



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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*Happy are those who hear the word of God
and keep it' Luke 11:28*

Dear Parent/Carer,

What an action packed week celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Each class have been learning a little about the Queen and completing super activities- collages, crown making and much, much more. We had a wonderful celebration on Thursday and even the rain didn't spoil our fun!!!

As we move into our final half term we have so many exciting things to fit in! We have tried really hard to plan ahead for Productions, Transition days and Leavers Celebrations. Please look at the 'Page Planner - Dates for your Diary' section below. Sadly as my son will be having surgery I will not be here on the very last day of term so I have ensured all the celebration events are organised and detailed below.

Holy Communion - 22.5.22

A wonderful day was had by all at the First Holy Communion. The pupils did us proud as they took this next special step.

*Harry Bass, Nicholas Bielas-Barnes, Noah Foxall-Holmes, Eden Heslop,
Tommy Holland- Bass, Agatha Holmes, Ella Jackson, Jack Moyes,
Annie Nelson, Edie Robinson, Jake Skeffington,
Deondre Thompson, Elliott Williams and Georgia Purkis*

"Holy Communion was really exciting. I was a bit nervous but I stayed focused. It was very special" Agatha Holmes. Agatha shares this picture of her special day.....



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Our Street Party quickly became an indoor picnic but a super time was had by all. We all looked fabulous whether we opted for our Royal clothes and 'Sunday' best or we went traditional in our Red, White and Blue colours!!



"Today we all gathered in the hall and had a special picnic lunch for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I enjoyed seeing all the younger children and having time together" Callum Tennant.

"I loved having a picnic with all my friends and I really loved the ice cream!" Isaac Aya

Crown Winners were; Chloe Brogden, Nabila Malek, Thomas Yates, Macie Dixon, Georgia Purkis and Jack Moyes



A big thank you to ALL who entered and to Mr. C and Mrs. Royles for the very tricky task of judging!

Class 3 – Ribchester – 25.5.22

On Wednesday 25th May 2022, Class 3 set off on their second trip to the Ribchester Roman Museum.

When we arrived at the museum, we were introduced to the curator, Patrick, who introduced himself and then began to test our knowledge about what we had learnt in class. He was very impressed!

After testing our knowledge, he then showed us some artefacts (real items that were over 2000 years old!), these included pottery from under the Mediterranean Sea, sandals used by Roman soldiers (copies), mosaic tile, oil lamp and handles from different pots used by the Romans. Then... Out came the armour!

Finney and Ella M were chosen to dress up as a horse guard cavalry soldier and a soldier. Finney had to wear chainmail, helmet, shield and spear and also a parade mask. Ella M wore a chest plate, helmet with feathers on top, shield and a sword.

After having a chance to try on the armour and march up and down the room, we walked around the back of the museum to see the remains of Roman granaries, which were dug up over 100 years ago by archaeologists.

In the afternoon, we had to complete a Roman quiz, based on the exhibits from around the museum. What an AMAZING day we had! #stmarysontheroad #teamclass3 #rottenromans #windywednesday

Tommy- it was a very historic trip and we will never forget it!

Eden- I think it was really good and I really liked the part when we went to see the Roman ruins.

Elliott R- It was all very good and I really enjoyed trying on the armour. Felicity- It was very fun and helped us with our Roman topic in school, as well as The Bronze Age that we learnt about earlier in the year.



Staffing news

Mrs. Oakes will be retiring at the end of this Academic year and I am sure you will join me in wishing her every happiness in her retirement. I am sure many a happy hour will be spent gardening and enjoying hearing the sounds of play and laughter float along to her garden! I imagine some fabulous cross stitching and water colour art will be filling her days too!

Mrs. Oakes has made wonderful contributions to school life over some 20 years and we will ensure she has a special St. Mary's Celebration!! I will update you in regard to staffing in due course.

FOSM – AGM meeting

Thank you for all who came along to the meeting.

The Roles at present are

Chair Person: Tom Whalley

Vice Chair Person: Gillian Holmes

Treasurer: Elizabeth Malek

Secretary: Vacancy – If you could help us please come forward

Next Meeting – 9th of June 2.45 pm in the school hall

***** Please do join us we REALLY need you help to plan fundraising events and we need help at our Sports day too!!!!**

Can't make the meeting? Happy to help? Please let our Chair or myself know!!

Parking - IMPORTANT

A reminder- In order to ensure we are able to continue to park at the Smiths Arms pub each day please do not park in the disabled bays which are required for Patrons. If Grandparents, friends or other relatives collect PLEASE ensure they are aware too!

