



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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A WARM WELCOME

We hope that you all have had a lovely week. We'd like to begin by saying 'good luck' to all our Year 6 children who are undertaking their SATs tests next week. They are well prepared, thanks to their own hard work, the support of parents and the excellent direction of Mrs Britton, Mrs Thompson and the extended staff team – a real team effort! The rest of the school family are poised to give their support to Y6, by working quietly, waiting for break times and adapting their timetables to accommodate the test schedule. We wish our Y6 pupils a restful weekend.

A BIG THANK YOU

We managed to raise an absolutely wonderful £332

**To the Children, Parents, Teachers and Other Staff
of St Mary's School, Marple Bridge.**

To you all for your significant contribution to Rev Father John Cairns Memorial Bench. Your 'Non Uniform Day' when you all dressed in blue to remind us all of Father John's love of Manchester City Football Club was a brilliant idea and we hope you had fun doing it and each donating for this privilege. Many of us are hoping that they win the Premier League.

Once we have received the Donations from the Parishioners of Marple Bridge Church we will have a final meeting in early June to add their contributions to yours and to place the order for Fr John's Oak Bench. We are going to have an inscription carved in wood on the Bench to show our love for Father John.

We will keep you updated at each stage of the process. Before delivery we have to upgrade the garden and remove the cycle racks to give more room. It maybe that we have room for a large tub which your Gardening Group could perhaps maintain, we will speak to Grandad Jim about this as we understand he helps with the Gardening Team.

In the meantime, our grateful thanks from Gordon Lyon, Laurie Feehan and Terry Poole.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

The month of May is traditionally linked with Our Lady. This month we will use the Hail Mary in our prayers and will be practising our signed hymn version of this beautiful prayer. Classes have added an image of Mary to their prayer table, together with a small blue cloth and a rosary. Many of our KS2 children are making their First Holy Communion this month. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers at this special time. Please see previous bulletins for times and dates.

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>

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Next week we will be highlighting the importance of Mental Health and embracing this year's theme, 'Loneliness'. We will have the opportunity to discuss this important theme whilst also thinking about the community and reaching out to those who may be feeling lonely – and discussing how this contributes to our overall wellness.

CAN YOU SPARE 5 MINUTES



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Please can you help and spare 5 minutes to complete the below survey. Many thanks in advance.

<https://forms.gle/xq6CEig9fHfuifrh6>

Stockport SHAPES (Schools, Health, Activity, Physical Education & Sport) Alliance are part of the Stockport Council and we offer support to all schools in Stockport, catering for children from age 3-19, to further develop and maintain high quality Physical Education, sport and physical activity for all pupils as part of a healthy lifestyle. We are looking to see how we can further support families away from school to be more physically active and provide quality activities to participate in. By completing the short survey below you will help us support your needs.

'BIG' - THE MUSICAL

One of our pupils is performing in the above musical at New Mills Art Theatre between 11th – 14th May 2022. If you would like to go, tickets are available from the venue.

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Class teachers place their homework sheets/newsletters in their Class Microsoft Teams online. Have you checked, weekly, the communication from your child's teacher? If not, you may be missing out on important information. If you are having problems logging onto Teams or need a reminder of your child's username/password then please contact the office.

WELL DONE YEAR 2

Who have raised a quite staggering **£887** for Cafod. Just an unbelievable amount which go such a long way in support and in making a difference for others. Thank you for your generosity.

YEAR 4 VISIT

The Year 4s had a fantastic time (and were a credit to our school) at the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry on Thursday. They had great fun 'hands on' in the Exploration Hall and learned all about some Manchester 'firsts' in the Revolution Show. Did you know that the first train station and the first computer were built in Manchester? The children found out lots about electricity in the Circuit City show to support their current learning in Science.

"I learnt all about circuits and dynamos" (Christopher)

"The first hairdryer was so powerful it could blow your hair off" (Rebecca)

"The trip was amazing!" (Olivia)

GARDEN DESIGN PROJECT

The garden design project for Marple schools garden show in July has well and truly taken off. We have been gathering ideas from children across the school and the final garden design is talking shape nicely. The plan to relocate the garden after the show next to the bottom playground has fuelled a very exciting phase 2 project. We have had the most generous offer from one of our inspirational parents who has her own business Evans Excavation #diglikeagirl. Mrs Evans has offered to landscape the current area which is at present unusable as a space and further to that, extend the area into the woodland alongside the garden to provide a further 'woodland walk' wellbeing space. The digging and excavation process will be undertaken during the school day in the near future to enable the children to see this incredible role model at work. Once the area has been levelled and cleared by Mrs Evans we will be looking to install seating, wooden sleeper planters and block fencing. If there are any school contacts who can help with any of these requirements, please contact the office/Mrs Bradbury. We look forward to updating you with developments throughout this exciting project. Thank you

