



A WARM WELCOME

And in the blink of an eye another half term is gone, wow! We would like to say a heartfelt thank you for all the good wishes we have received this week and for the way you have been so overwhelmingly supportive of the school. Members of the inspection team were mightily impressed. It was a very positive day and we look forward to sharing the findings with you when we are able to.

Thank you to all the staff team and children who are just incredible and mere words do not do them justice.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Children from Year 4 led a beautiful whole school worship on Tuesday which focused on peace and challenged us to make a personal difference for ourselves and others. It was planned, written and delivered by the pupils and was truly spellbinding. Thank you also to the 'Sancta Squad' and members from Year 2 who also led acts of worship in their classes very reverently.

It was lovely to come together as a whole school to celebrate the mass of Ascension yesterday with Father Bill. The behaviour and engagement of all was superb and it gave us all an opportunity to recognise the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we have been blessed with and how we can also use our own gifts so positively. Thank you Father Bill for presiding over the mass and for all who helped to prepare and take part in it.

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion the past two weekends at St Mary's and Holy Spirit. We know how special these occasions are for children and their families as they deepen their faith and continue to build their relationship with God. We would like to say how proud we are of all of you and we hope you had fun!

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 in the morning with Father Daniel. On our return to school the children will get changed into their party clothes to continue the celebrations. Children who did not make the sacrament are also invited to bring party clothes to get changed into, too. It is sure to be a wonderful occasion where lifelong memories will be made.

WELCOME BANK

We are delighted to say that from the first Friday back, (17.06.2022) parents will once again be invited to our celebration assembly. It will be great to have you back in school with us and we look forward to seeing you there. Assembly time is 2.30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Laura, our holiday club manager, who is expecting her first child in September. What wonderful news! We are sure that you will join us all in wishing Laura and Dan (Mr and Mrs Corbett) all the very best as they get to begin a new and exciting chapter in their lives as two becomes three. Enjoy every moment Laura!



YEAR 3 QUARRY BANK MILL VISIT

On Wednesday Year 3 enjoyed a day out at Quarry Bank Mill in Styal. The children were dressed in Victorian costume and were greeted by a 'strict' Mr Shawcross at the apprentice house. A twelve hour working day, a handful of porridge for breakfast and lunch and sleeping two in a bed were not appealing at all. Mind you, the leeches and chamber pots did cause quite a stir...

The children enjoyed dressing in Victorian costumes, sampling the apprenticeship tasks of brushing the cotton, piecing, carrying the can, doffing the bobbin and scavenging. They were also fascinated by the working machinery and waterwheel. The return journey to school was much quieter and all the children, staff and parents had thoroughly enjoyed their day. Well done Year 3!

YEAR 5 AND 6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

****Breaking news – Winners!****

A squad of 11 children from Y5 and Y6 showed off their wonderful footballing skills at a 7-a-side tournament at Mellor Primary School yesterday. There were 4 teams participating and after a narrow loss in game 1 they quickly bounced back to draw the next two before beating All Saints in the semi final to set up a final showdown against Mellor (2). The final couldn't have been closer eventually finishing goalless which brought up the dreaded penalty shootout to decide the winners.

It was nail-biting to watch, with both players and fans holding their breath as each penalty was taken. Thankfully, St. Mary's came out on top to take the spoils. Well done team! The team were rightly overjoyed at their win and were a credit to St Mary's. Special thanks to Mrs Ashton for taking them and Sonny's dad for his coaching input.

GARDENING UPDATE

Things are most definitely taking shape and it is all down to the fantastic community support we have from you all here at St Mary's. You are just amazing from the weekly volunteers, Mrs Buckley leading our very own intrepid gardeners to Pam Evans last week who kindly gave up her time and resources to turn some overgrown landscape into the beginnings of a well-being space. Some team we have here! On the grass by the gate, we have some felled trees, if you would like to help yourself to use them for wood, please pop in after the break.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The children looked absolutely fantastic yesterday and the school was awash with red, white and blue as we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee St Mary's, Marple Bridge style. From a picnic lunch (we dodged the rain) to party games and activities we had a brilliant time and we even had a special guest doing the rounds at lunch... Many thanks for all your support in helping to make this an event to remember.

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.' Please see the letter which went home earlier on in the week. We really hope you can come and join us, love the PTA.

GIN AND BINGO NIGHT

Please see attached flyer for final details for the 17th. Eyes down, see you there!

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

£22 FOR 2022!

We are ready to launch our £22 for 2022!

Can you raise £22 for 2022? We are fundraising to create a beautiful garden on the bottom playground! Work has already begun with the help of digger lady!

We are asking the children to fundraise £22 (or more) in whatever way they can, cake sales, sponsored litter picks, sponsored run- get creative!

Please donate your funds via the go fund me page below

<https://gofund.me/6c78af3b>



[£22 for 2022, organized by Kate Scott](https://gofund.me/6c78af3b)

We are fundraising to create a beautiful Mindfulness Garden on the bottom playground. This will incorporate t... Kate Scott needs your support for £22 for 2022

[gofund.me](https://gofund.me/6c78af3b)

JACK AND JULIE'S GREAT MANCHESTER RUN

Congratulations to both Jack and Julie Edwards who completed their respective Great Manchester runs last weekend. We are so very proud of you and know that it meant so much to you both. 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 **Reception** who achieved a stupendous **99%**. Our target is 97%.

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

A FINAL THOUGHT

Have a fabulous half term break

Mr Paul Ackers and Miss Alice Poole