



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



On Monday, Year 1 enjoyed sharing their end of topic class Liturgy with the whole school. They all spoke beautifully after practising their lines at home over the weekend and most of the children had learnt them off by heart. They used their loudest voices as well as singing their favourite hymn from the topic, 'If I were a butterfly'. This week's theme was 'Everything is Connected'. Year 1 talked about the letter written eight Years ago by the Pope, 'Laudato Si'. In this letter, Pope Francis asks us all to look after our common home. Year 1 displayed some beautiful art work based on the wonders of God's world and sang about all the creatures in the world. They shared the story of the creation and thought about what the Pope is asking us to do. The mission set to school was to write a pledge or draw a picture to show how they could look after the world. Also Year 1 asked us to consider is there a change you could make in your home to help protect the environment? In the words of Dr Seuss 'Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not.'

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT VOICE

A final reminder that we would like to offer parents the opportunity to provide feedback on the 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.



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!

ADVANCE NOTICE – MEET AND GREET YOUR CHILD'S NEW TEACHER

On **Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th September from 3:30pm until 4:00pm**, parents/carers are invited to attend an informal meet and greet session in their child's new classroom. This is an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet with their class teacher at the start of the school year. This is in addition to our Open Evening on Wednesday 19th July, 3.30pm until 5.30pm, where you can speak with both the current and new class teachers.



ST RALPH SHERWIN NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of the Trust newsletter can be accessed via this link: [St-Ralph-Sherwin-newsletter-Pentecost-2-2023.pdf \(srscmat.co.uk\)](#). Please take some time to read about the Trust's latest developments and achievements.



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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 Y6 parents/carers invited.

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

Year 6 Leavers' Event

UNIFORM AND SCHOOL BAGS FOR SEPTEMBER



Many parents are starting to think about uniform for September. Our supplier is Bulldog Fashion in Glossop, you can visit the shop but also [shop online](#) and they will deliver to home or school. **From September, we are moving away from rucksacks for the KS2 children and returning to traditional book bags for ALL pupils.** We have lockers for the older pupils, but the corridor area is becoming increasingly untidy and unsafe. The size of the rucksacks is becoming so large that the locker doors will not close. This is having a knock-on effect; we have children and staff who have hurt themselves on an open locker door. We are also finding that the children cannot fit all their belongings into their lockers, so PE kits, wellies, musical instruments etc. end up on the tops of lockers or on the floor and very often end up getting lost.

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.



WANTED – OLD SCHOOL SHOES (ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM)!



On behalf of the Rotary Club (Stockport Lamplighters), we will be collecting old school shoes **on the last day of term, Wednesday 26 July only**. The collected shoes will then be cleaned, and where necessary repaired, before being sent to African countries to support children who do not have access to school footwear. If possible, we ask you to allow your child to bring in an old pair of school shoes that they have grown out of or no longer wear. In exchange the children can wear their own choice of sensible footwear (trainers etc.) on the last day of term. An easy way to

help others and perhaps help with your summer clear out. Thank you for your support.

HELP WITH PARKING

Please can you help our neighbours by not idling and avoiding parking over people's driveways on Lowry Drive and Hogarth Road. We have received several concerns from residents in this regard and it is causing upset. Please do not arrive any earlier than you need to pick up your child/ren and ensure that engines are fully switched off. We know that parking is tight at the best of times, and it is only by working together and being mindful of the community that things will improve. Many thanks for your support with this request. We know our neighbours will be incredibly grateful.



SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING



School's Out Take an emotional health check



Head into the summer with a better understanding of your child's brain development and their emotional wellbeing as you support them into their next new phase.

FACT

Our brains develop most rapidly in childhood shaping our emotional health and wellbeing for the rest of our lives.

HERE FOR YOU

Online courses developed by clinical psychologists can help you to understand your child, read their behaviour and help them look after their emotional health.



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Understanding your child online course has been paid for by Stockport Family, so you can access it **completely free** using the code **REDROCK**

Short courses on Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child or teenager also included.

Please find to the left information regarding online courses, developed by clinical psychologists, which aim to help parents and carers (and any adult in a child's life) understand their child better and how they can support their emotional wellbeing. Currently Stockport has a licence that allows all Stockport residents to access these courses free of charge, using the code: REDROCK.

All of the courses can be completed in your own time and it is not necessary to complete a whole course to gain some benefit from it.

The link to access the courses is:

www.inourplace.co.uk

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>
14 July	PTA Colour Run.
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 Y6 parents 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.)
12 & 14 September	Meet and Greet your child's new class teacher from 3:30pm - 4:00pm (following on from the open evening in July).

Well done to all those who took part in the Colour Run after school!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Mr John Nish and Miss Alice Poole.