



St. Mary's News

May 3rd 2024



Important Dates

Wednesday 5th June 2024	Y6 Residential Holiday (5th—7th June) A separate information sheet was sent home last 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

Congratulations to our Y4/5 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Our thanks go to Fr Paul and Miss Gradwell for helping to prepare the children to receive the sacrament and to Mrs Taylor and the school choir for going along to support the children by singing at the service. The children will now continue with their First Holy Communion preparations.



Y3/Y4 ART CLUB-Please note change in date.



Our Y3/4 art club started this week and the children had lots of fun cutting out shapes from salt dough. Once hardened, the children will then paint the shapes and use them to make a hanging mobile for their bedrooms. Art Club will run on the following evenings from 3.30pm - 4.30pm.



30th April, 7th May, 14th May, 11th June, 18th June and 25th June. Please note that the session on the 21st May has had to be cancelled so the final session has been moved back a week from the 18th - 25th June.

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

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.



St Mary's Summer Fest - Advanced Notice



The PTFA are delighted to announce that on Friday 12th July from 3.30pm - 7.00pm, they will be holding a Summer Festival on the school grounds as their major summer fundraising event.

Lots of information will follow in future weeks - we just wanted to give you the opportunity to save the date.



Guitar Awards

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



Week beginning 29/4/24

Year 3: Eva

Y4/5/6: Angus (Y6)





Royal Navy Challenge Day

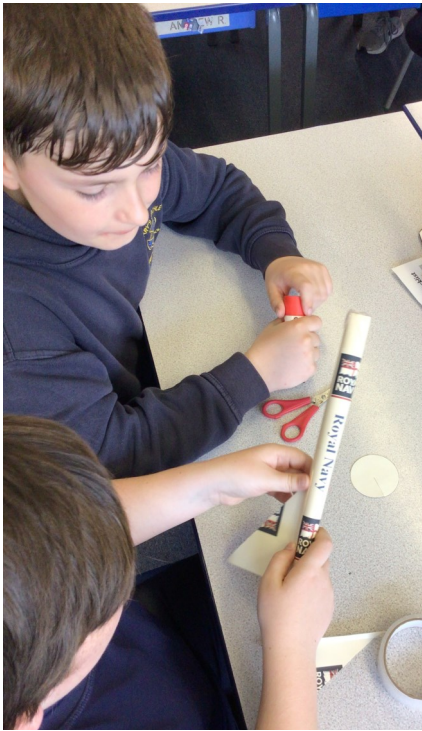
Our Y6 children had a fabulous day on Wednesday when members of the Royal Navy came along to speak to them about growing up and about the importance of having plans and ambitions for the future. The team spoke about the need to be committed, about setting goals and working hard to achieve them. The staff, and children, were really inspired.



As part of the day, the children learned about the importance of teamwork and co-operation when they had to work together to build the tallest free standing tower possible using giant Meccano kits.

The children were ultra competitive but worked so well together.





In the afternoon, the children were challenged to work in 2s to build a rocket out of paper and tape. They were then given the opportunity to add more weight to their rockets by answering questions.

Once built, the children then took their rockets out to a launch pad to launch them into the air.

We were amazed by how high the rockets went.

The team from the Royal Navy had lots of lovely, positive things to say about our children - which was lovely to hear.

School would like to give a special shout out to Ruby, Jessica, Annabelle, Angus, James D and Taylor who gave up the opportunity to launch their rockets - choosing to sing in the choir at the Y4's First Confession instead. They said that they had spent the morning talking about the importance of commitment so felt it was only right that they showed their commitment to the school choir by helping the younger children to celebrate their First Confession.

Both Mrs Taylor, and I, were really touched by this comment—the children definitely filled our buckets.





Celebration Page



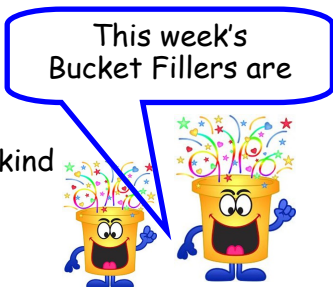
Emile—Key Stage 2 Homework Star of the Week



Year 3	Mika
Year 4	Erin
Year 5	Jude
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	Elena for always putting a smile on everyone's face
Year 1	Amelia for always showing kindness to others
Year 2	Skylar for making excellent, positive contributions in class
Year 3	James for taking care of the classroom
Year 4	Aiden for always being a great friend
Year 5	Tyler for having wonderful manners and being considerate of others
Year 6	Ruby, Jessica, James D, Annabelle, Angus & Taylor who gave up their afternoon with the navy to support the Y4 children with their 1st Confession



Good Work Stars



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

Rec	Oscar C - super sewing skills
Year 1	Freddie F - super sounding out
Year 2	Charlie R - excellent effort in reading comprehension
Year 3	Domhnall - fantastic fable writing
Year 4	Lucy - super Science work
Year 5	Amelia - super sentence writing
Year 6	Annabelle - excellent report all about earthquakes

ABC Star of the Week

A big SHOUT OUT to Max K from Rec for settling so well into club.



Star Pupil Award



	Matthew House Winner	Mark House Winner	Luke House Winner	John House Winner	Overall Star Pupil
Rec	Darcy	Lyla	Jaxson	Harry C	Darcy
Year 1	Isabella	Lola	Isaac	Arya	Lola
Year 2	Lexie	Henry	Alfie	Sofia	Lexie
Year 3	Jax	Emily	Eliza	Sam	Jax
Year 4	Lyla	Alasdair	George	Ralph F	George
Year 5	Bobby	Sam	Stanley	Emmie	Bobby
Year 6	Alex	Jonathan	Luca	Grace	Grace

AND FINALLY !!!!



Mrs Hymers, and all of the Reception Team, want to say a **GREAT BIG WELL DONE** to our amazing Reception children, who this week showed just how grown up they have become by leaving their grown ups at the gate and walking into their



classroom all on their own.

We are so, so proud of them all and we know that they are feeling very proud of themselves too. Walking into school on their own, is such an important step in their preparations to becoming big Year 1s in September.



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