



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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A WARM WELCOME

Well, it certainly has been an exciting day thanks to #diglikeagirl. Please read on for further details. It has been lovely to see parents back in school for celebrations and gatherings and we are delighted to announce and welcome parents back to our Friday assembly after half term. It has been far too long.

You will have received notification yesterday that our Diocesan Canonical Inspection will take place next Tuesday. Members of the inspection team will be on the school playground to say hello and catch up with you. Please keep all our wonderful school family in your thoughts.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

On Monday afternoon, Year 3 led our whole school worship to celebrate Mary in the month of May. What a lovely way to celebrate the first, class-led worship in the hall as a whole school since lockdown! Gathering together, in worship, as a whole school community is once again becoming part of our school life. Through drama and readings, the children explored when and why Mary was chosen by God; singing hymns, using sign language and praying together, the children explored the importance of this special lady in our Christian faith.

Thanks to Year 3's beautiful offering which encouraged us to reflect on Mary's qualities, the children were then given a mission to enjoy an afternoon dedicated to Mary, which included lots of creative and reflective activities across the school. We concluded the day by holding a special Crowning of Mary Service in class, when we sang, prayed and showed our love for Mary by presenting her with the paper blossoms we had made.

Good luck to all the children who are making their Holy Communion tomorrow at St Mary's New Mills, Church with Father Daniel. We hope you have a wonderful celebration on this most special of days.

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>

HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

To mark children making their First Holy Communion we are holding a special school celebration on **Friday 24th June 2022**. Candidates from Years 3, 4 and 5 are invited to wear their communion clothes as we all join together for mass at St Mary's Marple Bridge, Church on the morning with Father Daniel. On our return to school the children will get changed into their party clothes to continue the celebrations. Children in Y3, 4 and 5 who did not make the sacrament are also invited to bring party clothes to get changed into after mass. It is sure to be a wonderful occasion where lifelong memories will be made.

CAN YOU SPARE 5 MINUTES PLEASE?

On behalf of the SRSCMAT please can you take the time to complete the below survey.

'At the SRSCMAT, we try to care for our world and aim to ensure that all activities of the Trust reduce the negative impact we are having on our environment and improve our sustainability. The food we eat can make a big difference to the health of our world.'

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=OFYcIXnjhUaRUhyDCcoxaYcbVHK20DVLroNXRdQTL_JUQ0g3N1FaWUhDNkwzMFBDVFc2WDMYmVRRWi4u



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GARDENING UPDATE AND A MASSIVE THANK YOU

We have had the most exciting day today watching one of our inspirational parents who has her own business Evans Excavation #diglikeagirl. Pam Evans has landscaped the new 'Wellbeing garden' area and the area alongside the bottom playground which was unusable as a space. This will extend the area into the woodland alongside the garden to provide a further 'woodland walk' wellbeing space (phase 2 of the development plan). The digging and excavation process has taken place during the day and has enabled the children to see this incredible role model at work. Thank you so much Pam for the time and hard work that you have given us today to make such a huge difference to our school grounds. We are now looking to install artificial grass flooring, seating, wooden sleeper planters and 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.



SRSCMAT PUPIL OLYMPICS

On Monday a team of 6, Year 4 and 5 children took part in the inaugural Swimming Gala at Ashbourne Swimming Centre, along with 6 other schools. All the children showed off their swimming skills in a well organised and friendly gala. Our school came 4th overall and brought home two individual gold medals which is fantastic! We were extremely proud of the children's performances, and their resilience and determination throughout the gala. Everyone had a splashing time! **YEAR 3**

AND 4 TENNIS

Tennis lessons took place for Year 3 and 4 on Thursday with Mark Beaver and will continue next week and the first week back after half term. Many thanks Mark, the children had great fun and developed their Tennis knowledge and ball skills. If your child is interested in joining Brabyns Tennis Club, more information can be found here: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BrabynsLawnTennisClub>

THURSDAY 26TH MAY 2022

Is our very own version of the Queen's Jubilee special celebration day. We will be having a picnic lunch and throughout the day children will be taking part in lots of Jubilee related activities. We are asking that everyone comes dressed in, where possible, a combination of red, white and blue. The more colourful the better! **Please bring a picnic blanket with you.**

MARPLE CARNIVAL 2022

We are thrilled to announce that Marple Carnival is returning this year and is taking place on Saturday 18th June 2022. St Mary's will be part of the wonderful parade and we need your help please! We would love you to join us all walking in the parade and the theme this year is 'Playtime.' We will be discussing our costume design in school next week. We really hope you can come and join us, love the PTA.

ST MARY'S FAMILY CAMP

FRIDAY 8TH - SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2022

The PTA is now accepting bookings for our traditional annual family camp at Rowter Farm in Castleton. More information and booking form: <https://forms.gle/bPhFZD6vn6fLTdSdA>

Booking deadline Friday 27th May
Payment deadline Friday 10th June

JACK AND JULIE'S GREAT MANCHESTER RUN

Julie Edwards and son Jack, are taking on the Great Manchester Run to raise funds for Once Upon a Smile, a charity which means a great deal to them both and is aid of supporting families affected by the Manchester Arena attack. Jack will be taking part in the Junior Great Manchester Run and mum Julie, will be running the Great Manchester Run the following day. If you would like to donate, please follow the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/juliejackedwards?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=juliejackedwards&utm_campaign=pfppwhatsapp&utm_term=18ead9d3a0a944659050ab3a1324f511

ATTENDANCE

Each week we will announcing class attendances and these will also be celebrated in our assembly. Congratulations to Years 2, 3 and 4 who achieved an impressive **97 %**. Our target is 97%.

Weekly Attendance	
Rec	95%
Y1	95%
Y2	97%
Y3	97%
Y4	97%
Y5	95%
Y6	91%

A FINAL THOUGHT

Be the best version of yourself each day; no one can ask anymore of you than that.

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole