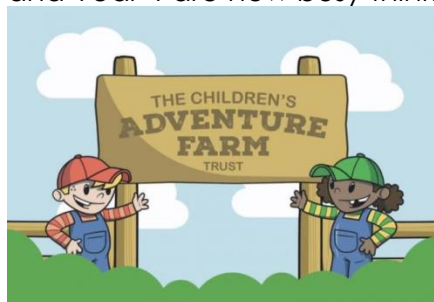
On Thursday, Year 1 and Year 2 welcomed children from other Stockport schools to St Mary's. The Stockport SHAPES team ran an exciting cross-country event for the children, winding its way around the school field. A group of pupils from Year 6 showed superb leadership skills as they supported the running of the event by setting the pace of each race, encouraging the younger pupils and marshalling the event. The children represented the school with pride, braving the snowy weather conditions and Mrs Ashton already has her eye on some fantastic runners for cross-country next year!

YEAR 2 CAFOD MESSAGE

Y2 have carried out some fundraising this week, holding in their hearts CAFOD, through a cake/bookmark sale and sponsored run. Year 2 discovered that CAFOD had set a Lenten challenge this year to raise awareness about the number of people who go hungry every day in our world. CAFOD challenged everyone to walk 200km during Lent, so Year 2 have worked together on the running track to reach our class goal of 200km. Well done to Y2! Their cake sale raised £57.50. Sponsorship donations are continuing to come into school after Easter, so we look forward to giving you the grand total after the break.

YEAR 4 CLASS CHARITY VISIT

Year 4's charity to support this year is the Children's Adventure Farm Trust. They were delighted to welcome Hannah from CAFT into school this week to tell them all about it. The children learned about the wonderful experiences that children who are challenged in some way - maybe through disability, illness or difficulties in their life are able to have at the farm which provides residential and day visit opportunities. Last year, CAFT raised £1,000,000 in order to continue their great work and Year 4 are now busy thinking of ways they can help to raise money to support them.



HOUSE POINTS

Please see below the final points for this term.

Red	Yellow	Blue	Green
3363	3487	3579	3464

This means **BLUE** house group are the winners and they have enjoyed an extra afternoon play and an Easter egg. Congratulations!

SCHOOL NURSE

Alison Dunning, the school nurse will be in school on **Monday 25th April 2022** for a drop-in session. She is available to discuss any issues that your child may have; incontinence, sleeping, healthy eating, etc. There will be 4 half hour slots available and are bookable via the school office. If you would like to speak to Alison, please contact the school office.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL

We are noticing numbers creeping up of children arriving late for school. Please ensure that your child/ren are in school by **9.00am** at the latest. If you arrive past this time you will be required to sign your child/ren in via the touch screen at the school office. Please do not send children in unaccompanied. This will be in operation from the first day back after the Easter break (**19.04.2022**) Many thanks for your support and co-operation.

ATTENDANCE

Each week we will announcing class attendances and these will also be celebrated in our assembly. Congratulations to both Year 3 and 4!! Our target is 97% or above.

Weekly Attendance	
Rec	96%
Y1	95%
Y2	90%
Y3	97%
Y4	97%
Y5	90%
Y6	88%

LIBRARY COMPETITION

Please details below of an exciting competition for Marple Library.



ADVANCE WARNING

Please note that **Friday 1st July 2022** will now be an **INSET DAY with school closed to pupils**. This is to enable all schools within the St Ralph Sherwin Trust to join together for an annual conference.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

School finishes for the Easter break today and re-opens **Tuesday 19th April 2022**.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Have a wonderful, blessed and joyful Easter.

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole