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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



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In May, we honour Mary, the mother of Jesus and our mother too. Perhaps you would like to make the Rosary a focus of your family prayer time and talk with your child/ren about what they know about Mary from stories in the Bible. 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 Year 3 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 below for times and dates.

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 13th May 2023 at 12:30pm.**

St Mary's

The Holy Communion Mass will take place at

St Mary's Church, New Mills on Saturday 20th May 2023 at 12:00 noon.

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



ROSARY CLUB



Each school day during the month of May from 12:50-1:00pm, children from Year 2 through to Year 6 are invited to pray a decade of the rosary with Mr Nish in the 'Holy Hub'. Rosary beads are optional. Each day we will pray a decade of the rosary focusing each week on a particular mystery: luminous, joyful, sorrowful and glorious. Further details of how to pray the rosary are available [here](#).

CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III DAY



St Mary's have had a fabulous day celebrating the coronation of King Charles III today. Everyone looked marvellous dressed in red, white and/or blue. We started with an assembly explaining the religious symbolism of the coronation ceremony. Our certificates this week focused on who had displayed the 'attributes of a king' and each class sang a song representing a decade of the King's life. You can find the superb recordings of your child's class song on Teams as well as our whole school coronation song. The children then spent the morning working on coronation themed curriculum activities. We will be storing some

of these completed activities in a time capsule that we will bury next week along with an oak tree



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we are planting to commemorate this historic event. Hopefully the capsule will stand the test of time and will be opened by future children and staff who attend or work at St Mary's in 2073! The children enjoyed a fabulous coronation picnic lunch and the PTA provided an iced treat to round off a wonderful day of celebrations. Well done and thank you everyone on making it a day to remember.

YEAR 2 AND YEAR 6 SATs



This month children from both Year 2 and Year 6 will be sitting their SATs. We will do all that we can to ensure that the children feel fully supported and certainly something they should not be worrying about. Please can you help us by ensuring that your child/ren maintain good routines in regard to sleep, attendance and having breakfast etc. Thank you and please do come and see us if you have any questions or we can help further.

RECEPTION VISIT TO MARPLE LIBRARY



We love to foster a love of reading at St Mary's from an early age! Reception had a visit to Marple Library on Thursday afternoon. Heather the Librarian introduced the children to the library and shared some of the exciting and interesting books that are available to borrow. We were very proud of the children who walked so sensibly on the way to the library and behaved beautifully throughout the visit. Here's what a couple of the children had to say: "There were so many books to choose at the library!" – Ralph. "I liked the books about Star Wars and football." – Eddie. Well done children – keep on reading!

YEAR 1 VISIT TO BEING OUTDOORS

Year 1 had a fantastic day at Being Outdoors in Thornsett on Wednesday. They had a whole day in the woods which involved exploring the nature, looking at flowers and insects and spotting all the birds that live there. They spent lots of time in the workshop where they learnt how to use tools safely and made all sorts of wonderful creations using saws, hammers and drills. They made pictures using flowers leaves and fabric in the creative area as well as making their own paints using natural dyes and chinks. They explored the tree house, made dens and tried to direct the stream in different ways using pipes. Some children made bread, nettle tea, dandelion tea and cleaver juice. All of the children then had this as high tea just before we came home. They had the most fabulous day and their behaviour was wonderful. The children were complimented on their kindness, patience and problem solving skills. A huge thank you to all the parents who organised transport for the class. A brilliant time was enjoyed by all!



DEPUTY HEADTEACHER APPOINTMENT – CONGRATULATIONS MISS POOLE



Miss Poole has been the acting Deputy Headteacher at St Mary's for the last four years. I am delighted to announce that Miss Poole is now officially the substantive Deputy Headteacher here at St Mary's with immediate effect. I would like to thank Miss Poole for her amazing work and dedication to the school and wish her every happiness and continued success in her substantive role. She has been a fantastic source of support to me as I have been the 'new boy' at St Mary's and I couldn't ask for a better deputy!

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA GUIDELINES

This week we have seen a rise in the number of cases of sickness bugs at St Mary's. We follow the 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools' in conjunction with advice from Stockport Public Health department. For any cases of diarrhoea or vomiting, children should not attend school for 48 hours following the last episode. For other illnesses, if you are unsure, please do contact Mrs Major or Mrs Towell in the office who will be able to advise you accordingly.



BAG2SCHOOL

Please could all parents/carers have a turnout of old clothes and shoes and keep them for a Bag2School collection on the morning of **Thursday 11th May**. Bag2School (<http://www.bag2school.com/u/k/home/>) is a free fundraising scheme working in partnership with schools, business, community groups, local councils and charities to help you raise from your donations. Your child has brought home a package containing the bag. Information of what items to place in the bag are printed on the package. Further details of what the charity collect are available [here](#). **Please return filled bags to the school office on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May only.**



BANK HOLIDAY – 8th MAY



A reminder that next **Monday, 8th May** is the Bank Holiday to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. As this is a public holiday, school will be closed to pupils and staff.

A PAUSE FOR THOUGHT AND PRAYER



This week the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have asked us to pray for King Charles III as he prepares for his coronation. What attributes of a king or queen do we want to display to others and how do our SANCTA values help us show these attributes to others?

Father God, we praise you for your honour, glory and righteousness. Bless the King to rule over our nation as You do, with love and kindness for all. King Jesus, just as you came to earth to point people to God, may the coronation of King Charles help others to encounter you. May the King lead people in Your ways. Holy Spirit, fill King Charles with justice and mercy, bringing peace through his reign. 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>
8 May	Coronation of King Charles III Bank Holiday – school closed.
9-12 May	Year 6 KS2 SATs week. Year 6 SATs breakfast each morning at 8:30am.
11 May	Bag2School collection.
13 May	First Holy Communion – Holy Spirit Catholic Church at 12:30pm
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).
20 May	First Holy Communion – St Mary's Catholic Church, New Mills at 12:00pm
22 May	Y6 Canal visit.
22 May	Y4 Collective Worship (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
23 May	Y6 Chemistry with cabbages.
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.
15 June	Y4 visit to the Museum of Science and Industry.
15 June	Y5/6 mixed 7-a-side football tournament.
20 June	Y2 visit to Bramhall Park – legacy walk.
21 June	Reception visit to the Sea Life Centre.
28 June	New EYFS parents intake meeting (6:00 – 7:00pm) in the hall.
30 June	Y3 Going Forth Mass (First Holy Communicants) at 10:00am in St Mary's Church. Parents of Y3 welcome!

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