



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Our Year 3 children led a beautiful Celebration of the Word this week, reflecting thoughtfully on the theme of *conscious choices* through the lens of the parable of the Prodigal Son. They reminded us that we all make mistakes, but God's love is constant, and we can always choose to turn back to Him. Linking to our word of the week, *support*, the children reflected on how we can support one another in making good choices, just as the father in the parable welcomed his son with

compassion and forgiveness. They reminded us that our mission is to try our best to make the right choices and to be forgiving and understanding when others make the wrong ones. The children spoke with clarity, reverence, and confidence, using their voices to convey powerful messages that truly touched the hearts of everyone present. Well done Year 3!

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.

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/carers comment slip and return this to school before the end of term. On **Tuesday 15 July 2024** from 3:30pm – 4:30pm 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!



PARENT WEBINARS



This autumn Parentkind have a range of exciting and informative expert-led webinars for parents. These interactive and informative sessions are designed to help support your child's education, wellbeing and family life. Parentkind have included additional SEND webinars as well as webinars covering wellbeing and helping your child to become an independent learner. [You can browse webinar themes here](#). Joining the autumn webinar series is a simple, free way to feel more confident and supported as the new school year begins. Each expert-led session offers practical advice on everything from learning and wellbeing to daily routines. Whether you're looking to help your child thrive or connect with other parents, these webinars offer valuable insights in a relaxed, accessible format.



SCHOOL GAMES MARK AWARD



I am delighted to share that St Mary's has again been awarded the School Games Mark Silver Award for 2025. This national recognition celebrates our school's ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality physical education, competitive sport, and physical activity for all pupils. It reflects the enthusiasm, effort, and teamwork of our children, staff, and wider community in creating a culture where sport and healthy lifestyles are embedded in school life. Achieving the Silver Award is a testament to the opportunities we provide for every child to participate, compete, and thrive through sport—supporting not only physical wellbeing but also teamwork, resilience, and personal growth. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and are already working hard to build on this success as we aim for Gold in the future. A huge thank you to Mrs Bramhall for her outstanding leadership of PE at St Mary's, and to our UK Sport coaches whose expertise and support have been invaluable. Thank you for your continued encouragement and support - together, we move forward stronger than ever.

SPORTS DAY WINNERS 2025

We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part in this year's Sports Day. It was a fantastic celebration of sporting spirit, teamwork, and determination. The children gave their all in every event, showing not only skill and athleticism but also encouragement, resilience, and joy throughout the day.

St George's House emerged as our overall winners after a day of exciting races, field events, and team challenges. Their collective effort, team spirit, and perseverance truly shone, earning them the well-deserved title of Sports Day Champions 2025. Well done to every child who participated—you made the day a memorable one through your enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and sense of fun. Details regarding individual pupil winners can be found below:



Year 1 Ella and Henry
Year 2 Imogen and Elijah
Year 3 Phoebe and Jonah
Year 4 Bella and Harry W
Year 5 Lucy C and Isaac J
Year 6 Lucy A and Jem

YEAR 6 LEAVERS EVENTS



As we approach the end of term, it's almost time to say a fond farewell to our magnificent Year 6 class. However, before they begin their next exciting chapter, we have a number of special events planned to celebrate their time at St Mary's. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for these memorable moments as we reminisce, give thanks, and celebrate all that our Year 6 pupils have achieved. We look forward to marking this important milestone together and giving our wonderful Year 6 the send-off they truly deserve.

Key Dates and Events:

- **Wednesday 23 July 2025 – 10:00am**
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in the school hall – parents and carers welcome.
- **Wednesday 23 July 2025 – 2:50pm to 3:10pm**
Reception and Year 6 Special Friends: Confetti and Bubbles Celebration – a joyful moment to mark their special bond.
- **Wednesday 23 July 2025 – 5:30pm to 7:00pm**
Year 6 Leavers' Disco in the school hall – pupils can dance the evening away! Parents and carers are welcome to stay, socialise, and enjoy light refreshments.
- **Thursday 24 July 2025 – 10:00am**
Leavers' Mass in school – a reflective and prayerful farewell celebration; all parents and carers invited.

DOODLE LEARNING SUMMER CHALLENGE



The Doodle Summer Challenge
1st of July - 31st of August 2025

We're excited to share that our school will be taking part in the *Doodle Summer Challenge*! Running from now and throughout the summer holidays, this challenge encourages children to keep up their maths and English skills in a fun and engaging way by using the award-winning *Doodle Learning* apps. Just a few minutes a day can help children stay on track and return to school confident and ready for the new term. All children who take part

will receive a certificate, and there are exciting prizes up for grabs too! Look out for more information on the attached leaflet and via the [Doodle platform](#).

WELLBEING LIBRARY WISH LIST 2025

At our recent SEND Champions meeting, parents once again suggested a meaningful alternative to end-of-year staff gifts: donating a book to our *Wellbeing Library*. Located in the school entrance hall, the Wellbeing Library is open to all St Mary's families and offers a carefully chosen collection of books that celebrate neurodiversity and support the wellbeing of both children and parents.

If you would like to contribute, you can select a book to donate from our Amazon Wishlist using the following link: <https://amzn.eu/h3rA7ry>. You might also like to inscribe your chosen book with a message such as: "Donated by the [Your Family Name] family, July 2025."

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Norburn at: anorburn@mmb.srscmat.co.uk.

Thank you for your continued support - your generosity helps us nurture the wellbeing of the entire St Mary's school family.



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 18 July** from 3:30pm on the school field.*

Tickets are now available on the [PTA website](#).

We also require volunteers to help with set up, throwing colours etc, so please let the PTA know if you're free to help.

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.

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. New dates in bold.</i>	
15 July	Open Evening/Reports drop in 3:30pm – 4:30pm.
16 July	Y5 & Y6 Production 1:30pm and 6:00pm. (2 adults per child to each performance.)
18 July	PTA Colour Run 3:30pm – 4:30pm.
23 July	Leavers' Assembly 10:00am – 11:00am.
23 July	Bubbles and Confetti 2:50pm – 3:10pm.
23 July	Leavers' Disco 5:30pm – 7:00pm.
24 July	Leavers' Mass 10:00 – 11:00am.
24 July	School closes for children for the Summer Break at 3:20pm. No After School Club.
1-2 September	INSET days for staff. School closed to children.
3 September	School reopens for children following the summer break. (Y1-Y6). Nursery and Reception children, please see induction information.
9&11 September	Meet and Greet your child's new class teacher (3:30 – 4:00pm)

For those attending Family Camp – have a great time. Happy weekend! Mr John Nish.