



## St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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**St Mary's RC Primary**

**School Newsletter**

*Friday 15th March*

### 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.*

### Mass in School

#### Key Stage 1 Liturgy

The children in Reception and Key Stage One all came together for a Liturgy with Fr Padraig. The theme was LOVE. The night before Jesus died, he gave us all a new commandment. It was love one another. We show our love for Jesus by loving one another.





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### Whole School Mass - Lent

This week Fr Padraig joined us for our whole school Mass during Lent. The theme was forgiveness. We remembered that God our Father loves and forgives us for the times we say 'No' to him. We remembered too that we grow more like Jesus when we love and forgive one another.



### Mother's Day Sale

Thank you for all the support with the sale. We raised another £307 for CAFOD.





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### World Book Day

It was so wonderful to see the children dressed up as their favourite character for 'World Book Day'! Well done to Logan Reception child, Oliver in Y1, David in Y4 and Dottie in Y6 for best costumes and super amazing work to Emily in Y6 for her creative Diorama.



We talked to children about the importance of reading every day. We encourage all parents to listen to their children read, and especially in lower year groups, where some phonological knowledge is being developed or only just secured. When children are reading fluently, they not only know how to spell correctly, but are able to access all areas of the curriculum. You may encourage your children to read in the car, in the park, at the nanny's house, before school, at bedtime, or even on the loo :)

To help with listening to the children read across the school, we are looking for any parents or grandparents to volunteer. If you are willing to give 1 hour of your time a week, every week between now and the end of this academic year, please get in touch with our finance officer, Mrs Burrigge on [finance@stmarysrcps.org](mailto:finance@stmarysrcps.org)

Your help and support will immensely benefit our children.

### Parents evening

You will be able to book an appointment with your child's class teacher for 20th or 21st March. To book an appointment, just simply go to our school's Wisepay, and you'll find a section called 'Parents Evening'. There you can book a slot for your child. Please be aware that in Y2 and in YR you may see either of the class teachers. Thank you!





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### The Big Lent Walk

The children really enjoyed walking around the field during the 'Big Lent Walk'. All the children took it in turns to go out and complete many laps. Thank you for your support with the sponsorship. Currently we have raised a further £247. If you would like to support further here is the link.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-rc-big-lent-walk-fundraiser>



### Easter Fair and Egg Hunt

Miss Crowe and Mr Cross are thinking ahead to the end of term and new ways to raise money for CAFOD. They would like to hold an Easter egg hunt in the afternoon of Tuesday 26th March, more information has been sent out regarding this.

After school there will be an Easter Fair in the hall where the children will sell goods that they have made in class and run games.

### St Mary's Hall of Fame

Do you have a superstar swimmer, a graceful gymnast, a dazzling dancer, a fearless footballer or a resilient rugby player?

We want to celebrate them!

Send in your photos of their achievements and we will pop them up in our Hall of Fame! Please send all photos to [office@stmarysrcps.org](mailto:office@stmarysrcps.org).





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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>March 2024</b>		
15th	Red Nose Day	Non-uniform day.
18th	Class Photos and Year 6 Photos	Children come to school in full uniform.
20th	British Sign Language Lessons for classes	
20th - 21st	Parents Evening	Face to Face appointments - more information to come out next week
26th March	Easter Fair	Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Fair. More info to follow
Wednesday 27th March	EASTER HOLIDAYS	Pupils finish at 1:30pm. Return to school on Monday 15th April.
<b>April 2024</b>		



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W/C 15th April to Friday 19th April	Gunk a teacher	Children can buy a star to add to the teacher's chart. The teacher with the most stars at the end of the week gets gunk'd.
25th	Bohemian Rhapsody Choir Workshops	

<b>May 2024</b>		
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
6th -10th	Deaf Awareness Week	Children will learn sign language in class
13th - 17th	KS2 SATS	
20th-24th	Walk to School Week	All children, parents and staff are strongly encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Alternatively you can park further than usual and walk to school.
Monday 27th	<b>MAY HALF TERM</b>	Pupils return 3rd June
<b>June 2024</b>		
19th	Sports Day - Whole School 9:15am - 11:15am  Family Fun Afternoon 1pm - 3pm	Whole school Sports Day AM  Fun afternoon - PM
20th	Alternate Sports Day	
26th	New Reception class 2024 parents meeting	



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