



## St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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**St Mary's RC Primary**

**School Newsletter**

**Friday 17th May 2024**

### Our Mission Statement

As God's family we are STARs within a loving and thriving community, celebrating our diversity. We ignite lifelong learning where everyone becomes a positive influence on our world.

### Our Gospel Values

Every person is a valued member of our community, invited to follow Christ's call to a life of *love, hope and forgiveness*. We *respect* and support each other to live in *peace*. We embrace challenges and develop the *courage* to create a better world for us all.

### Year 6 SATs

*SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.*

*SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,*

*SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.*

*SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,*

*SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.*

*SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,*

*SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.*

*So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,*

*Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.*





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We are so incredibly proud of all Y6 pupils who took their SATs this year! Their resilience, courage and positive attitude shone through- they are absolutely amazing and what a credit to our school all of the Y6 are! We are all now keeping our fingers crossed for the results which will be known to us in July.

One more week, children, and then your very much deserved half term after such an intensive year!

### Walk to school week



### Reception and KS1 Coastguards and Fire Engine Visit



As part of our PSHE curriculum about professionals who can help us and look after our citizens, we had a wonderful visit from Lowestoft Fire Brigade and the RLN coastguards. The children learnt what to do in case of a fire emergency and explored how to stay safe on the beach. We cannot wait to host our wonderful teams again soon! Thank you so much to both RLN coastguards and Lowestoft Fire Brigade for helping us to make our curriculum extra special!



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### Mass in School

**Wednesday 22nd May - 9am**

Fr Padraig and members of the parish community will be joining us for Mass on Wednesday. We extend that warm welcome to all our families and look forward to having some of you join us.

The theme of the Mass this week is Kindness.



### **16th July - International Families Day- homework for all parents (I hope you can forgive us;)**

As a proud, culturally diverse school community, we would like to have an opportunity to celebrate this together through our annual **International Families Day Celebrations**. We encourage all parents and children to prepare short presentations (could just be a simple write up, PPT with photos, or poster) educating pupils in our school, on their parents' own experiences and growing up either in the UK or from abroad. The children love learning facts about other countries and cultures and this will be a perfect opportunity to celebrate our school diversity together and open the horizons for the children. We also encourage all children to dress in the colours of their flag and perhaps even bring a flag to school.

Things we encourage to consider when discussing with the children:

- When I was your age, at school we did.....
- In my free time after school we.....
- My favourite food as a child was.....
- My favourite subject was...because...
- How different was my school to your school?
- Life as a primary school child in my home country...

If you'd be interested in taking part in this little project, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.



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### CALENDAR DATES for 2023 - 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

The following dates and events are subject to change if necessary. Please refer to the most up to date newsletters for termly dates.

<b>May 2024</b>		
20th-24th	Walk to School Week	All children, parents and staff are strongly encouraged to walk, cycle or scooter to school. Alternatively you can park further than usual and walk to school.
22nd May	Whole School Mass	
Monday 27th	<b>MAY HALF TERM</b>	Pupils return 3rd June
<b>June 2024</b>		
19th	Sports Day - Whole School 9:15am - 11:15am	Whole school Sports Day AM  Please be advised that we may need to cancel the Sports Day at a short notice (weather dependent). We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.
20th	Alternate Sports Day	Whole School 9:15am - 11:15am
25th	School Photos	Professional School Photos taken for the new school's prospectus and MAT photos day.
26th	New Reception class 2024 parents meeting	
26-27th	Y6 Theatre Performance	Evening performances for the end of year Y6 theatre production at the Seagulls Theatre
27th	Y6 Ignite retreat day	

<b>July 2024</b>		
3rd	EYFS and KS1 Summer school disco.	



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	Children are invited to bring a change of clothes to school. The disco will start at 3:15 and end at 4:30. After the disco, we will dismiss the children from the playground. In order to take part in the disco, we ask for a contribution of £2 for snacks which will be available to the children throughout the disco. Any parents volunteers, wishing to help, please get in touch with the school.	
4th	KS2 Summer school disco  Children are invited to bring a change of clothes to school. The disco will start at 3:15 and end at 4:45. After the disco, we will dismiss the children from the playground. In order to take part in the disco, we ask for a contribution of £2 for snacks which will be available to the children throughout the disco. Any parents volunteers, wishing to help, please get in touch with the school.	
12th	Whole School Transition Day	Children will be dismissed from their new class lines or class doors. So if your child is moving to Y1 next year, please collect them from the Y1 class door, if moving to Y3, they will be collected from their new class lines on the playground. From September for dismissal, we will be lining up like during lunchtime, so please, do not congregate outside YR class windows from or in the first basketball lines half.
16th	International Families Day	We encourage all parents, from all backgrounds to share with their children what it was like to grow up and go to school in my country/ in my time?  Please see the info above.



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