

St Joseph's Penny

Your child will now have a St. Joseph's Penny box at home. Boxes should be returned to school by Friday 27th March. All donations will be sent to Caritas, Salford who will use the funds to support people in our own local community.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Millie, Keanna, Sophie, Adrielle, Ben, Asher, Darcie and Max who have received a star of the week award for learning.

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Nana, Zendaya, Elijah, Shaw, Eugene, Albie and Harriet who have been award star of the week for behaviour.

Well done to all of you – keep up the good work.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to all the children who have celebrated a special birthday this week: Naomi, Adrielle and Juniper

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 are safeguard trained, and we are here to keep your children safe and happy at all times.

Parish News

The parish newsletter can be viewed by clicking the link here: [Newsletters](#)

Swimming

We had another fantastic sporting success since our last newsletter! Last Friday evening a team of nine Year 6 children represented St. Mary's at the Tameside Catholic Schools swimming gala. The children swam in a range of different individual races and relays, scoring points towards an overall school total. At the end of a long evening, we came out as overall winners! As expected. The team represented St. Mary's superbly and were a credit to the school. Thank you to Mrs Fitzgerald and Ms Owen who gave up their evening to support the team.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 6** who have the highest attendance this week with 100%! Well done year 6

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| | F2 | 94% | |
| Year 1 | 98% | Year 2 | 97% |
| Year 3 | 96% | Year 4 | 98% |
| Year 5 | 95% | Year 6 | 100% |

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| 23rd March | Bookfair |
| 26th March | Basketball competition |
| 27th March | Golden Ticket draw |
| 31st March | Passion Play – St. Mary's Church 2pm |
| 1st April | Easter Bonnet Parade 9am EYFS 9:30am Year 1/Year 2 |
| 2nd April | Close for Spring 2 – 3:20pm |
| 13th April | Open for Summer 1 |
| 23rd April | Year 2 class assembly |
| 30th April | Year 1 class assembly |
| 7th May | Year 4 class assembly |
| 11th – 14th May | Y6 SATs week |
| 21st May | Year 3 class assembly |
| 18th June | Reception assembly |

Passion Play

Year 3 and Year 4 will perform their annual Passion Play in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 31st March at 2pm. The children will be retelling the final days of Jesus' life during the first Holy Week over 2000 years ago. Parents are invited to come to church to watch.

Football

The year 5/6 football team continued their brilliant form beating Arlies Primary in the semi-finals of the Alan Milea Cup. All the boys contributed well in what turned out to be a great team effort against good opposition. The team will now play Holy Trinity in the final in May.

Basketball

This week a team from year 4 took part in the Tameside School Sports Partnership Basketball Festival. They all represented the school brilliantly and received a participation medal. Well done Ben, Daya, Jace, Ethan B and Zachary.

Easter Bonnet Parade

The children in EYFS and KS1 will be taking part in an Easter Bonnet Parade on Weds 1st April. The EYFS parade will take place at 9am and the Year 1 and Year 2 parade will take place at 9:30am. Further details will be sent to you via your child's teacher

Book Fair

The book fair will arrive at St. Mary's next week. The fair will be available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday after school from 3:20 until 3:45 in the school hall. You will be able to pay by cash or card. Why not bring your child along to pick a new book.

Parking around school

When dropping off and picking up your child(ren) please be mindful of where and how you park. On occasions I have witnessed parking on zig-zag markings, yellow lines, across garages and even in the middle of the road. I would not want anyone to be ticketed by traffic wardens, but more importantly, we would not want a child to be hurt due to inconsiderate parking. Now that the weather is starting to be a little warmer, why not park just little bit away from the school gates and walk, cycle or scooter to school?

Year 5 Assembly

Thank you to Year 5 for leading our Thursday Prayer and Liturgy assembly this week. They lead the school on the theme of "Saying Thank you" and shared with the school community the importance of being appreciative when someone does something kind for us. Thank you to the family and friends who joined us in the hall.

Baby News

Congratulations to Miss Clover who gave birth to a baby girl earlier this month. Mother and Baby are doing very well.

After School Club

Just a reminder that there will be no after school club on the last day of term (Thursday 2nd April) Breakfast club will run as normal.

Golden Ticket Extravaganza

This year, instead of our usual Easter Egg Raffle, we will be holding our "Golden Ticket Extravaganza". We will be selling chocolate bars to the children for £1.00. On Friday 30th March, all the chocolate bars purchased will be delivered to the classrooms.

Inside some of the chocolate bars will be a Golden Ticket! The lucky children who find a gold ticket will either win a chocolate hamper, or a treat for their class. Class prizes will include things like movie treats, extra playtime, hot chocolate.

Tickets are currently on sale from Mrs Morton-Smith and children can purchase up to 2 chocolate bars

A huge thank you to those parents who have donated prizes. A special mention to Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Donnelly, Nisa Hyde Road, Tesco Haughton Green and Sainsburys for their generous donations. We are very grateful. We are still accepting chocolate if anyone else would like to contribute.



GOLDEN TICKET EXTRAVAGANZA



FIND A GOLDEN TICKET IN YOUR £1 CHOCOLATE BAR TO WIN AMAZING PRIZES!

CHOCOLATE BARS ONLY £1 EACH!

ON SALE FROM MONDAY 16th MARCH
UNTIL FRIDAY 27th MARCH



PRIZES TO WIN!



STAR PRIZE: A HUGE CHOCOLATE HAMPER!

CLASS PRIZES INCLUDE:



MOVIE TREAT



HOT CHOCOLATE



EXTRA PLAYTIME

DON'T MISS OUT! GRAB YOUR CHOCOLATE BAR TODAY!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!