



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Year 2 led a wonderful class liturgy for our whole school worship on Monday. They helped us reflect on our commitment to sustainability and caring for our common home. Our Year 2 Faith Friends, Evelyn and Grace write: 'We used our class charity CAFOD for our worship because we wanted to tell people that lots of people in the world don't have many things that we have like phones, toys, iPads. They don't even have clean water or enough food or toilets. This means they might get deadly diseases or might die and they can't get medicine. So, we wanted to raise money to buy things to help them have what we have and ask other classes to help too. God wants us to help everyone and for everyone to be treated fairly and equally. He doesn't want anyone to die because he made the world and us and loves us. In our worship we told people how we raised £232 for CAFOD and used it to buy world gifts like emergency water, soup kitchen, shelter, farming and chirpy chicks. Our mission is to ask everyone to share what they have whenever they can. You could donate clothes or toys to charity or raise money for CAFOD or share and care for your friends. We enjoyed singing the song [Love One Another](#) and using drama to teach about feeding a man fish and then teaching him how to fish so he can keep his family fed in the future.' Well done Year 2 – a wonderful liturgy and you are certainly living out our SANCTA value of support.

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT VOICE

We would like to offer parents the opportunity to provide feedback on Catholic ethos and Religious Education provision At St Mary's. We would appreciate it if you could take some time to [complete this survey](#). Your views are important to us and we value your feedback. The survey will close on Friday 21st July.



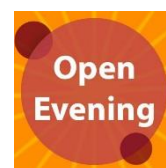
TRANSITION/MOVE UP DAY



Most of Year 6 moved up to their high schools for a day on Thursday and the feedback has been universally positive. We had our own 'moving up' afternoon on the same day. Every class got to move up to their new classroom and meet at least one of their new teachers. The children were very excited to meet their new teachers and have made an excellent start to their new year groups already!

OPEN EVENING 19th July FROM 3:30PM – 5:30PM

Wednesday 19th July 2023 is Open Evening for St Mary's and provides an opportunity for parents/carers to discuss end of year reports and to look at children's books to see all the wonderful learning that has taken place across the year. There is also the opportunity meet your child's new class teacher. 'Doors' open at 3:30pm; we look forward to seeing you there!



RELATIONSHIPS AND HEALTH EDUCATION



Classes are completing their Relationships and Health Education lessons across the school over the remaining weeks of term. These very important and well-planned sessions form part of our RE and PSHE curriculum. Please see class homework sheets and newsletters for further details.

SPORTS DAY WINNERS

Congratulations to Green House group who were our overall sports day winners. Details regarding individual pupil winners are below.

Year 1 – Phoebe and Charles

Year 2 – Bella and Harry and Jack (Joint 1st)

Year 3 – Lucia T and Isaac J

Year 4 – Lucy W and Luca

Year 5 – Millie and Isaac

Year 6 – Abigail and Jacob H



MUSIC CELEBRATION PERFORMANCE



Miss Davies, Mrs Falstead and Mr Collins, will be hosting a concert on **Thursday 13th July at 9:15am** to celebrate some of the fantastic work the children have been working on in music this year. You are warmly invited to join us and celebrate with our wonderful children. The performance will last approximately 45 minutes.

YEAR 6 EVENTS

It is getting to that time of year where we get ready to say a fond farewell to our magnificent Year 6 class, BUT, not before they have enjoyed a few special events of their own. Please see details below and parents, you are very welcome to join us, as we reminisce and celebrate with them.

Monday 24th July 2023 – 6.00pm – 8.00pm – Leavers' Disco in the school hall – parents/carers are most welcome to stay and socialise during this time; nibbles and drinks provided.

Tuesday 25th July 2023 – 10.00am – Leavers' Assembly in the school hall with parents/carers invited.

Wednesday 26th July 2022 – 10.00am – Leavers' Mass in church with parents/carers invited.



