



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Year 3 led us in our whole school worship on Monday reflecting on the Feast day of Saint George, the patron saint of England. They helped us to think about some of our British values - these really are built upon the teachings of Christ. Year 3 also reminded us that we can look to Saint George when we need courage, bravery or resilience. They set us the mission of 'summoning up our bravery and to step out of our comfort zone' this week. I have seen lots of examples of this across the school: whether it was Year 6 having a last push in their preparations for the SATs tests next month, Year 3 who have started their swimming lessons, children in our newly formed Coding Club and trying out new skills in programming or parents and staff who have recently completed the Manchester or London marathons. I could go on

and on! Superb work everyone as we strive to be missionary disciples, just like Saint George.

## WEDNESDAY WORD

[Here is the link](#) to this week's Wednesday Word.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFORMATION

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

### Holy Spirit

The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 12:30pm.**

### St Mary's

The Holy Communion Mass will take place at **St Mary's Church, New Mills on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 12:00 noon.**

Please keep all our First Communicants in our prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



## MELLOR MARCH – SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> April

The Mellor March is a communal walk around the boundary of the village of Mellor. It was founded in 1994 by Paddy Whitham, Richard Jones and Tim Lowe. Every penny raised is donated to a cancer-related charity and wherever possible we try to ensure that the monies go to a specific cause. It's a great day out for individuals, couples, families and friends and all for a good cause.

No doubt most of you have taken part in it as part of a longstanding May Bank Holiday tradition. If you are able to donate at all, the details are [here](#). There are four versions of the walk to choose from. If you would like to participate, more information about the walks can be found [here](#).

## TRACK AND FIELD – YEARS 3-6



Now the cross country season has ended, Mrs Ashton is running a track and field club each Tuesday after school. If you wish to join the club, please contact Mrs Major in the school office.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday, eight children from Years 3 and 4 took part in a Tennis Tournament at Brabyns Tennis Club. We had two teams competing and one of our teams came in 4th position. Hugo achieved the overall certificate for *Respect*. Caitlin and Jem received the *Determination* certificates. All the children preformed with determination, team work, respect and had fun on a lovely sunny day.

## MARATHON NEWS



The last two weekends have seen the Manchester and London marathons taking place and the stupendous St Mary's family was well represented at both events. Mrs Ashton was a very good sport... she volunteered to be 'soaked' by a water gun to support funds for her chosen charity, WaterAid (which is also the Year 3 charity). If you wish to sponsor Mrs Ashton you can do so [here](#).

Dr Tognarelli ran the Manchester marathon in aid of the Christie Hospital and the Alzheimer's Society. If you wish to donate to her charity, you can do so [here](#).

Mrs Groarke-Booth also ran the Manchester marathon also in support of the Alzheimer's Society and details of sponsorship are available [here](#).

Mr Britton completed the London marathon raising funds for also for the Christie Hospital. Details of how to donate to his chosen charity are [here](#). These are all great examples of putting our mission in practice this week of being brave and resilient – just like Saint George. A huge thank you and congratulations to our parents and staff who took part for their various charities.

## PTA NEWS

Thank you to our amazing PTA for hosting the family quiz last Friday evening. It was a wonderful social event for children and parents alike. Special thanks to our quiz master, Mr Harrison and his mini-quizzers for leading the event and huge thanks also to our PTA volunteers who set up, cleaned up and manned the bar! The next event will be Bag2School on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**. Your child has brought home a package containig the bag today. Information of what items to place in the bag are printed on the package. Further details of what the charity collect are availbale [here](#). **Please return filled bags to the school office on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May only.**



## CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III DAY



On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May we will have our very own version of the King's coronation celebration day. We will be having a coronation picnic lunch and throughout the day the children will be taking part in lots of coronation related activities including a special coronation celebration assembly. **We are asking that everyone comes dressed in, where possible, a combination of red, white and blue.** The more colourful the better! In the afternoon the PTA have very kindly paid for an ice cream van to visit St Mary's and all the children will receive an ice cream/lolly as a special treat to commemorate

this historic event.

## ATTENDANCE

At St Mary's we feel that, if learners are to get the greatest benefit from their education in school, it is important that they have good attendance and arrive punctually. The attendance this week is below. Congratulations to **Y5** who have achieved **100%**. Our school target is 97%.



Weekly Attendance	
Rec	99.1%
Y1	98.3%
Y2	95.4%
Y3	97.1%
Y4	95.7%
Y5	100%
Y6	94.1%
Overall	97.1%

## HOUSE POINTS

Below are the house point totals for April. It's been a shorter but nevertheless busy Dojo month! Well done to Green team in particular, but also to everybody – keep up the amazing work, behaviour and attitudes.

Green	482
Red	474
Yellow	464
Blue	457

## MARPLE CLIMATE ACTION WINNERS



Last Sunday Marple Climate action held a summit at Marple Hall School where children and adults discussed climate change and decided on actions we can work on together to look after our planet, or in the words of Pope Francis – 'our common home'.

As part of the summit there was an art competition and two of our children won prizes for their thoughtful and creative work.

Isla in Y2 won the overall prize for KS1 out of all the schools who entered and Adie in Y3 won a highly commended prize. Again it is wonderful to see our children living out our SANCTA values in their daily lives.



## BANK HOLIDAYS



A reminder that we have two Bank Holidays coming up in the next couple of weeks. Next **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May** is May Bank Holiday and **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** is the Bank Holiday to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. As these are public holidays, school will be closed on both of these days.

## A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT AND PRAYER



In the Gospel last Sunday, Jesus opened the eyes of two disciples as He broke bread with them. Jesus gives us new eyes to see the joy, hope, peace and love of Easter. Jesus helped His disciples to understand by spending time with them on the road to Emmaus, talking and listening to them. How could you give your time to help others? Here is one of the prayers that you might want to use as part of your home prayer time:

**Jesus, thank you for being with me. Jesus, bring me your gift of peace. Help me to keep peace in my heart. Amen.**

## THE MONTH AHEAD...KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
	<i>Please note the dates and times detailed below are provisional and may be changed if necessary.</i>
30 April	Mellor March (9:30am – 17:00 starting at the Devonshire Arms, Mellor, SK6 5PP).
1 May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed.
3 May	Y1 visit to Being Outdoors
4 May	Reception height and weight screening and Marple library visit: 1pm.
5 May	King Charles III school celebrations. Children to wear red, white and blue.
8 May	Coronation of King Charles III Bank Holiday – school closed.
9-12 May	Year 6 KS2 SATs week.
11 May	Bag2School collection.
16 May	Eurovision Choir Extravaganza: 7:00pm – 8:30pm at Stockport Town Hall.
19 May	Coffee and Cake with Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Norburn (from 1:30pm in the hall).
22 May	Y4 Collective Worship (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
26 May	Celebration Assembly (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
26 May	School closes for the half term break.
12 June	School reopens following the half term break.

**Wishing you all a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.  
Mr John Nish and Miss Alice Poole.**