



This week we have been blessed with some lovely weather which always creates a nice feel-good factor. I had started to think that the sun didn't exist in Denton! As the warmer months approach, please can I remind parents that at the moment we do not have too many areas which can provide shade on the playground – with this in mind, please can you send your child into school with a sun hat and wearing suncream. As the weather gets warmer we always find that pupils start to take off their jumpers at playtime – and staff always have a nice collection of lost property at the end of the day. If your child's uniform is clearly labelled, it is easy to reunite lost items with their owners.

On Wednesday we had a team of cricket superstars representing St. Mary's at a competition at Denton West End Cricket Club. A huge well done to Harriet, Max, Archie, James, Thomas, Jake, Tommy and Jasmine who won the competition. They will now represent St. Mary's in the Tameside finals later in the year. Well done to you all. We have another cricket team (Y5/6 girls) representing St. Mary's this afternoon. I am sure they will represent the school with pride.

Mr Price

Key Stage 2 SATs

Next week, our Year 6 children will be completing their end of Key Stage 2 assessments. Every single child has worked hard for the past 7 years, building up their knowledge and skills in preparation for the tests and I am sure that each and everyone of them will achieve the scores which they deserve.

May I take this time to remind every pupil in the school, but especially our Year 6 pupils, that equally as important as success in exams is the person that you are. Your success both at St. Mary's and in the wider world, will be measured by how you treat people and how you show compassion and kindness to others.

All the staff at St. Mary's are proud of each and every one of you and of your achievements during your time at our school.

First Communion

This Sunday we will have our third and final group of children will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion. This is a very important day for the children, and we keep them in our prayers and hope they all have a special day which they will remember for a long time.

GO FOR IT !



GOOD LUCK !

12th May	First Holy Communion
13th - 16th May	KS2 SATs week
20th - 22nd May	Y6 Robinwood Trip
24th May	St Mary's Colour Run sponsored event
24th May	School closes for half term
10th June	School re-opens for Summer 2
10th - 14th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
10th - 14th June	Year 4 Multiplication check
4th - 5th July	Year 6 High School Transition
10th - 11th July	Y5 and Y6 production
26th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
26th July	School closes for Summer

Parish news

The latest parish newsletter can be found by clicking the link below.

[Parish Newsletter](#)

Attendance

Our school attendance remains good at 95.7% but it is not as high as it was during the Autumn and Spring terms. One big factor in this is term time holidays. We have a new Education Welfare Officer working with school, Emma Etches, who will be looking at our school attendance. She will then be working with families to offer support in raising attendance. For a child to have 'average' attendance the government sets the benchmark at 96%. Anything below 96% is classed as a concern and if attendance drops below 90% it is classed as persistently absent.

**Congratulations to Year 6 who have had the
highest attendance this week
With a fantastic 100%**

	F2	95%	
Year 1	93%	Year 2	94%
Year 3	93%	Year 4	99%
Year 5	97%	Year 6	100%

Stars of the week

Congratulations to Eyaan, Imann, Harry, Oliver, Hannah, Harrison, River and Thomas who have been nominated as stars of the week by their class teachers. Well done and keep up the good work.

Behaviour Stars of the week

Each week the staff will nominate children who they feel need rewarding for their behaviour. Congratulations to Marcus, Joseph, Poppy, Blake, Maisie, Olivia and Mikayla who have been nominated as behaviour stars of the week. Well done and keep up the good work.

PE stars of the week

Congratulations to Myla, Alfie, Oliver, Annabelle, Tehila, Lucas, Rudy, Lucy, Theo, Nancy, Miller, Rory, Annalise, Jasmin, Connor, Olivia and Nanci who have been nominated as PE stars of the week by their class teachers. Well done and keep up the good work.

Gymnastics

Congratulations to Aiden on winning a Gold and bronze medal at his latest gymnastics competition. We always love celebrating our pupils achievements.

Behaviour in School

All the staff in our school are always proud of how our children behave in school. Visitors to our school always comment on their behaviour and levels of respect. We have recently redrafted our school behaviour policy, placing a much greater emphasis on the children taking responsibility for their actions. This does not always mean them being responsible for when things go wrong, but also to ensure that each and every child makes a conscious decision to do the right thing. When children do the right thing, they will be rewarded for it.

[A copy of the new behaviour policy is available by clicking here](#)

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Charlottle, Layla and John who have celebrated their birthdays this week. I hope you all had lovely birthdays.



Dragon's Den

This year we see the return of Dragons' Den. An exciting opportunity to combine creativity and develop an insight into the world of business and finance!

Our Dragons' Den event will take place on Friday 28th June and will be open to children from years 3 to 6. We invite the children to plan and design a product to sell. In the past children have worked in small groups and will be invited on Tuesday 11th June to pitch their ideas to the Dragons, where they will provide details of their product, the amount of investment they would like and the expected profit they would hope to make. The Dragons will decide which products they would like to invest in and those groups will be given an investment to produce their product.

In the past this was a hugely popular event and we hope that the children will enjoy taking part. In the past we have seen some fantastic ideas – bracelets, fruit kebabs, smoothies, pizza, personalised pen pots.....the list is endless. Any funds raised will go towards a planned special event for the children at the end of the Summer Term.