

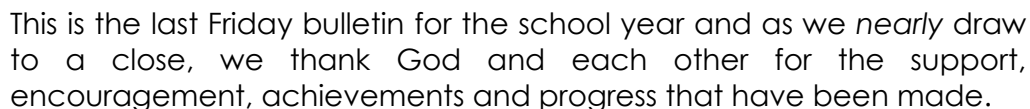


St Mary's Parish: <http://stmarysmarplebridge.org.uk/>

Holy Spirit Parish: <https://www.holyspiritmarple.com/>

Bulletin Number 38: 19 July 2024

WE'RE NEARLY AT THE END OF THE YEAR...



- We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 cohort – who have proved themselves to be unforgettable: they have excelled in their roles as Special Friends; they have matured and developed in all areas; they have made us all proud of their many successes, inside and outside the classroom. They are well prepared for secondary school: each and

every one of them will enhance their new school communities and we can't wait to hear how well they get on in Year 7.

- We send best wishes to Mr Bowden and Mr Wilson who have worked with us a final year student teachers this year. Congratulations to them both on passing their post graduate teacher training courses and we wish them every success as they embark on their vocations as primary school teachers. Thank you for all of your hard work and all the very best for the future.
- We say bon voyage to the Percy and Wass families, who are relocating to Lancashire and Cornwall respectively over the summer; please keep in touch!

We say thank you to...

- ...the staff: your attention to detail, loving care and guidance have made a difference to the lives and learning of all our pupils.
- ...the governors: your dedication, commitment and time have supported us all through the challenges and rewards of another school year.
- ... the parents/carers; your partnership, understanding and support have enabled us to work more effectively every day.
- ... the children: you make every day worthwhile – and fun, amid all the hard work!
- ...the PTA: your fundraising and enrichment activities for our pupils has added to our community spirit, fun and enjoyment for children and adults alike whilst raising much needed funds for St Mary's.
- ... our partners and outside agencies: Nottingham Diocese, the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust and Stockport Local Authority have been a constant source of advice, help and expertise, without which we would be much the poorer.

As the holidays begin for the children on Tuesday afternoon, members of staff will continue to work in preparation for the new school year. We await the excitement of new children and families, new opportunities and a fresh school year which is full of hope and possibilities...

WEDNESDAY WORD

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

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.



DINNER MONEY

Please ensure that dinner money is paid by the end of term. If you are unsure as to the amount owing please call in and see Mrs Major or Mrs Towell at the office. Thank you.

HOME LEARNING PLATFORM

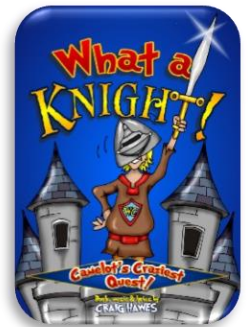


Thank you to those who shared their feedback regarding the possible move to using Doodle for all online learning. 73% of families voted that moving to using Doodle for all online learning was the preferred option. Therefore, from September, we will no longer be using Mathletics and TTRS as a school, instead all children from Y1-Y6 will have access to all four Doodle platforms. Some parents commented that they liked the variety of having different platforms, personal accounts can be purchased for TTRS and Mathletics. Alternatively, Top Marks and Hit the

Button offer other Maths games at no cost.

WHAT A KNIGHT!

We were thrilled to celebrate the outstanding success of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils in their production of 'What a Knight!' on Wednesday. The performances were a vibrant showcase of talent, hard work, and dedication, leaving the audience thoroughly entertained and impressed. Our young actors delivered their lines with confidence, sang beautifully, and danced with great enthusiasm, bringing the delightful characters to life. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the teachers, teaching assistants and parents for their unwavering support and contributions behind the scenes. Congratulations to all involved for creating such memorable and magical performances!



PUPIL PARLIAMENT VISIT



Last Wednesday Mr Nish and Dan (our Chaplain) took Emily (Y5) and Jacob (Y6) to Fenny Bentley in Derbyshire to take part in the Trust Pupil Parliament. We joined up with pupils from 25 schools across the St Ralph Sherwin Trust. The children were looking at how we can link the aims and goals of the Pupil Parliament to Bishop Patrick's termly themes of Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship alongside the mission statement of the Trust 'grow in faith, serve with and transform our world.' Jacob and Emily came up with some excellent ideas to contribute to the discussions around the new name of the Pupil Parliament which is Ambassadors for Hope. It was a great chance for the

children to meet with children from across the trust from both primary and secondary schools and share their ideas for how we can grow together as one body in Christ. The day was facilitated by Jamie our Lead Lay Chaplain and Mrs Chapman headteacher from St Mary's, New Mills. Jacob and Emily will have a chance to feedback to their classes and the whole school about what they learnt during the day.

MELLOR MILL VISIT

On Wednesday, our Year 3 children embarked on an exciting educational visit to Samuel Oldknow's Mellor Mill. The trip provided a hands-on learning experience about local history, Victorian industrial heritage and Samuel himself. The children explored the remnants of the historic cotton mill, engaging in interactive activities that brought their classroom studies to life. They learned about the mill's operation, the lives of the workers, and the significant impact of the Industrial Revolution. The visit was both informative and enjoyable, sparking curiosity and a deeper appreciation for Marple's rich history. Special thanks to our dedicated staff and enthusiastic parent volunteers for making this trip a memorable success. The children were a credit to St Mary's – their enthusiasm and respectful manners was commented upon by many of the volunteers from the Historical Society who work/volunteer there.



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

On behalf of the Rotary Club (Stockport Lamplighters), as last year we will be collecting old school shoes **on the last day of term, Tuesday 23 July only at the start of the school day**. 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.



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 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.

Monday 22 July - 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; some 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](#).

Digital Family Agreement



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



On **Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 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 held this week.

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...



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.

inourplace.co.uk

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
	Please note the dates and times detailed below are provisional and may be changed if necessary. (New events added in bold.)
19 July	PTA Colour Run 3:30pm – 5:00pm.
22 July	Leavers' Assembly 10:00am. All welcome!
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. All welcome!
23 July	School closes for the summer break at 3:15pm.
3 September	School reopens following the summer break. (Y1-Y6).
10 & 12 September	Meet and Greet Class Teachers 3:30 – 4:00pm.
17-20 September	Year 6 visit to PGL.
23 September	Whole school worship led by Year 5. 2:30pm in the hall. All welcome!
25 September	Online Safety Workshop (in person) 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the school hall.
27 September	Special Friends assembly (Reception and Year 6) 9:30am – 10:30am.
30 September	Back to school Mass 2:00pm – 3:00pm in the school hall. All welcome!

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