



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 25th April 2025

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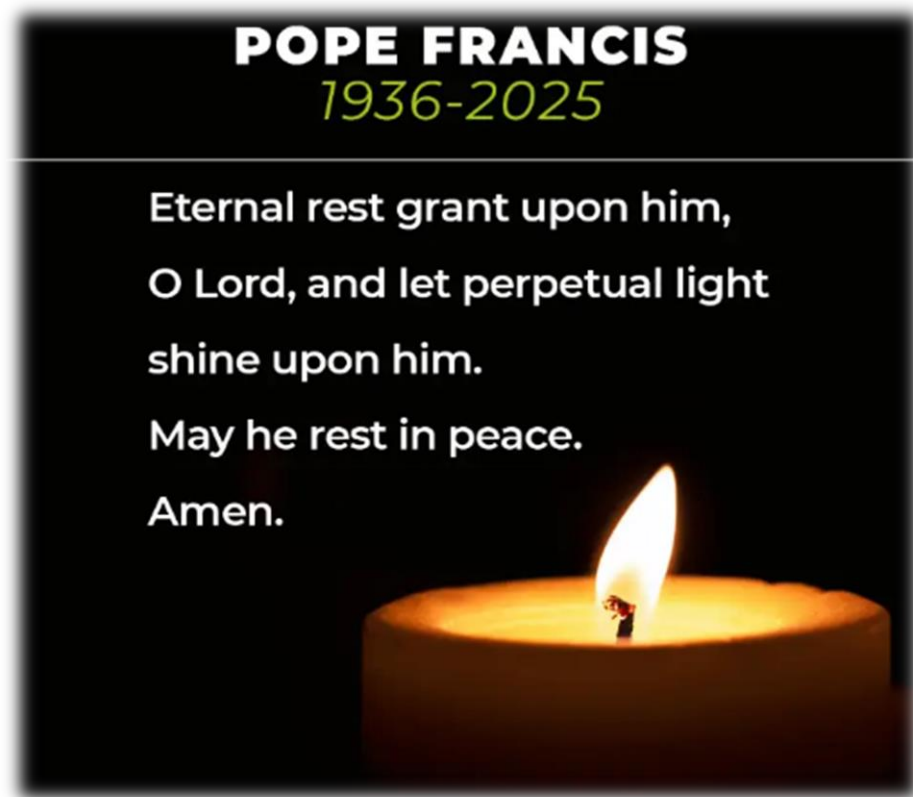
We shine and learn as a family of God'

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to our Summer term. You are all looking fantastic and smart and I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break.

We of course were deeply saddened by the news that Pope Francis had passed away.



This week we have remembered him with special assemblies, created a reflection area and we have a prayer book. You are warmly welcome to add your own thoughts and reflections in this book.



Dear God, Please look after our Pope and keep him Safe in Heaven. May he Rest in Peace. Amen

Pope Francis, Your time as Pope will always be remembered as you said 'Hear the poor cry' you helped us be Pilgrims of Hope. We will always remember you, Rest in Peace. Amen

Jessica Moore, Class 4

Break the Rules Day 24.4.25

What a lot of fun everyone had on Thursday with our Break the Rules Day!

From PJ's to Teddies, Snacks and fizzy pop! Thank you for your generous support we raised an amazing £308.00, so I will invite the School Council to research what Pupils would like to spend their money on.



Holy Communion – 27.4.25



This coming Sunday, a group of our Class 3 Pupils will be making their First Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church at 9.00 am

We pray for: Klara, Chloe, Oliver, Roisin, Meredith, Ava, William, Maisie, Esmee and Peter.

Mrs Fitzpatrick shares this note....

Mrs. Angela Pye and I would like to thank all the Parents of the First Communion class for the privilege of preparing their children. They have been wonderful! We send you and your children very best wishes for Sunday, Jackie Fitzpatrick

VE Day – Celebrating the 80 Year Anniversary - 8.5.25



On Thursday the 8th of May, we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day by inviting all children and staff to wear red, white or blue. You may have something with a Union Jack on?, anything goes. There is no charge for this.

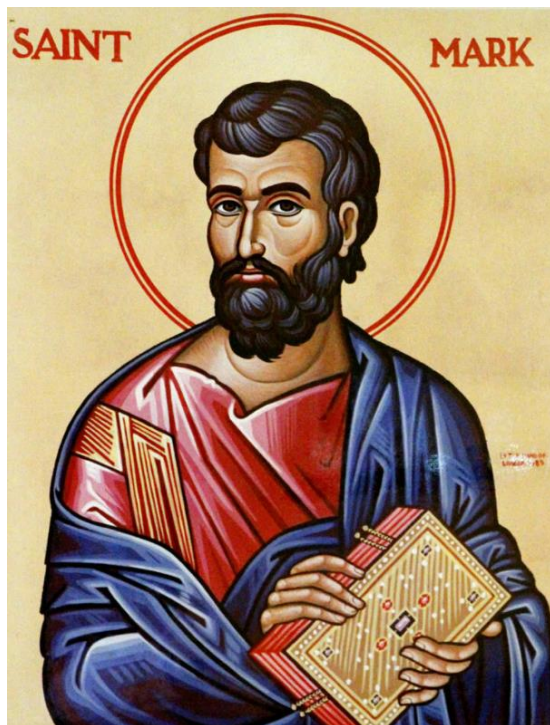
In the morning, Parents are welcome to join us in waving flags on the playground at 8.45 to start the celebrations!

