



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



This week's whole-school celebration of the word was prayerfully led by Year 3 on the theme of our Word of the Week: *Commission*. Through Scripture, prayer and reflection, the children reminded us of Jesus' Great Commission, calling every Christian to continue His mission by going out to make disciples, baptise, teach and share the Good News with others. They encouraged us to recognise that, although we may not travel to distant places, we can all live out this mission each day through our words, actions and service to others. As part

of their celebration, Year 3 set the whole school a mission for the final weeks of term: to focus on supporting our class charities with generosity, compassion and a spirit of service, putting our faith into action as missionary disciples in our local and wider community.

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.

ROUNDERS CHAMPIONS 2026

We are incredibly proud to announce that our Year 6 Rounders Team have been crowned Stockport Schools Rounders Champions! After qualifying for the finals, the team competed against four of the best primary schools in Stockport at Hazel Grove High School on Tuesday, demonstrating exceptional skill, determination and resilience throughout the competition. Every match showcased their excellent teamwork, clear communication and unwavering encouragement for one another, while their outstanding sportsmanship reflected the values we strive to promote at St Mary's. The children played with confidence, respect and great composure, ultimately securing victory to become the champions of Stockport! This is a fantastic achievement and one of which the whole school family can be immensely proud. A special thank you goes to Mrs Ashton, Mrs Bramhall and parents for accompanying, supporting and encouraging the team throughout the tournament.



REPORTS PARENT DROP IN

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 14 July 2026** from 3:30pm – 4:30pm there is a parent drop-in providing 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!



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SPORTS DAY WINNERS 2026



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 (Red) 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 2026. 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:

Reception: Arthur and Harriet

Year 1: Henry and Maja

Year 2: Rory and Ella

Year 3: Elijah and Imogen

Year 4: Freddie / Jacob Y and Phoebe

Year 5: Jack and Bella

Year 6: Isaac J and Lucia T

SCHOOL GAMES MARK AWARD

I am delighted to share that St Mary's has been awarded the School Games Mark Gold Award for 2026. This prestigious national recognition celebrates our school's outstanding commitment to providing high-quality physical education, competitive sport, and physical activity opportunities for all pupils.

Achieving Gold reflects the dedication, enthusiasm, and teamwork of our children, staff, families, and wider community in creating a culture where sport, physical wellbeing, and healthy lifestyles are truly embedded in school life. It recognises the breadth of opportunities we provide for every child to participate, compete, develop their skills, and experience the many benefits

that sport brings — including teamwork, resilience, confidence, leadership, and personal growth.

This achievement is a wonderful testament to the ambition and commitment of everyone involved in sport at St Mary's. We are incredibly proud that our children continue to demonstrate such excellent sportsmanship, determination, and teamwork, both within school and when representing St Mary's in competitions across the local area.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Bramhall for her exceptional leadership of PE and sport at St Mary's, and to our JWC coaches whose expertise, enthusiasm, and support continue to enrich the opportunities available to our pupils.

We are incredibly proud of this Gold Award and remain committed to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to enjoy, achieve, and flourish through sport. Thank you, as always, for your continued encouragement and support. Together, we continue to grow stronger.



MINDFUL PARKING



We would like to remind all parents and carers to park responsibly and considerately when dropping off or collecting children from school. We have recently received communication from a local resident regarding inconsiderate parking, including vehicles blocking residents' driveways. Please be mindful of our neighbours by parking

legally and respectfully, allowing access to homes at all times. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain positive relationships with our local community.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' EVENTS



As we approach the end of term, it's almost time to say a fond farewell to our amazing 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:

- **Thursday 23 July 2025 – 10:00am**
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in the school hall – parents and carers welcome.
- **Thursday 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.
- **Thursday 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.
- **Friday 24 July 2025 – 10:00am**
Leavers' Mass in school – a reflective and prayerful farewell celebration; all parents and carers invited.

DOODLE LEARNING SUMMER CHALLENGE

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 pin badge and certificate! Look out for more information on the attached leaflet and via the [Parent Dashboard](#).



PARENT WEBINARS



This summer and 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.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

As the summer holidays are nearly upon us, we are sure you will be thinking about how to keep your children entertained (and fed) for the five-week holiday. If your child is eligible for the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) scheme, you will have been emailed your booking vouchers now from Stockport Council so you can select your FREE provision via the HAF site which is available [HERE](#). This is a great scheme so we hope you do book places. If your child is not eligible for the HAF scheme, never fear as Stockport always has lots going on. Take a look [HERE](#) to see some of the events and activities available.



MINI FIRST AID WORKSHOPS



On Wednesday, every class took part in an engaging and highly valuable Mini First Aid workshop, equipping our children with important life-saving skills and the confidence to know what to do in an emergency. The age-appropriate sessions included practical activities such as learning how to call 999, understanding what information to give an emergency operator, recognising when someone needs help, practising CPR, knowing how to place someone in the recovery position, and learning how to respond to choking and minor injuries. The children thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on activities and demonstrated great enthusiasm as they developed these essential life skills. The trainers were full of praise for our pupils, commenting, *"The children at St Mary's were a credit to your school. They listened brilliantly, joined in with enthusiasm and showed a real determination to learn skills that could one day help save a life."* We are extremely grateful to our PTA for generously funding this fantastic initiative, which has enabled us to go above and beyond in enriching our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum and ensuring our pupils are equipped with knowledge and skills that could one day make a lifesaving difference.

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 next Friday 17 July from 3:30pm on the school field. Tickets are available now on the [PTA website](#). £7 for one child or £14 for a family ticket. We also require volunteers to help with set up, throwing colours etc, so please let the PTA know if you're free to help. Claire Tognarelli can be contacted on 07857940044. 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 2026-2027



Please find attached the Key Dates for the 2026–2027 school year. This document includes important events throughout the academic year, including class celebrations of the word, school productions, parent information sessions and other key occasions. We hope you find this a useful reference to support your diary planning and help you stay informed about the many opportunities for engagement and celebration across the school family during the year ahead.

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

	Key Event <i>Please note the dates and times detailed below are provisional and may be changed if necessary. New dates in bold.</i>
14 July	Report Drop-in Session for parents 3:30-4:30pm.
14 & 15 July	Y5 & Y6 End of Year Production 9:30am. Note date/time changes due to high temperatures.
17 July	KS2 SATs results issued to Y6 parents.
17 July	PTA Colour Run 3:30pm – 4:30pm on the school field.
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 in school.
24 July	School closes for children for the Summer Break at 3:20pm.
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.
8 & 10 September	Meet and Greet Class Teachers 3:30-4:00pm.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend in the sunshine! Mr John Nish.