

Yesterday we held our transition morning where all the pupils had the opportunity to visit their new classrooms and meet their new teachers. This can be an exciting time for a lot of the pupils but it can also be a nervous time. I hope that the experience of spending some of their time with new teachers has allayed some of the anxieties.

Last Friday was our Dragon's Den event. It was brilliant to see some many children and parents stay for the event and I hope you had the opportunity to sample many of the stall. Each of the stalls came from ideas which the children had – who then developed them into full entrepreneurial businesses. As usual, our chocolate and bottle tombola's were full to bursting and were a great hit. Overall we made over £1000 which was amazing. A whole community effort.

Mr Price

8 <sup>th</sup> July	Tameside swimming finals
10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 and Y6 production
15 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Sports Day (1:30pm)
16 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Sports Day (9:15am)
16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day (1:30pm)
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Whole school trip to Blackpool Zoo
24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Mass (9:15)
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> 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%.

Congratulations to year 4 who have the highest attendance this week.

	Reception	98%	
Year 1	97%	Year 2	93%
Year 3	94%	Year 4	100%
Year 5	95%	Year 6	98%



## **Happy Birthday**

Happy birthday to Keira, Sophia, Tehila and Mason 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 3<sup>rd</sup> penalty notice cannot be issued within 3 years of the first one. If the threshold (10 sessions) is met for a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **Stars of the Week**

Congratulations to Kimberly, Sebastian, Annabelle, AJ, Sophie and Archie 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**

Congratulations to Azmina, Tiannah, Eugene, Harvey, Nancy, Ava, Jasmine and Lily who have been nominated as stars of the week for behaviour by their class teachers. Well done and keep up the good work.

## **Sports Stars of the Week**

Congratulations to Ciara, Theodore, Avani, Bryan, Hallie, Phoebe, Samuel, Alex, Hannah, Aiden, Lucy, Charlotte, Lucy, Connor, Malcolm, Jayden, Una, Mikayla, Maja, Abigail, Solomon, Jakub, Conor and Hugo who have been nominated as sports stars of the week by their class teachers. Well done and keep up the good work.

## **Congratulations**

A huge congratulations to Isla and Izzy who completed in the Cheer4all international cheerleading competition held in Milan last week. The girls' team, Apex Lightening, came 1<sup>st</sup> overall. A huge achievement. Well done girls.

## **Congratulations**

It was lovely to hear the news that Mrs Haste gave birth to a gorgeous little girl, Hallie. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating both her and Mr Haste on this amazing news.



# BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY ONLINE

Tiny actions can have a huge impact. Here are our suggestions for making someone smile online!

VIDEO CALL A RELATIVE

SHARE UPBEAT PLAYLISTS

SHARE A FUNNY POST

SHARE THROWBACK PHOTOS

BE KIND IN THE COMMENTS

PLAY GAMES WITH MATES

SEND A KIND MESSAGE

SEND HAPPY VOICE NOTES

Share posts FROM YOUR FAVOURITE CHARITIES

Share GOOD NEWS

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