



St. Mary's News

April 26th 2024



Important Dates

Tuesday 30th April 2024	Y3/4 Art Club begins. Last session is Tuesday 18th June. Children can be collected from the front entrance at 4.30pm
Wednesday 5th June 2024	Y6 Residential Holiday (5th—7th June) A separate information sheet was sent home this week containing all details and a suggested clothing list. If you have not received this sheet, please ask Mrs Hymers for another copy.
Friday 7th June 2024	Y4 Swimming begins—every Friday until 19/7/24 Further details will be given nearer to the time
Wednesday 12th June 2024	New Intake Meeting for Reception 2024 6pm Infant Hall Please note that this is a parents only meeting as it is a long time for the children to just sit and listen to adults talking.
Tuesday 18th June 2024	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Saturday 22nd June 2024	First Holy Communion Mass - 10.00am. Children in school for 9.00am An information sheet was sent home this week containing all details. If you have not received a copy, please let Miss Gradwell know.
Tuesday 25th June 2024	Sports Day - reserve/backup day
Thursday 27th June 2024	Year 6 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am
Tuesday 2nd July 2024	Year 5 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am
Tuesday 2nd July 2024	Reception Class—Summer Come and Play 2.15 - 3.15pm An afternoon of fun for the parents/carers of our Reception children. Further details to follow
Wednesday 3rd July 2024	Year 4 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am
Thursday 4th July 2024	Year 3 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am
Wednesday 10th July 2024	Reception Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am Year 1 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am
Thursday 11th July 2024	Y2 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am
Wednesday 17th July 2024	Y6 Leavers' Mass in Church 6.30pm
Wednesday 24th July 2024	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm School breaks up for summer No After School Club this evening. Breakfast Club will be open as normal



First Confession - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Our Y4/5 children, who are making their First Holy Communion, will make their First Confession on **WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY** at 2pm in Church. Please note that this date has changed.



It will be a simple service, led by Fr. Paul with our choir supporting the children. You are more than welcome to attend the service.



Y3/Y4 ART CLUB

Mrs Whipp's art club for Y3/4 children starts this Tuesday 30th April. It will run on the following evenings from 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

30th April, 7th May, 14th May, 21st May, 11th June and 18th June.

Pick up will be from the front door at 4.30pm or your child can then go to ABC if needed.

Please note that the front car park will be very busy at 4.30pm as Y6 boosting sessions also finish at this time, so please take care.



Next Meeting

Apologies that the meeting last week had to be cancelled at short notice. This meeting has been rearranged for Wednesday 1st May at 6pm in the

Infant Hall. (Entrance is via the side fire door and not the main entrance.) Please do try to come along as the more members we have—the more fund raising events we will be able to hold. We promise you a warm welcome.



Sports Day Advanced Notice



We are planning to hold our annual sports day on Tuesday 18th June 2024.

We run Sports Day as two separate events

- Infants and Juniors - both held on the same day.

The Junior event will start at 10.00am and should end by midday. The Infant session will run from 2.00pm—3.15pm.

Hopefully the sun will shine and Sports Day will take place on the date above. However, as we all know, we can't always rely on the weather and so we have set aside Tuesday 25th June 2024 as the reserve date. We only set aside 2 possible dates for Sports Day as we know from parental feedback that it is difficult to keep changing holiday requests at the last minute when school has to cancel due to poor weather. It is also very difficult to keep more than 2 dates clear in our busy summer calendar.

If the weather is unkind on both days, there are no further available dates in the school diary and therefore the event would not go ahead.

Parents have asked why we do not move Sports Day inside if the weather is bad and the answer is that it is simply not possible to run a multi sport event inside our halls, as they are not big enough to hold the children and parents—let alone all of the equipment. Running the event in classes would take too many days and would need parents to seek more than 1 day off in order to attend.

If the event is cancelled, the children take part in Sports Day activities as part of their planned PE lessons, so they do not miss out on the events.

Further details will be sent home nearer to the time. We just wanted to give you as much time as possible to provisionally book the dates off work.



Polling Day

On Thursday 2nd May, school is being used as a Polling Station.

ABC CLUB

Breakfast and After School Club will be held in the Infant Hall. Entry via the side fire door.

Choir

Choir will need to be cancelled as we have no hall availability.

Guitar Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as Mrs Connolly's 'Guitar Stars of the Week'.

Week beginning 22/4/24
Year 3: Ellis

Y4/5/6: Jude D





Celebration Page



Emile—Key Stage 2 Homework Star of the Week



Year 3	Thomas FP
Year 4	Jessica
Year 5	Tilly
Year 6	No winner this week as homework is on paper format

Bucket Fillers

Bucket fillers are children who fill other people's buckets (lives) with kind words and deeds. They are shining examples to others around them.



Rec	Finn for being a fabulous friend
Year 1	Arya for always showing respect to others
Year 2	Tax for being a good friend at playtime
Year 3	Eva for trying hard to be the best she can be at all times
Year 4	Alanna for showing resilience over the last few weeks
Year 5	George for having lovely manners at all times
Year 6	Alice for being polite and well mannered at all times



Good Work Stars



A huge well done to the following children who have all been recognised for their super work week.

Rec	Esme - using an iPad to find out about stars
Year 1	Heidi - amazing art work
Year 2	Alfie - trying hard in maths
Year 3	Theo - fantastic fraction work
Year 4	Henry - excellent dialogue writing
Year 5	Eliza - amazing angle work in maths
Year 6	Ruby - trying hard to achieve her writing targets

ABC Star of the Week

A big SHOUT OUT to Oscar C from Rec who has been chosen this week for being a super sharer.

Well done Oscar.



Star Pupil Award



	Matthew House Winner	Mark House Winner	Luke House Winner	John House Winner	Overall Star Pupil
Rec	Oscar B	James G	Mychailo	James T	James G
Year 1	Lorcan	Lola	Harley	Henry S	Harley
Year 2	Edith	Arlo	Noah	Marnie	Marnie
Year 3	Thea	James	Robyn	Isla	James
Year 4	Erin	Freddie	Heidi	Wilson	Wilson
Year 5	Bobby	Indiana	Oliver	Tyler	Indiana
Year 6	Fred	Lucas	Niamh	James B	Niamh