St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Spring Term Newsletter 26: 25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term. Although its not very summery at the moment we will be heating up over the weekend and next week! This is always a very busy term so please do look out for dates on this newsletter, our social media and the website. It is lovely to see everyone back at school fresh after the break and ready to learn. Alongside this newsletter we will be sending out a curriculum letter to all parents and carers written by each teacher outlining the topics and curriculum content that your child will be learning for this summer term. Please do read these to familiarise yourselves with the topic areas so that you can support at home.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sun!

Mrs Katharine Sexton

Interim Headteacher

Mobile phones

There has been a great deal in the media about children's use of mobile phones, but have we ever considered how much we use our own phones as parents in front of our children?

Recent research has shown that our usage of mobiles is not helping our children as it stifles conversation, quality time and in some cases hinders our supervision of our children because we are looking at our screens and not at them.

With this in mind I would ask going forward, that parents put their mobiles away when they enter the school site to drop off and pick up.

This means that we are giving our children full attention and can have a proper goodbye in the mornings and a full welcome and chat at the end of the school day .

Thank you

Attendance

Overall attendance for this week
KS1 class with the highest attendance: Elm & Holly
KS2 class with the highest attendance: Oak
Well done to these classes, they are consistent winners

RIP Pope Francis

On Monday we heard the sad news that Pope Francis, our spiritual leader had died. Although frail, this was all the more shocking as the world saw him in public addressing the crowds at St Peters on Easter Sunday just the day before. As a

whole school we remembered all the great work and teachings of St Francis in our assembly on the first day of term and the children have been hearing more about him in lessons.

Mat perpetual light shine upon him oh Lord, may Pope Francis rest in peace

Celebrating our Achievements

House Points

For term 5 thus far:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Red	Orange	Blue	Green	Yellow
162	153	143	132	109

Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bryan	Zahra	Kumater	Joel	Adeoba	Lohan	Nathan
Havin	Abdurrahman	Patricija	Nathaniel	Arlo	Leland	Scarlet

Catholic Social Teaching Awards participation

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ifechukwu	Ihunanya	Rita	Zephan	Spencer	Venice	Joseph
Munuchimso	Nicky	Jaydon	Afia	Sienna	Zachary	Nethra

Arbor

Please note that we are now on Arbor. You will need to make sure that you have downloaded the app or registered using the webpage. If you need support, please contact the school office on: office@stmarysrcp.medway.sch.uk

Events

25th April Start of YR4 Swimming

30th April YR5 Mass (Parent's welcome - Church)

01st May Holly Class Assembly 9am

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

08th May YR5 Trip - The Guildhall Museum

11th July YR1 Trip - Historic Dockyard

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 weekend:

Kian, Florence, Iyanuoluwa, Elijah, Ruby-Louise, Sangikka, Chikamso, Chisom & Ryan.