

After school this evening is our Dragon's Den event. I am sure that the event will be a huge success and you will all have (or had depending on when you read this) a wonderful time. I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the donations of chocolate and bottles for our tombola stalls. Over the past few weeks we have held our colour run and asked for donations for today's event. Your support for each event has been exceptional and I am always very appreciative for everything you all do for our school.

Yesterday you should have received a letter informing you of the staffing structure for next year. We will be introducing a 'meet the teacher' meeting in September. This will give you the opportunity to visit your child's learning environment and find out about the curriculum and class routines.

Next Thursday is our transition morning. This will give the children the opportunity to meet their new teachers and see their new classrooms.

Mr Price

28 th June	Dragons Den event
2 nd July	Dodgeball Y5/6
3 rd July	Quadkids Y3/4
4 th July	Year 6 High School Transition
4 th July	In-school transition morning.
10 th – 11 th July	Y5 and Y6 production
15 th July	KS1 Sports Day (pm)
16 th July	EYFS Sports Day (am)
16 th July	KS2 Sports Day (pm)
23 rd July	Whole school trip to Blackpool Zoo
26 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
26 th July	School closes for Summer

Parish News

The parish newsletter can be viewed by clicking the link below.

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Safeguarding

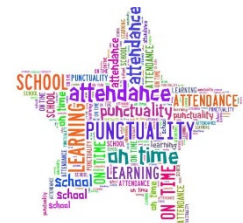
Our safeguarding team at St. Mary's consists of Miss Johnson, Mr Knapper and myself. If you wish to discuss any concerns with us please ask and at least one of us will be available. All of our staff have received safeguard training and keeping all children safe is always our first and most important priority.

Attendance

Good attendance at school gives your child the best possible chance to succeed. Each week we monitor attendance across school. Our target as a school is to have an attendance above 96.5%. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at which pupils have 100% attendance for the Autumn term. Congratulations to F2 and Year 4 who have the highest attendance this week.



	Reception	98%	
Year 1	96%	Year 2	95%
Year 3	96%	Year 4	98%
Year 5	90%	Year 6	94%



Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Annabelle, Darcie, Maxwell, Theodore, Ava and Matilda who have celebrated their birthdays this week. I hope you had/have a lovely day.

School Attendance and Term Time Holidays

You may or may not have seen in the press, that the government is having a huge push on school attendance. There is a new document which has been published to schools regarding this, and changes which have to be implemented in September 2024. As a school, we are not able to set our own rules regarding attendance – we must follow government guidelines. The biggest changes are around fines for poor school attendance and punctuality including school time holidays. It is worth noting that if your child arrives after 9:30am without valid reason (eg a medical appointment) this is classed as an unauthorised absence.

From September 2024:

Penalty notices will be issued for any 10 unauthorised absences within a 10 week period. (this is equivalent to 5 schools days)

Penalty notices will rise to £160, per child, per parent. If paid within 21 days, this will be reduced to £80. If a second penalty notice is issued, this will be at £160 but will not have the option of being reduced.

A 3rd penalty notice cannot be issued within 3 years of the first one. If the threshold (10 sessions) is met for a 3rd time, this will result in prosecution.

Our attendance and punctuality at St. Mary's is good and for the vast majority of our families these changes will have no impact at all but one of our biggest issues is around holidays in school time – and following guidelines, I am never allowed to authorise holidays in school time.

REMINDER: If your child arrives late, after the register closes, it is classed as an unauthorised attendance.

Sporting success

Last Friday our swimming team returned to school with the exciting news that they had won the Denton local schools swimming gala at Tameside Wellness Centre. The team will now represent the Denton schools in the Tameside finals against all the other winning schools from across Tameside. We wish them well.

On Thursday our cricket team represented the Denton schools in the Tameside finals. After some fiercely competitive games, it was great to see the team return to school with the third place trophy. Another excellent sporting success for St. Mary's.



Thank you to the staff who support our sports teams. Without them your children would not be able to compete in as many sports as we do.

Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul

This weekend sees the celebration of the feast of St. Peter and St Paul. It is celebrated annually on June 29th in honour of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul. The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul is also known as the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. There are lots of resources and videos available online if your child wishes to find out more about these 2 great saints.

SPOTTING ADS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

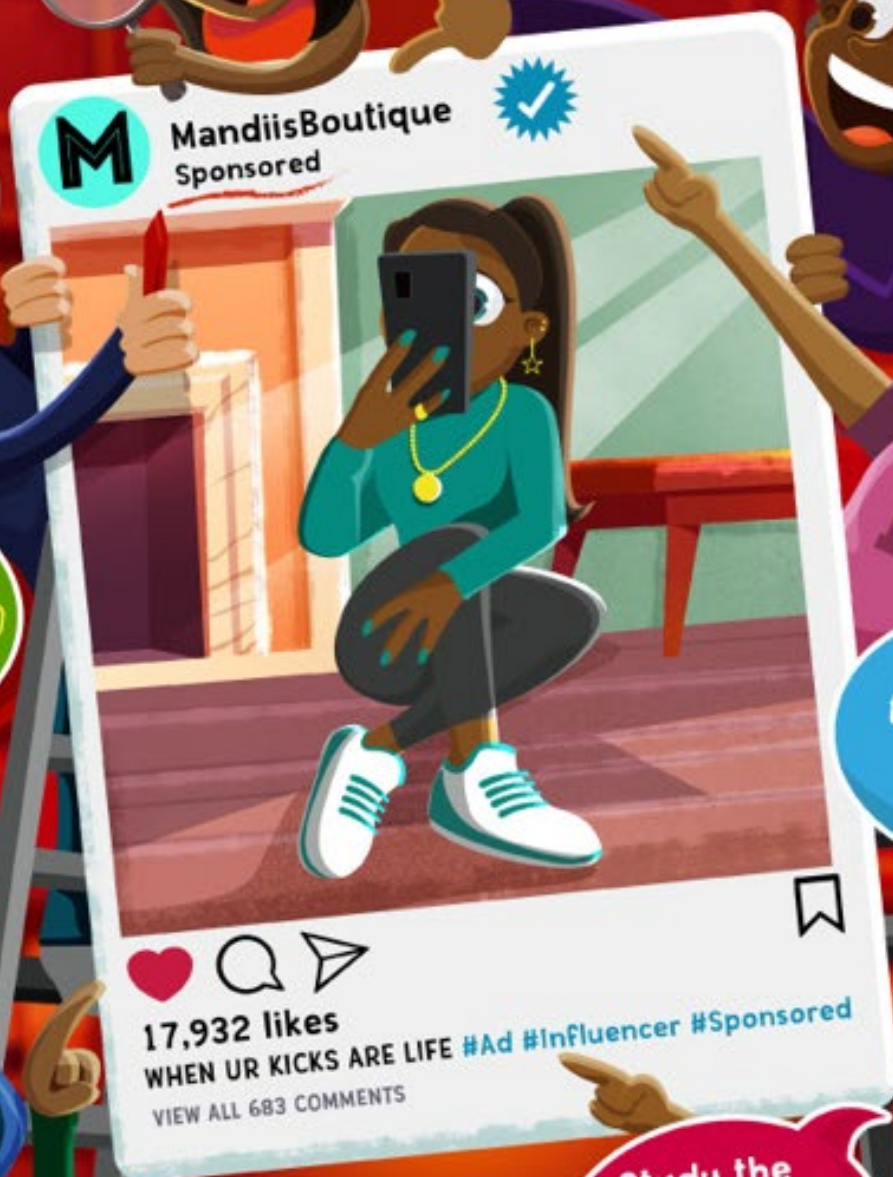
Do you always know when you're seeing an ad on your social media feed? You might not! Some ads look just like any other post – they might be funny or cool, but really they're trying to sell you something without you realising. But here are some ideas for spotting ads like a pro!

Look closely at the profile picture

Pay attention to the account name



Check if it says "sponsored" f i t or "promoted"



A 'verified' tick can still mean it's an ad

Study the hashtags for clues about the post's purpose

Be savvy with high numbers of likes and shares



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