STOCKPORT CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

This week has seen the launch of an exciting new initiative by the Year 6 Eco-Defenders. Working with the Stockport Climate Action Group at Stockport Council, the group have identified a practical way we can all help to reduce carbon emissions and improve our own wellbeing by growing our own fruit and vegetables. This week we have started our new school vegetable beds with some potatoes, beetroot and lettuce. The Eco-Defenders are inviting you to try this at home in our "Potato in a Pot Challenge!" You do not need a large garden or vegetable pot to grow them. We have 16 red seed potatoes which are ready for planting to give away. They will be ready for collection outside the office on Monday 9th May, small donations to the Gardening Group are welcome and can be left at the Office. Grandad Jim has provided expert planting and care instructions. We are going to continue to learn about the impact of carbon emissions and the food chain. Look out for more exciting events and opportunities to take part! **Please see attachment for instructions.**

MASCOT CHALLENGE

The Rugby League World Cup are on the hunt for a talented young artist to design the mascot that will become the face of this year's three tournaments. The design should represent all three tournaments, be eye catching and recognisable, fun and friendly, have a great name and backstory and represent the values of the tournament. The winning designer will receive two tickets to the men and women's finals day at Old Trafford on Saturday 19 November and the chance to take their class at school to another tournament match. Click here to find out how to enter: <https://www.rlwc2021.com/mascot-challenge>

A LITTLE REMINDER

That we are a completely nut free school. We have a number of pupils with nut allergies and it is imperative that we keep them safe. Please ensure that no nuts or nut based products are not brought into school. Many thanks for your support.

KEY DATES

Please find below a selection of key dates for the remainder of the year. Further details will follow in the coming weeks.

Y6 SATs Week	9 th May
Holy Spirit Holy Communion	14 th May
Y2 SATs Week	16 th & 23 rd May
St Mary's Holy Communion	21 st May
PTA Gin and Bingo Night	17 th June
Sports Day	30 th June
Trust INSET Day	1 st July
Y6 Bike Ability Week	4 th July
Transition Day (move up afternoon for year groups)	7 th July
Y5 Bike Ability Week	11 th July
Opening Evening	13 th July
Nursery and Reception Intake Meeting	14 th July
PTA Colour Run	15 th July
Year 5 and 6 Production	20 th July at 1.30pm and 6.00pm
Leavers Assembly	22 nd July at 10am
Leavers Mass	25 th July at 10am
Leavers Disco	25 th July 6pm - 8pm

UNIFORM

Please can you ensure that your child/ren are wearing the correct school uniform. Please refer to the below which can be found on the school website. If you need any further clarification at all, please speak to the school office. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Girls - Grey skirt/pinafore/school trousers, navy cardigan or jumper with school logo, white blouse, school tie and grey, blue or white socks or tights. Summer Alternative: Blue and white dress with white socks. **Boys** - Grey trousers, navy pullover with school logo, grey socks, white shirt and school tie.

ATTENDANCE

Each week we will announcing class attendances and these will also be celebrated in our assembly. Congratulations to Reception who achieved a marvellous **100 %**. Our target is 97%.

Weekly Attendance	
Rec	100%
Y1	94%
Y2	91%
Y3	95%
Y4	98%
Y5	99%
Y6	97%

PICK UP AFTER TRACK AND FIELD CLUB

From next Wednesday (11.05.2022) the school car park gates will remain closed and we are asking that parents walk onto the school grounds to collect their child/ren from the club. We appreciate that this is a change from the norm and we have made this decision on health and safety grounds. Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Taking time to 'step back,' allows time for reflection and replenishment

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole

St Mary's Kids Club

Holiday Club booking form - Whit Holidays 2022

*Due to secondary schools only having 1 week for Whit we can only offer the first week of the holidays,

**Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June are bank Holidays, therefore we will be opening Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as below:

£20 per child per for a full day or £12 for 5 hours
(£2 for each additional hour thereafter)

Monday
30 May 2022

Tuesday
1 June 2022

Wednesday
2 June 2022

All children will need to bring a packed lunch (**NO NUTS of any kind**) and a drink in a bottle that can be refilled if required.

Holiday Club is open from 08:00 - 17:30 and we ask children do not attend Holiday Club if they are showing any symptoms of Covid19 or have had a positive LFT.

All places must be booked by Friday 20 May at the latest.

If we have a waiting list you may be asked to pay for your requested place(s) upfront in order to secure your booking.

Account Name: St Mary's Kids Club Account no: 40509001 Sort Code: 01 05 51

All enquiries/ bookings should be sent to lbcorbett21@gmail.com
Laura Corbett, Holiday Club Manager
contact via email address above or on 07500 043948

