

This week there have been lots of exciting things going on in school. One of the most exciting events was the school disco on Monday evening. We raised a over £300 which will go to support both curricular and extra-curricular resources. We cannot hold such events in school without the support of the staff and the Friends of St. Mary's. Thank you to all the staff and helpers who stayed after school to help the event run smoothly.

Our Year 6 class represented St. Mary's at the Denton Big Sing event held at St. Thomas More RC High School. The class performed Burno Mar's song Count on Me for each of the other local schools. Other teachers at the event commented on the children's excellent behaviour.

Our Year 2 children were visited by the fire brigade on Wednesday afternoon. The children were spoken to about fire safety and got to see the fire engine and squirt the hoses! We were able to take three classes over to Mass at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday. Year 6, Year 5 and Year 1. Wednesday was the feast of St. John Bosco. He lived a very simple life and founded the Salesian Society, whose aim was to educate the marginalised in society.

On Monday we held an interactive assembly introducing the children to the NSPCC's Speak Out Stay Safe campaign. This was followed up on Thursday with workshops in Years 2, 5 and 6. The children were all reminded about safe adults in school and at home they could talk to if they had any worries.

Mr Price

Key dates

Weds 7th Feb – Young Voices concert at Manchester Arena

Weds 7th Feb – Year 5 RNCM dress rehearsal

Thurs 8th Feb – Year 5 RNCM Concert

Fri 9th Feb – School closes for half term

Mon 19th Feb – School open for Spring 2

Mon 19th Feb – Athletics session in school

Tues 20th Feb – Year 3 Library visit

Thurs 22nd Feb – Fire Service visit – Y6

Mon 26th Feb - Whole school cricket day

Tues 27th Feb - Yr 5/6 girls' dodgeball @ Rayner Stephens High School

Weds 28th Feb - pupils 10 pin bowling @ the Wellness Centre

Thurs 29th Feb – Safesquad – Y6

Mon 18th March – Class photos

Thurs 21st March - Yr 5/6 basketball @ Laurus Ryecroft

Mon 25th March – EYFS trip to Cockfield Farm

Mon 25th March – KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade

Tues 26th March – EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade

Safeguarding

Our designated safeguarding team are Miss Johnson, Mr Knapper and myself. If you have any concerns at all, please do let one of us know. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of our school community, and we welcome all your support in helping us keep all the children safe.

Parish News

The latest parish newsletter can be viewed by scanning or clicking here:





Parish Consultation Meeting

All parishioners are invited to attend an important information meeting at **St Mary's Church Hall** on **Thursday 8th at 7pm** to hear about the current position of the Parish in all aspects of Parish life and help us to plan for the future.

You'll be able to offer your views on the current status of the Parish, what we want for our Parish Family going forward and learn more about the Diocesan plan - 'Project 2030/Hope in the Future'.

Everyone is welcome and I hope as many of you as possible will come to this important meeting to contribute your thoughts. Fr Joe

School Dinners

If you have not yet completed your child's new school dinner menu which commences after the half term, please complete on the link below.

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Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Lucy who has celebrated her birthday this week. I hope you had a lovely day.

Stars of the week

Congratulations to Alex, Sophie, Sophie, Ben, Amelia, Grace, Indie, Hadley, Joshua, Alex, Hollie, Tommy and Imogen who have been nominated as stars of the week by their class teachers. Well done and keep up the good work.

PE stars of the week

Congratulations to Matilda, Robin, Reuben, Ben, Fia, Toby, Mason, Indie, Hadley, Keeston, Harriet, Isabella, Jhaziah, Ellie, Layla, Taylor, Mollie, Conor and Imogen who have been nominated as PE stars of the week.

Faith in Action

The 4th Sunday of each month is a Faith In Action Children's Mass. During this Mass children are encouraged to take leadership roles within the parish. This may be as a reader, a steward, an altar server or singing in the choir. This then goes towards their pin badge / bronze award. If any child wishes to take part, please attend the meeting held on the 3rd Sunday of each month and register your interest.

The programme rewards active service in schools and parishes, encouraging young people to take their service into the wider community and accept greater responsibility for their faith in action. It encourages them to shine the light of faith upon their experience, reflecting upon how this shapes and moulds them as young people.

