



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Year 4 children led the school in worship this week, linked to last week's 'Bible Alive' focus. All the classes in school had explored a bible story, in a variety of creative ways, around the theme of 'Jesus, the healer' and Year 4 shared the story of Lazarus. Year 4 presented a drama based on the scripture and, through prayer, reminded us of the healing power of faith, even in the most difficult times in our life. They also enjoyed sharing a Lazarus cupcake with family members who were able to join us! Many thanks to all those families who were able to attend.

On Monday morning we joined children from schools across the Diocese of Nottingham to pray a decade of the Rosary with Bishop Patrick via a livestream. The children were led in prayers by the Chaplaincy team from St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Belper. This was to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, we also prayed for those who are less fortunate than ourselves and for peace in our world.

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

#HELLO YELLOW - WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2024



Today we celebrated World Mental Health Day 2024, proudly embracing the theme 'Wear it Loud. Wear it Proud', encouraging children and staff to celebrate the importance of mental health awareness through vibrant self-expression. The day was filled with splashes of yellow, lively conversations, and activities designed to promote well-being, self-care, and compassion. By wearing something yellow, the entire school family stood united in breaking down the stigma surrounding mental health, fostering a supportive environment where everyone feels empowered to share their feelings. It was a wonderful reminder that mental health matters every day, and we are all in this together.

LIVING STREETS – TRAVEL TRACKER

St Mary's has again been selected to take part in the Living Streets Travel Tracker for another year. The walk to school challenge for Reception – Year 6 pupils is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school. If children travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge linked to this year's theme of 'walk with imagination'. Please remind your children as they are coming into school what method of travel they have used to ensure the correct pupils are receiving badges. *Park and Stride is parking at least 10 minutes away from school, preferably in one of the local car parks such as Brabyns, Etherow, the Memorial Park or the Midland.* Last year's badges can be kept at home somewhere safe, ready to make room for our new badges.



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WELLSPRING – HARVEST COLLECTION 2024



Thank you for the tremendous support you have shown in supporting our harvest collection this year. We are nearing the end of the donation period, and it would be wonderful to have a big push for items over the weekend. We ask our families to bring in donations for The Wellspring, Stockport, so that we can share what we have with homeless or less fortunate people. This year, The Wellspring's Harvest Festival has been created with an Eco

theme and so we can help our children understand that we should all be looking to make changes where possible to protect their future and the future of the planet. Wellspring's 'Wish List' includes products with the eco idea in mind and contains: sugar, coffee, cordial, biscuits, crisps, tinned meat, cereal, butter, pasta sauces and tinned tomatoes. **The last day for donations is Tuesday 15th October.** Thank you for your support.

PTA NEWS - THE GREAT ST MARY'S BAKE OFF!

The PTA's Great St Mary's Bake Off was a resounding success, raising over £300 for the school. A big thank you to everyone who entered, showcasing their impressive baking talents, and congratulations to the winners in each category. Special thanks go to our chief judge, Dean of All Things Nice, who was particularly impressed with the high calibre of the entries. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to the members of the PTA, whose hard work and dedication made this wonderful event possible.



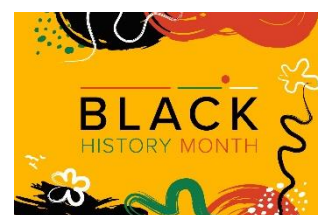
COFFEE AND CAKE GATHERING



Mrs Norburn and Mrs Bradbury are very much looking forward to hosting their first coffee and cake gathering of the school year from **1:15pm until 2:15pm on Friday 18th October.** They will be joined on this occasion by services from Stockport who are able to offer support to our school community and families with funding and courses. Mrs McSwity will also join us as our ELSA (Emotional Literacy support assistant) and staff who lead our Nurture Group will be with us to say hello. All professionals will be available for informal chats throughout the afternoon.

OCTOBER - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month takes place every year in October across the world. The month presents an opportunity for children to learn more about Black History through lessons. It is also a time to celebrate the contribution that black people have made over the centuries in shaping the dynamic and diverse country we have today. Although Black History Month only happens once a year, the teaching of Black History doesn't begin and end there. Our curriculum supports children learning about it all year round not only in history but also in PSHE, Geography, PSHE and RE.