2023 STOCKPORT BOOK AWARDS



On Tuesday evening, children from Year 6 represented our school at the Stockport Book Awards, held at Stockport Town Hall. Adults and children alike enjoyed finding out about this year's winners of the awards and we thank all the children in school for taking part in voting. One of the evening's winners, a book called Drama Llama, had been a keen favourite with our readers at St. Mary's. Special congratulations to Ethan in Year 6 who also achieved a reading award in recognition of his excellent effort with reading this year.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2023

You can now register for this year's summer reading challenge at Marple Library! Read 6 books of your choice over the holidays – picture books, novels, comic strip books, factual, fiction – your choice: it all counts! We have won the Marple challenge and the Stockport challenge for the last few years, so it would be great to continue our success! Even our Y6 leavers, and our incoming Nursery and Reception children, can take part. Every child who completes the challenge will be awarded the Summer Reading Challenge medal and certificate.



COME AND PLAY WITH THE HALLÉ ORCHESTRA



On Wednesday, pupils in Year 5 travelled to the Bridgewater Hall and experienced the world class Hallé orchestra play carefully selected pieces on the theme of 'out of this world', chosen to inspire and motivate young musicians. The children had the amazing opportunity to participate in the concert as part of the Wider Opportunities music project and forever be able to proclaim that they have performed with the Hallé Orchestra! This is what Joe thought of the visit:

'When we came out the office door we went up to the top of the road and we saw our VIP coach. We went up onto the coach and we all were flabbergasted how incredible it actually

was. We were shown to our seats by Mrs Emery and we drove off. On the way there we were all really excited and nervous. When we finally got to the Bridgewater Hall, it was nerve-wracking. We gazed up and saw the parents looking down from the glass banister and they were waving at us. We strode to the great hall and we were amazed how large and magnificent it was. First, we played Fish and Chips and Mushy Peas on our ukuleles. Then we sang 'One Step On The Moon' and then Don't Look Down'. After we performed all of our pieces, the Hallé played some famous classical pieces such as Dance Macabre. On the way back we were all singing and saying He's Got the Whole World in His Hands about different people and different things. What a brilliant day!

TEAM POINTS

Below are the house point totals for June. Congratulations Green Team!

Green 1,031	Red 904	Yellow 948	Blue 887
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PTA NEWS



Summer Disco – Thank you for supporting the summer disco last Friday. There was a superb turnout and the children had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Judging by the heat in the hall at the end of the disco, there was some serious dancing going on! ☺

Colour Run – It's back! Our final event of the year. A fantastically fun mix of running, powder paint, water guns, music and sunshine to see out the year. This will take place on **Friday 14th July** from 3:30pm on the school field. Tickets £5 per child or £10 per family. The waiver is [online in the terms and conditions](#)

so please read and accept these - you won't be able to pay without doing so. It was amazing last year so let's hope for the sunshine! Details are available on the [PTA website](#).

THE MONTH (OR SO) 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>
10 July	Y1 Collective Worship (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
13 July	Music performance (9:15-10:00am). All welcome!
14 July	PTA Colour Run (3:30pm) on the school field. Booking details available here .
17 July	End of Year Reports to parents/carers.
19 July	Y3 visit to the Roman Lakes and Mellor Mill.
19 July	Open Evening to discuss reports and meet your child's new teacher (3:45pm – 5:45pm).
20 July	Reception 'Teddy Toddle' and charity biscuit sale. 2:30pm on the school field.
20 July	Y5/6 End of Year Production (1:30pm and 6pm). All welcome!
21 July	William Wragg MP to meet with the School Council.
24 July	Y6 Leavers' disco (6pm-8pm). Y6 parents welcome to stay for nibbles.
25 July	Leavers' Assembly (10:00am in the hall). All welcome!
26 July	End of Year Mass (10:00am in church). All welcome!
26 July	School closes for the Summer break.
5 September	School reopens following the summer break. (New Nursery and Reception parents, please see the new starter letters for details of your dates and times.)

Enjoy a great Family Camp and a wonderful weekend. Mr John Nish and Miss Alice Poole.