More information about the Faith in Action Scheme can be found by clicking here:



Attendance

Good attendance at school gives your child the best possible chance to succeed.

Congratulations to Year 2 who have the highest attendance this week.

	Reception	92%	
Year 1	89%	Year 2	99%
Year 3	92%	Year 4	97%
Year 5	95%	Year 6	95%



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read how Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law. After he brought peace and recovery to her, everyone crowds in on Jesus, wanting to be healed. Finally, Jesus goes off in the early morning to gather strength by praying to his Father.

Difficulties, worries and sickness can sometimes be part of our lives. St Thomas More reminds us that, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."

Wednesday 31st January 2024

When we believe in Jesus and we pray and look carefully, we can often learn something about the world and ourselves, and about how Jesus is always there for us. Believing in Jesus and loving others changes how we see the world and brings healing.

Enjoy a very special time with your children this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **HEALING**.



Dom Henry Wansbrough

A **Word** from
Pope Francis

"God grants us his love, which gives us strength and heals us."



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 4th February 2024



On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many evil spirits, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there.

Adapted from Mark 1:29-39

The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

**Come and learn more about the Gospel above,
and say some prayers for your family & friends,
at your local parish church this Sunday.**

Good News for Everyone

God still heals today, through the sacraments of the Church (which remind us of God's love and care for us) and through people: doctors, nurses and, if we let him, through us too. During Lent, many parish churches will be having special Reconciliation services to which all are warmly invited.

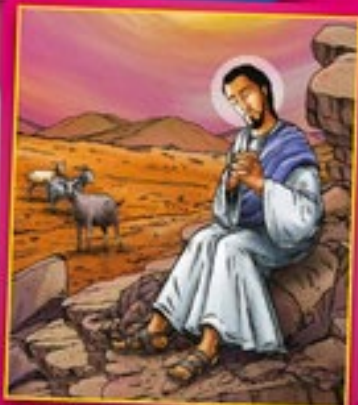
To find out more about the Catholic Faith, see: wednesdayword.org and cbcew.org.uk

Good News for Families



Listening & Learning Together

Jesus said, "Where two or three gather in my name, I shall be there with them."



1 After teaching and praying in the synagogue, Jesus went to Simon and Andrew's house. There they found that Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with a fever. Jesus went to her, took her by the hand and she was healed. She got up and began to serve all those who were there. That evening, the people of the town brought to Jesus anyone who was sick, and Jesus cured all kinds of diseases and sickness. Then very early the next morning, Jesus left the house to find a quiet place where he could be by himself to pray.

After healing all those who were sick, where did Jesus go and what did he do? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Word is ...

HEALING



3 Loving & Growing

"Love is the first ingredient in the relief of suffering." *St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how, in Jesus, God is active in the world, bringing healing. At differing times and in differing ways, we all need the healing touch of God. Ask your child what the word 'healing' means to them. It may help your child if you tell them about the different kinds of healing we can experience in life. Then ask your child who brings healing to them, bringing comfort when they are ill, hurt or upset.

"Prayer is certainly the most wonderful medicine in the world."

St Hyacinth

As a family, consider if there is anyone to whom you can help bring God's healing in this coming week. What could you do? Perhaps you could: pray for someone and ask them to pray for you too; talk gently and lovingly to someone if there is a problem; take time to listen carefully to them, and try to support them where possible. Can you think of any good ways to bring healing to others?

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to **heal** and bring comfort with kind words and good deeds, sharing your warmth and care every day. Amen.



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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- TOWN
- EVENING
- PEOPLE
- BROUGHT
- DISEASES
- SICKNESS
- JESUS
- HEALED

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture



Cross out the letters **uiv** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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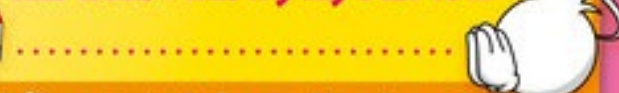
Jesus _____ to her, _____ her by
 the _____ and she was _____

It's good to be a 'healer'. We can hurt people by unkind words, by a look or by refusing to speak to them.

But we can heal people by a smile, a greeting or even by asking for their forgiveness or offering them ours.



This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

Share the Good News

Print and complete the leaflet with your child & **SHARE A DIGITAL COPY** with your friends

A Free Weekly Gift for Everyone