Throughout the day we will be taking parts in lots of fun activities in class, gathering as a school to create our own Beacon of Peace and then will celebrate with a 'street party' with a delicious, Outdoor picnic lunch!

Order forms for the picnic lunch will come home today.

Feast of St Mark - Tuesday 29th April

Next Tuesday, we will celebrate the Feast of St Mark. As is tradition at School, we ask that children come in Mark team's house colour (red) on that day. Children will complete learning linked to why this Gospel writer is so important to us as Catholics.







Car Seat Safety

Below are links to some guidance to advise on age requirement and the use of car seats to ensure safe travels to and from school

<https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

<https://www.besafe.com/gb/safety-tips/tips/when-to-change-car-seats/>

UK CHILD CAR SEAT LAW - HEIGHT

Baby	Baby and toddler	Toddler and child	Child
			
Newborn to 85cm (From 0 to 15-18 months old)	Newborn to 105cm (0 to 4 years old)	61cm to 105cm (15 months to 4 years old)	100cm to 135cm (4 to 12 years old)

E.A.T. Passport Homework

Thank you for sharing your wonderful activities over half term.





FOSM news

Coming soon

Save the date for a Fantastic Summer Party Bingo!!! On the 3rd of July the FOSM will host a Funky Bingo night and everyone is welcome. Super prizes and family fun. Look out for details in the coming months!!

Forest School Plea...

Do you have any old pots and pans you could donate to Forest School? Miss Collins would be most grateful of any donations! Thank you

St. Mary's Got Talent – 26th June from 5.00 – Save the Date

After School Club – Closure of Fridays (Effective from Summer term)

A reminder that the Friday Afterschool Club service is no longer be available from the start of the Summer Term.

Punctuality – Polite reminder – School Starts promptly at 8.45

We ask for your continued support in ensuring pupils arrive punctually and ready for school to start at 8.45 am. Any pupils arriving after this time will need to be signed in by an adult

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

Classes are completing posters on the importance of punctuality and how being even just five minutes late a day has a HUGE impact on learning!! We look forward to sharing these with you very soon.

In the morning all classes deliver focused sessions from 8.45 on phonics, 1:1 readings, Maths interventions etc. and being late means some pupils are missing these learning opportunities. We thank you for your ongoing support. Typically we will aim to start bringing pupils into school from 8.40 so they are ready to commence learning at 8.45.

We also politely remind families that staff will not provide supervision on the yard before this point. We have had instances of pupils being left on the school yard without supervision from 8.30 and obviously this leaves the pupils vulnerable. We are able to offer Breakfast club from 7.45 should this be required.

Dates for your diary

I include some 'Save the Dates' as you will appreciate we will update any additional dates, trips etc. nearer the time.

29.4.25 - St Mark's Feast Day- Wear Red – **No charge**

8.5.25- VE Day 80 Years- Street Party lunch and activities (details to follow)

W/c 12.5.25 – SATS week

21.5.25- Sports Day and Summer Fayre

11.6.25 - Reserve Sports day and Summer Fayre

23.6.25- Confirmation – Year 6 pupils

24.6.25 – St John's Feast Day wear green

26.6.25 – St Mary's Got Talent

3.7.25 – FOSM Summer Party Bingo

17.7.25 – Leavers Assembly and Awards at 9.15 followed by Leavers Mass at 11.00 am

18.7.25 – Year 6 Leavers Trip – Anderson Centre 8.30 -5.15 pm

21.7.25 – Final Day for all pupils

School times

School Start 08.45 am

School Finish time 15.15 pm

Forest School – After Easter w/c 22.4.25

Monday: Class 1 Forest School

Wednesday: Class 3 ** To enable a deeper focus with sessions we will alternate with Year3 or 4 each week. This will enable more focus on skills such as wood whittling, fire building etc. To make this easier for you as families ALL pupils in class 3 will come in Forest clothing each week regardless.

Friday: Class 2 ** To enable a deeper focus with sessions we will alternate with Year 1 or 2 each week. This will enable more focus on skills such as wood whittling, fire building etc. To make this easier for you as families ALL pupils in class 2 will come in Forest clothing each week regardless.

PE Days

Class 1: Wed pm and Fri pm

Class 2: Tue pm and Wed pm

Class 3: Tuesday (Swimming) ** and Thursday pm ** Swimming commenced from 22.04.25

Class 4: Monday pm and Thurs pm

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures takes place every Thursday from 1.15 pm until 3pm

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Helping Hands

With the support of St. Mary's Parish, we have created a '*Helping Hands Fund*' – This means we have a stock of tinned food / non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little '**Helping Hand**' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

Celebration Awards

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Maya Anogeianakis	Noah Diamond-Bugler	Isabelle Baptiste
Class 2	Martha Robinson	Nnedi Anakebe	
Class 3	Maxwell Houlding	Chloe Brogden	William Doherty
Class 4	Agatha Holmes	Jack Moyes	

