



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

### Stewardship/care for creation

The world has been made by God, so we must take care of all creation.



We are incredibly proud of our Reception children for leading a truly inspiring worship session on caring for our world on Monday. Their thoughtful reflections on the creation story from the Bible reminded us all of the importance of stewardship and responsibility for the environment. The children's enthusiasm and insightful presentations, prayers and singing highlighted their understanding of how we can all contribute to protecting our planet and taking care of God's creation. A heartfelt thank you to the Reception team for their hard work and dedication in

preparing such a meaningful and impactful worship experience.

## WEDNESDAY WORD

The latest version of the Wednesday Word can be accessed [here](#). Please enjoy spending some time sharing the Word of God with your children.

## SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS FROM SEPTEMBER

Following DfE guidelines and after stakeholder consultation, a reminder that the school day timings will change from 3 September 2024. School will start at **8:50am**, with the door opening at **8:40am** allowing the children ten minutes to settle and prepare for the school day. School will close at **3:20pm**. These timings apply to children of statutory school age (Reception to Year 6). Nursery will continue to operate from 9:00am for the morning session and close at 3:15pm for the afternoon session.



## SCHOOL GAMES MARK AWARD



We are thrilled to announce that our school has been awarded the School Games Mark Silver award! This prestigious recognition highlights our commitment to promoting physical education and school sport. It reflects the hard work of our children, staff, and community in fostering an environment where every child has the opportunity to participate in high-quality sports activities. Achieving the Silver award is a testament to our dedication to encouraging healthy lifestyles, teamwork, and personal development. We look forward to building on this

success and striving for even greater achievements in the future. Thank you for your continued support! Special thanks to Miss Poole for her leadership of PE at St Mary's and the UK Sport coaches who have been instrumental in helping to achieve this award.

## SPORTS DAY WINNERS 2024

Congratulations to Red (St George's) house group who were our overall sports day winners 2024. Details regarding individual pupil winners are below:

- Year 1 - Imogen and Elijah
- Year 2 - Phoebe and Jonah
- Year 3 - Bella and Jack
- Year 4 - Lucy and Isaac J
- Year 5 - Lucy A and Conor
- Year 6 - Millie and Isaac



## REPORTS DROP IN/OPEN EVENING

Today you will have received your child's end of year school report in a large white envelope. Please enjoy reading about their wonderful achievements and comments by your child and their teacher(s). Please take the opportunity to complete the parent/carer comment slip and return this to school before the end of term. On **Tuesday 16 July 2024** from 3:30pm – 5:30pm there is an Open Evening for St Mary's and this provides a further 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, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION (RSHE)



All year groups are completing their Relationships, Sex 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 information. Further details of our PSHE and RSHE curriculum are [available here](#).

## FIRST AID WORKSHOPS

We are delighted to report that all classes from Nursery through to Year 6 participated in First Aid workshops on Thursday, delivered by specialised trainers. These valuable sessions provided hands-on learning experiences, equipping our children with essential life-saving skills. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTA for generously funding these workshops, which play a crucial role in enhancing our personal development and PSHE curriculum. Through these workshops, our children not only learned vital First Aid techniques but also gained confidence and a sense of responsibility, further supporting their overall personal growth. Thank you for your continued support in enriching our children's educational journey.



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2024



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 including last year, 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. Children can also take part online. [Further details are here](#).

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS 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 22 July 2024 – 10:00am – Leavers' Assembly in the school hall with parents/carers invited.**

**Y6 and Reception Special Friends Confetti and Bubbles 2:45pm – 3:15pm.**

**Monday 22 July 2024 – 5:30pm – 7:30pm – Leavers' Disco** in the school hall – parents/carers are most welcome to stay and socialise during this time; nibbles and drinks provided.

**Tuesday 23 July 2024 – 10.00am – Leavers' Mass in school** with parents/carers invited.

**DIGITAL FAMILY AGREEMENT** With the summer holidays just around the corner now can be a great time for parents/carers to talk with their children and set ground rules, boundaries and expectations around technology use. The easiest way to do this is via a digital family agreement and London Grid for Learning have a really useful template which is free for anyone. You can [download the digital family agreement here](#).



## PTA NEWS



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 19 July** from 3:30pm on the school field. There will be a BBQ (weather dependant). Further details and tickets are available on the [PTA website](#). *All children must have tickets and the online waiver must be signed.* Last year's Colour Run was a vibrant and joyous event, where children, staff, and families came together to celebrate community spirit, raising significant funds for the PTA while having a fantastic time. We know this year will be just as fun! We hope that you can join us.

## KEY DATES LIST 2024 - 2025

We know that schools are busy places and that it can be difficult for working parents/carers to get time off to join in with school activities and events. This is why we have published the attached summary of our main activities or meetings for 2024-2025. We hope that this advance notice will help families plan so that they can attend worship, assemblies and other activities or events. As always, dates are subject to change and this list should be read in conjunction with the dates published each week on the Friday Bulletin (below) and the termly Collective Worship calendar.

## KEY DATES...



## THE MONTH (OR SO) AHEAD...KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
	<b>Please note the dates and times detailed below are provisional and may be changed if necessary. (New events added in bold.)</b>
12 July	End of Year Reports issued to parents/carers.
12 – 14 July	Family Camp.
16 July	Parent/Carer Open Evening (drop in) 3:30pm – 5:30pm.
17 July	Year 5/6 Production 1:30pm and 6:00pm.
19 July	PTA Colour Run 3:30pm – 5:00pm.
22 July	Leavers' Assembly 10:00am.
22 July	Y6 and Special Friends Confetti and Bubbles 2:45pm – 3:15pm.
22 July	Leavers' Disco 5:30pm – 7:30pm.
23 July	Leavers' Mass 10:00am in school.
23 July	School closes for the summer break at 3:15pm.
3 September	School reopens following the summer break. (Y1-Y6).
17-20 September	Year 6 visit to PGL.
<b>23 September</b>	<b>Whole school worship led by Year 5. 2:30pm in the hall. All welcome</b>
25 September	Online Safety Workshop (in person) 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the school hall.
<b>27 September</b>	<b>Special Friends assembly (Reception and Year 6) 9:30am – 10:30am.</b>
<b>30 September</b>	<b>Back to school Mass - 2:00pm – 3:00pm in the school hall. All welcome.</b>



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, especially those attending Family Camp.

Mr John Nish and Miss Alice Poole.

Come on England... It's coming home!!!

