

Parking around school

Over the past few weeks there have been several complaints by neighbours and parents over the parking and standard of driving around school. Please be respectful to our neighbours by not blocking drives or access to their homes. Now the weather is starting to be nicer, it is an ideal time to leave the car at home and walk to and from school.

Faith in Action Parish Draw

The parish Faith in Action group are fundraising to help support young people in the parish (many of whom are existing or past pupils of St. Mary's school) to attend a pilgrimage in Lourdes.

The group are currently selling raffle tickets for 3 amazing prizes:

1st prize – 2 tickets to the Manchester City v Brentford game (9th May)

2nd prize – the writing of a will worth £150

3rd prize - £50 meal voucher for 2 at The Danebank.

Tickets are available for £5 per strip and can be purchased at the school office. Please support this event as much as you can.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team at St. Mary's consists of 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.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to all the children who have celebrated a special birthday this week: Lucy and Kate. I hope you both had a wonderful day.



Lost Property

The weather is nicer, the sun is shining – but this also means that more and more children take off jumpers and cardigans while outside. We will always strive to return lost items back to your child – but this is only possible if they are clearly labelled. Jumpers and cardigans can be expensive, especially if your child is constantly losing them.

29 th April	Y3/4 cricket festival @ Hyde CC
29 th April	Y5 RNCM dress rehearsal
30 th April	Y5 RNCM concert
30 th April	Year 1 class assembly
30 th April	Y3/4 Glow dodgeball
30 th April	Boys Football @ St. Stephen's
7 th May	Year 4 class assembly
8 th May	Yr 5/6 football finals @ St Thomas More
11 th – 14 th May	Y6 SATs week
14 th May	Y5/6 netball @ STM
19 th May	Y5/6 cricket @ Denton CC
19 th May	KS1 mixed sports festival @OLMC
21 st May	Y5/6 girls' cricket@ Denton CC
21 st May	Year 3 class assembly
22 nd May	Close for half term
8 th June	Open for Summer 2
18 th June	Reception assembly

Parish News

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

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week.

The following children have been awarded Star of the Week for behaviour: Rome, Jaxon, Aiden, Leonie, Myla, Precious, Hannah and Florence.

The following children have been awarded Star of the Week for the excellent work this week: Ivy, Francesco, Sophia, Fia, Roman, Mason and Jasmine.



Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 1 and Year 3** who have the highest attendance this week with 99%. Well done to both classes.

	F2	98%	
Year 1	99%	Year 2	93%
Year 3	99%	Year 4	98%
Year 5	97%	Year 6	98%

Basketball

On Tuesday, the Year 5/6 Basketball team competed in the Tameside Basketball Finals. They were excellent throughout finishing runners up after a very tight final game. The sportsmanship shown by the team throughout was exceptional. Congratulations to Harriet, Jayden, Max, Theo, and Esme.

Netball

On Wednesday our Year 5/6 Netball team played in the Tameside schools netball heats. They were unbeaten throughout and will now progress through to the finals.

Congratulations to Harriet, Esme, Esme, Nancy, Max, Jayden, Darcie and Aria.

RNCM

Next week our Year 5 class will be performing at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. This is a very prestigious event which only 4 schools in Greater Manchester get invited to. We are very lucky as a school to have this opportunity and one which will be a wonderful occasion for all of the children participating and families watching.

St George

April 23rd was St. George's day. St George is the patron saint of England. George was born in Cappadocia, in what is now known as Turkey – he was a soldier in the Roman army. During his time as a soldier, George was martyred as he refused to persecute Christians and also give up his own faith.

