

Newsletter

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

April 2025

This is a really busy term, especially with statutory assessments taking place in certain year groups. Please note the dates listed below to ensure your children are in school, well rested and ready to use this as an opportunity to show off their learning.



Monday 12th May - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Tuesday 13th May - Reading

Wednesday 14th May - Maths

Thursday 15th May - Maths

Friday 16th May - all assessments done! Fun treat in school to celebrate!

During this week, we hold a Year 6 only, breakfast club that takes place in our classroom every morning (completely free of charge). It is really important that your child attends this to ensure they are here on time and have a chance to prepare for the tests taking place that day (as well as having a hearty breakfast). The SATs breakfast starts at 8am, we ask that children are here as close to that time as possible, to give them the time to attend a quick revision session before the test.

Tips for helping with SATs preparation

1. Talk about the SATs and tell them not to worry about them. We do this in school, too, but it makes a bigger impact if school and parents do this together. Children perform best when they are relaxed.
2. Try to keep everything else running normally. So whether its sport, music lessons or Scouts and Guides; sticking to your normal routine of out of school activities demonstrates to your child that SATs are not the 'be and end all' of Year 6.
3. During the SATs week, whilst keeping to normal timetable, avoid late nights, as children will find sitting the tests tiring.
4. Try to make sure your child has some fresh air when they come home from school on test days.
5. Stay positive. Many children enjoy taking the tests as they see it as a challenge and like the importance and the feeling of being special that SATs give Year 6.

The most important thing is to give your child lots of praise as they will be doing their very best.

As we enter May, the month of Mary, we can use this time to think about Mary and reflect on how she is the Mother of Jesus and Mother to us all. As our school is named after and dedicated to Our Lady, all classes will be doing some work focused around Mary and this will be celebrated in a blessing with Father Basil to honour her, thank her and ask her for her continued guidance and protection.

Please ask your children all about their learning.



Dates for your diary

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday - school closed

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May –
Year 6 SATs week

Monday 26th May – Friday 6th June – Half term

Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June –
Year 1 Phonics screen

June 2025 – Year 4 Times table check



Wednesday 11th June, 9:15am - whole school
Pentecost mass



Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th June -
Year 6 retreat to The Briars

Monday 30th June - Sports day

Tuesday 1st July - Year 1 trip to Cleethorpes

Friday 4th July - Year 6 Catholic Cup



Monday 7th July - Reserved Sports day

Monday 14th - Tuesday 15th July - Year 5 overnight
residential to Gulliver's Valley

Friday 18th July - Year 6 Leaver's assembly

Monday 21st July, 9:15am - whole school Year 6
Leaver's mass in church
4 - 6pm - Year 6 Leaver's party



Tuesday 22nd July - Last day of term



Monday 1st September - New school year begins



Monday 30th June 2025

*EYFS and Key Stage 1 in the morning
Ks2 in the afternoon*

*Parents are welcome to attend!
Reserve Sports day (in case of the weather!)*

*Monday 8th July 2025
More details to follow shortly*

Postcards Home go to...

Well done to the following children who have been nominated for 'Star of the Month' for their consistent hard work and positivity towards their learning.

Jonathan (Nursery), Alfred (Reception), Chikaima (Year 1), Kaya G (Year 2),
Lucy H (Year 3), Alice N (Year 4), Charlie (Year 5), Krystian (Year 6)

