



## St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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## 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.

### Ash Wednesday Mass

On Wednesday 14th February at 9am there will be Mass in school with the distribution of Ashes to mark the beginning of Lent.



### Welcome Back Mrs Parker

We are pleased that Mrs Parker has come back to school following her maternity leave.



### Panathlon Bowling

A group of students went along to Richardson's Family Bowl to compete in the Panathlon bowling competition. The children taking part had a lovely time.





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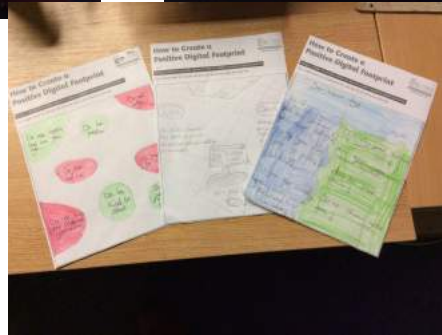
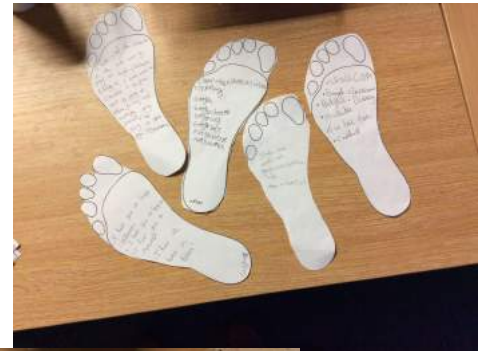
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### Internet Safety Day

This week all the children across the school have taken part in activities that help them to think about staying safe online.



### Year 5 Saxon/Viking Workshop

Year 5 were lucky enough to have Joe visit to help us explore our learning on Anglo-Saxons. We had lots of fun playing our own version of Top Trumps, singing songs, handling and exploring artefacts, listening to Anglo-Saxon stories and making Anglo-Saxon instruments. Check out the photos from our action-packed morning!





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### Year 4 - Science with Jo from the Britten Centre

This week in Year 4 we were lucky enough to have a museum curator come into school to teach us all about the science of sound. We were shown and took part in a range of scientific investigations and practical activities to help us understand what sound is and how we hear. We learnt many fascinating facts following the investigations!



### Maths Cafe

Reception class held their Maths Cafe yesterday. The children were so enthusiastic in sharing their learning and we were thrilled to see how excited they were to have their parents with them. We were so busy finding numbers that we even forgot to take some photos! Thank you to all the parents who joined us! We are looking forward to seeing you again when we do another café.



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### Rowing Challenge

Thank you for all your support with the rowathon. It was great to see so many parents coming into school to help us reach our target. We are pleased to announce that we rowed 2549.56 miles.

We raised a total of £115!



### The Big Lent Walk

On Wednesday March 13th the children will all come to school in their PE Kit and they will take part in the CAFOD fundraiser, to walk 200km. You can donate to the fundraising page through the link below. We have no money donated at the moment So please could we ask that you share with the link with family friends.

Thank you

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







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### Valentines Bake Off



Year 4 will be holding a Valentines Bake Off on Wednesday 14th February. Year 4 invites the children from all year groups to take part. Entries to the school office the morning of Wednesday 14th February to be judged, winning cakes will receive a prize. After the judging there will be a bake sale at the end of the day in the hall to sell all the delicious baked goods.

### Non Uniform Day

We will be holding a non uniform day in exchange for donations of gift items.

These donations will then be used for our Mother's Day Sale on Wednesday 6th March.

Children will be able to bring £2 into school to purchase and wrap a gift for their female adult for mother's day.

### 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 on the last afternoon. Each class will have a timeslot in the afternoon to solve clues and find eggs hidden around the site.

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



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	<p><b>Parking outside the school</b></p> <p>Just a reminder to keep our children safe during drop off and pick up time. There's lots of parking spaces around the school. Please make sure you drop off your child safely. We had incidents of children jumping out of cars in the middle of the road, which is not only unsafe but also upsets other drivers stuck behind. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.</p>
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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.

February 2023		
7th	Internet Safety Week	Activities in school
14th	Start of Lent	
14th	Y4's Valentines Bake Off	Entries to the school office the morning of Wednesday 14th February to be judged, winning cakes will receive a prize.
16th	Non Uniform Day	Donations of Mother's Day gift items
Monday 19th	<b>FEBRUARY HALF TERM</b>	<b>Pupils return 26th February</b>

March 2023		
6th	Mother's Day Sale	Children can bring in £2 to purchase and wrap a gift for Mother's Day



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7th	World Book Day	Dress up as your favourite storybook character. Class book activities. More information on our Facebook website <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stmarysrcps">www.facebook.com/stmarysrcps</a>
13th March	CAFOD - The Big Lent Walk	All children wear their PE Kit to school
15th	Red Nose Day	Non-uniform day.
18th	Class Photos and Year 6 Photos	
20th - 21st	Parents Evening	Face to Face appointments - more information to come out next week
26th March	Easter Fayre	Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Fayre. More info to follow
Wednesday 27th March	EASTER HOLIDAYS	Pupils finish at 1:30pm. Return to school on Monday 15th April.
<b>April 2023</b>		
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 2023</b>		
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
6th -10th	Deaf Awareness Week	Children will learn sign language in class
13th - 17th	KS2 SATS	



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Monday 27th	MAY HALF TERM	Pupils return 3rd June
<b>June 2023</b>		
TBC	Assessment Week	
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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