SPORT AMBASSADORS TRAINING



On Wednesday, St Mary's along with schools including Rose Hill, Nevill Road and Mellor Primary schools joined together with the Stockport Sports SHAPES Alliance to train a group of Young Sports Ambassadors at Aquinas College. Eight pupils from Year 5 had a great time learning different games and activities which they can lead at lunchtime for other pupils. The team will work closely with Miss Poole, Mrs Ashton and Mrs McGuiness to support with Sport in school, run playtime activities and competitions.

SPONSORED BOUNCE Next Wednesday, **16 October**. Please send in your child's permission slip by Tuesday if you want them to take part. Unfortunately, if we don't receive a permission slip your child they won't be able to participate on health and safety grounds. We're holding this fun event and asking each child to get sponsorship for how many bounces they can achieve in 1 minute! The funds are being raised specifically for their classroom's wish list items. The PTA are asking all sponsorship money to be paid via [Go Fund Me](#), so that they can track it easier and benefit from being able to claim Gift Aid. As ever, thanks so much for your support! [Further details here](#).



CROSS COUNTRY NEWS



A reminder that there **will be** cross-country club after school on **Wednesday 16 October**. This is in addition to the KS2 cross-country competition taking place at Marple Hall High School, 3:45pm till 5:15pm on **Tuesday 15 October**. We are inviting all our cross-country club and Woodbank park pupils to attend this competition. There are still places left if your child wishes to participate. On arrival, Mrs Ashton will meet the children and support the pupils at the competition. We ask that parents remain at the competition and stay with their child. Please complete this form if your child is able to

attend: <https://forms.office.com/e/JW8CD49723>

ST MARY'S PARISH MARPLE BRIDGE AND NEW MILLS CHRISTMAS FAIR



The parish of St Mary's, Marple Bridge, and The Annunciation, New Mills, is holding its first parish Christmas Fair since the Covid pandemic - and, as part of the parish family, you are invited!

The Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 9 November, from 10:00am to 1:00pm** at the parish hall in New Mills (St. Mary's Road, New Mills, High Peak, Derbyshire, SK22 3BW).

There will be a tombola, cakes, refreshments, music and themed stalls.

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

| Date | Event |
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| | <i>Please note the dates and times detailed below are provisional and may be changed if necessary. New dates in bold.</i> |
| 14 October | Nasal Flu vaccinations (Reception to Year 6 children) |
| 14-18 October | Start Well Stockport Week of Action. |
| 15 October | KS2 Cross Country Competition at Marple Hall 3:45pm-5:15pm. |
| 16 October | PTA Sponsored Bounce. Please remember to send permission slips by 15/10/24. |
| 18 October | Coffee and Cake with Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Norburn 1:15pm in the hall. |
| 18 October | Celebration Assembly 2:30pm in the hall. All welcome. |
| 18 October | School closes for the October half term break. |
| 28 October | School reopens following the October half term break. |
| 30 Oct & 6 Nov | Parents Evenings 3:40pm – 6:40pm. Link to follow on Monday. |
| 31 October | Closing date for Year 6 parents to apply for a secondary school place via Stockport Council Secondary school application process - Stockport Council . |
| 1 November | All Saints' Day Mass. 2:00pm in the school hall. All welcome. |
| 4 November | Year 3 Collective Worship at 2:30pm in the hall. All welcome. |
| 5 November | Open Morning for prospective parents 10:00 – 11:30am |
| 7 November | Lisa Smart MP visiting the School Council. |
| 9 November | St Mary's Parish Christmas Fair 10:00-1:00pm (Parish Hall, New Mills). |
| 11 November | Act of Remembrance 10:50 – 11:05am in the bottom playground. All welcome. |
| 18-21 November | Scholastic Book Fair. |
| 18 November | Year 6 Collective Worship at 2:30pm in the hall. All welcome. |
| 19 November | Open afternoon for prospective parents (1:30pm – 3:00pm). |

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