We really do need your support or we will lose this space and this will put the safety of everyone at risk at drop off and collection times.

Save the Date..... Sports Day

Save the date for our school sports day which will take place on **Tuesday 14th of June** from **1.30pm**. Reserve date of 17th June 2022

Uniform

As we are now in the summer term, as has been shared previously, all pupils should now be in summer uniform. This is the case at most schools and the transition into one type of uniform during this summer term creates consistency. I thank you for ensuring pupils look smart and are 'the best they can be'.

Our uniform reflects the very high standards and expectations we have for all at St. Mary's and your support is greatly appreciated.

As ever - If you do wish to discuss any individual matters please do contact me directly at school and I shall always try to support you.

Full details of our correct school uniform can be found on our school website. For your convenience the uniform details are also listed below.

As you be aware we are in our transition period and as such I detail the uniform for both versions.

Current/ Old Uniform

Blue polo shirt. Sweatshirt or cardigan. Grey knee length tailored shorts. Grey ankle socks. Black school shoes.

Light blue checked dress. Sweatshirt or cardigan. White ankle socks and black school shoes.

New Uniform – Statutory from September - Transition period at present.

Short sleeved shirt with tie. Jumper or cardigan. Tailored grey shorts. Grey ankle socks. Black school shoes

Light blue checked dress. Cardigan or jumper. White ankle socks. Black school shoes.

Only summer dresses are permitted and not checked shorts or skorts.

Please note: Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be in school colours only. Trainers are not permitted. Pupils will be asked to change into PE pumps and loaned items from lost property if the appropriate items are not worn.

Any exceptions to the uniform for religious/ medical purposes must be discussed in advance with myself.

All pupils are required to be in full uniform – So, for example, if pupils are in the new uniform they must wear a tie at all times. Shirts must be buttoned and tucked in. Thank you for working with us to ensure all pupils are in our correct uniform and feel proud to be the best they can be!

Breakfast and After School Club

A reminder as we find that demand for Breakfast and After School Club places increases – We do require the forms to be completed and payment received in advance of any bookings. This enables us to plan ahead and on busier days organise 2 staff members ensuring we have the correct ratio.

Booking are only secure once payment has been made. **Pupils will NOT be able to attend unless payment has been made in advance. If you do need to book a short notice session please call the office to enable us to check availability.**

Our clubs are run on a non-profit basis to provide a service to our families. If we do not receive payments in advance and have outstanding payments due we will not be able to continue to run our clubs.

Should you require a booking form for either please see Mrs Lofthouse or Miss Harrison
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures takes place 1.15 – 3.05 pm each week. Places are limited and must be booked in advance.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 27th May – School closes for half-term

Wednesday 8th June – School opens

Friday 10th June – Fundraising Friday – Ice Pop sale 50p

Tuesday 14th June – Sports Day

Thursday 16th June – Class 1 Trip- Ribby Hall Wild Discovery

Friday 17th June- Fundraising Friday – Cake Sale

Thursday 23rd June – Last Big School Adventures session pre Inductions

Friday 24th June – Class 4 trip- Hothersall Lodge – ‘Residential in a day’

Monday 4th July – Transition day- Pupils spend a full day in their new classes

Wednesday 6th July – Afternoon Tea from 2.30 p.m. to celebrate Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Oakes. You are warmly welcome to join us.

Wednesday 13th July – Class 4 Production of Shakespeare Rocks – 2.15 pm and 4.30 pm

Friday 15th July – Celebrations Assembly and Year 6 Awards Ceremony followed by refreshments for Year 6 families.

Whole school Leavers Mass at 11.00 am at St. Mary’s Church

Monday 18th July – Shirt Signing for Year 6 Pupils followed by Leavers Books presentations

Tuesday 19th July – Year 6 -Rock and River Celebration trip

Wednesday 20th July – School closes for Summer Holidays at 3.15 p.m.

Monday 5th September – School Re Opens at 08.55 am

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14 the September – Class 4 Residential- Hothersall Lodge

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	‘EAT’ Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Jimmy Skeffington	Jaymin Modasia	Esmee Woodruff-Brown
Class 2	Thomas Yates	Harry Shaw	Isaac Aya
Class 3	Elliott Williams	Freya Shaw	Elliott Capper
Class 4	Mylo Sanderson	Joseph Green-Banks	Chloe Moore

At St. Mary's School we

“Live our lives as Jesus taught us,

Work hard together to achieve our best,

Respect each other and the world around us,

Have fun and enjoy learning!”

