



# St. Mary's News

## May 17th 2024



### Important Dates

Wednesday 5th June 2024	Y6 Residential Holiday (5th—7th June) A separate information sheet was sent home 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 has been sent home 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
Friday 12th July 2024	St Mary's Summer Fest 3.30pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday 16th July 2024	Science Workshops - as part of a 3 day STEM focus week. Further details to follow.
Wednesday 17th July 2024	Y6 Leavers' Mass in Church 6.30pm
Friday 19th July	Community Tea@2 to celebrate Mrs Hymers' Retirement See newsletter for further details. An email/invite from the PTFA was also sent home earlier this week
Wednesday 24th July 2024	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm School breaks up for summer <b>No</b> After School Club this evening. Breakfast Club will be open as normal



## Y6 SATs Week

We want to say a big WELL DONE to our Y6 children who sat their SATs tests this week. The children were amazing - showing perseverance and determination when questions challenged them, and working methodically and carefully through all test papers.

We couldn't be more proud of them all and we really hope that all of their hard work preparing for the SATs pays off and that the children get the results they deserve.

Results will be released on Tuesday 11th July.

The children ended their SATs week with a class party and a great time was had by all.

## Y6 SATs



### Swimming

Swimming for all Y4 children and some Y5 children, who are non swimmers, will start on Friday 17th June and will take place every Friday until Friday 12th July.

All children must wear appropriate swimwear as set by the baths and the LA swim instructors.

Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit (no two-piece, single-shoulder or frills at all). Boys must wear swimming trunks or shorts of no longer than mid-thigh length (no Bermudas or long shorts are acceptable as these can become dangerous when the pockets become full of water). Goggles can be worn, but are discouraged. All long hair must be tied up or a swimming cap can be worn (regardless of your child's gender).

If your child would prefer it, an appropriate swim top and shorts can be worn rather than the traditional trunks/swimming costumes. Please note that the swim top/shorts must be of recognised swim wear material - it cannot be a t-shirt and shorts.

For hygiene reasons, children should not come to school wearing their swimwear underneath their tracksuits. Also, time at the baths is limited, so children will not have the time to wash their hair or shower after the session. The children simply need a towel, their swimwear and maybe a brush/comb. These should be brought into school in either a plastic bag or swim bag.

As swimming is a statutory part of the National Curriculum and is an essential life skill, all children are expected to attend every session unless there is a medical reason as to why they cannot attend. Details of medical reasons should be sent into school.

School pays for the hire of the baths and for the coach journey to and from the pool so there is not cost to parents/carers.

## Holiday Camp

CHILDREN'S FITNESS & SPORTS COACHING

### MAY HALF TERM MULTI ACTIVITY CAMP

Fun filled, action packed football camp for ages 5 - 11 with enough options to keep your child happy and entertained. Run by **qualified coaches**. Includes Football, Dodgeball, Gym, Dance, Basketball, Cheerleading, Fun games, Craft, NERF Zone, Glow Sports, Party games, Athletics and Obstacle courses.

Bookings can be made via our website  
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 Email: [camps@fullofbeansfitness.co.uk](mailto:camps@fullofbeansfitness.co.uk)  
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**COST**  
 £25 standard day 9am - 4 pm  
 £35 extended day 8.30 am - 5.30 pm

**LOCATION**  
 Birchley St Mary's Primary School  
 Birchley Road, Billinge, Wigan

**DATE**  
 28th May - 3rd June

Our coaches all hold professional qualifications and an enhanced DBS. Expert and qualified instruction in a safe, non-competitive environment. We go out of our way to ensure a personal and special day.

## Y6 Robin Wood Reminder

Just a reminder for Y6 parents/ carers that ALL medication and pocket money for the residential trip to Robin Wood should be sent into school on Monday. Medication should be in plastic bag/envelope or zip wallet and should contain parental consent to administer it and full instructions. Pocket money should be in a sealed, named envelope.



## Guitar Awards

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

Week beginning 13/5/24

Year 3: Daisy

Year 3 Gold Award for excellent behaviour in class - Charles

Y4/5/6: no class this week







## Goodbye and Good Luck to the Kshirsagar Family



The whole of our school family want to say goodbye and good luck to Ishaan, Abir and Aayushi who leave St. Mary's today to start a new life in India.

As a school, we are so blessed to have had the children, and their parents, in our school family over the last seven years. The children have been a delight to teach and all have made a positive contribution to school life - in their own, unique way.

We hope that the children leave St. Mary's with lots of fantastic memories and we are certain that they will settle in quickly to their new lives in India.

Children (and mum and dad), you will always be part of our school family - as we say - you can take a child out of St. Mary's but you can't take St. Mary's out of a child.

Don't forget us and come back to visit us whenever you come back to Billinge — you will always be welcome.

Have a safe journey and enjoy India!





## Celebration Page



### Emile—Key Stage 2 Homework Star of the Week



Year 3	Eva
Year 4	Mae
Year 5	Sophia R
Year 6	No winner this week - SAT week

### 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.



### Good Work Stars



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

Rec	Jaxson for wonderful writing in phonics
Year 1	Hettie - wonderful weaving skills in art
Year 2	Arlo - excellent research skills for his African animal report
Year 3	Isla - super history work
Year 4	Lyla - excellent diary writing
Year 5	Harry - excellent effort in computing
Year 6	Everyone for shining brightly throughout SAT week

Rec	Alexander for having marvellous manners
Year 1	Nancy for always being so sunny and smiley
Year 2	Tyler for always using his lovely manners
Year 3	Daisy for always listening and following instructions
Year 4	Lucy for helping to keep the classroom tidy
Year 5	Lucas for always making good choices and helping others
Year 6	All Y6 for working hard to be the best that they can be and staying positive

### ABC Star of the Week

A big SHOUT OUT to Heidi from Y4 who has been chosen this week for being a fantastic helper in club.



### Star Pupil Award



	Matthew House Winner	Mark House Winner	Luke House Winner	John House Winner	Overall Star Pupil
Rec	Theo	Lyla	Mychailo	Elena	Mychailo
Year 1	Ava	Sophia	Hunter	India	Ava
Year 2	Luke	Arlo	Grace	William	Luke
Year 3	Wallis	Charlie	Eliza	Willow	Wallis
Year 4	Harry	Noah	Evie	Jessica	Evie
Year 5	Scarlett	Alfie Ba	Harry	George	Scarlett
Year 6	SAT WEEK				