St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Serving with love, striving for excellence

Spring Term Newsletter 27: 02nd May 2025

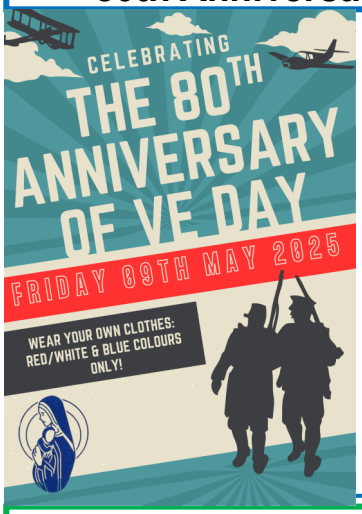
Dear Parents and carers,

What a beautiful week we have had! Everything seems much lighter in the nice sunny weather. I think the weather will become more seasonal next week regarding temperatures, but in future hot weather please remember sun hats, filled water bottles, sun glasses if necessary and children should come to school with sun cream already applied. Thank you so much to those parents and carers who have supported the school by putting their mobiles away once they come onto the school premises. We are a mobile phone free zone once we come through the gates to enable the children to have the full attention of their carers with a reassuring goodbye at drop off and a welcoming hello and chat about the day at pick up time.

It's a Bank holiday weekend coming up ,so the school will be closed this Monday– enjoy the extended break.

Mrs Katharine Sexton Interim Headteacher

80th Anniversary of VE Day



VE Day will be celebrated on Thursday 8th May and to mark the occasion the children will be taking part in a whole school 'picnic' party afternoon on **Friday 9th May**. They will be given the opportunity to experience activities and play games children used to play in the 1940's.

You do not need to provide your child with anything. Children are welcome to come to school wearing **RED, WHITE or BLUE** and will be offered an ice pole as a refreshing treat to end the week. Let's hope for some good weather!

Fort Amherst in Chatham will also be hosting several activities celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day from 3rd – 9th May, including World War Tour tours and a 'VE Day Knees Up'.

Please check out their website for more information. Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Attendance

Overall attendance for this week 95.8%
KS1 class with the highest attendance: Willow
KS2 class with the highest attendance: Pine
Well done to these classes, they are consistent winners

POPE FRANCIS

We all shared in a school collective worship on Monday the beauty and grace of Pope Francis funeral which was held last Saturday. The children have completed some lovely portrait art work of the late Pope, some of which is displayed in the school and on the board at the back of Our Lady's church.

The next step now is the election of the new Pope by the conclave of Cardinals– a very important task

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O God, Eternal Shepherd,
who govern Your flock with
unfailing care, Grant in Your boundless
fatherly love a pastor for Your Church
who will please You by His holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns
with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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House Points

For term 4 thus far:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Blue	Orange	Red	Yellow	Green
380	346	331	323	322

Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rose	Esmae	Gold	Jinin	Edina	Jazmine	Kayleigh
Aiden	Nana	Lola-Rose	Angel	Carlos	Patricija	Willene

Catholic Social Teaching Awards participation

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chisom	Shouvit	Michael	Thea	Iyanu	Josiah	Gabriella
Ikemsinachi	Rebecca	Precious	Azariah	Eden	Finley	Samuel

Welcome and goodbye

We said goodbye and good luck to Miss Constant this week who has begun her maternity leave but she will be returning to Year 3. We welcome Mrs Watts who is replacing her in Maple class until the end of the term. The children are familiar with Miss Watts. We wish her well in the St Marys Family

Events

01st May Holly Class Assembly 9am

07th May YR4 Mass (Parent's welcome - Church)

09th May VE Day - Children able to wear RED, WHITE or BLUE only

12th May KS2 Sats week

23rd May Our Lady's Day

Half term 26th May- - 30th May

Sports day 27tth June– more details to follow

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout
The earth. To you our God, eternally blessed,
Be glory and praise for ever and ever AMEN

Birthdays

The following children have celebrated a birthday this week or will do so over the Easter break:

Luca, Josiah, Josh, Aishani, David & Moriah.