

Dates for the Diary

27th May-

Jubilee Celebrations & last day of term

7th June-

First day back & Group Photos

8th- 10th June

Seal days-Year 6

SJF

Virtue

Our Virtue for this week is

Kindness



Head teacher's Column

Well done to all the children in Year 6 and Year 2 who have taken their SAT tests over the past two weeks! Staff and pupils have worked super hard all year towards this and it is absolutely fantastic to see so much progress across the year from the individual starting point of each pupil. The children concentrated really hard and did their absolute best - your teachers are very proud of you! Well done!

Congratulations go to Coach Nikki for her brilliant work in organising and promoting sports and well-being in gaining the School Games mark Gold Award. Very few schools achieve this and thanks must also go to ALL the pupils across school who have represented St Mary's outside and inside school. I'd like to say a massive thank you to parents who have supported school events and not just this year but since 2008 when we first gained a Healthy Schools and Activemark award. We could not have won this award without you. Thank you all so much.



Jubilee Celebrations

Friday 27th May

We have a fun filled day planned for the children including traditional Punch and Judy for year 3, 2, 1 and EYU and year 4, 5, & 6 will be learning a swing dance! There will be competitions and a fabulous street party on the day. Children are invited to come to school dressed like royalty or wearing red, white or blue.

To make this a really special occasion we're still asking for donations of: individual crisps, biscuits and cakes, cups, table cloths & bunting. Please can these be brought in by Wednesday 25th May.



Lunchboxes & Healthy Snacks



It is really important to make sure the lunchbox your child takes to school provides a healthy, balanced lunch. This means plenty of foods that contain the nutrients that children need, and fewer foods that are high in sugar and saturated fats.

Lunchboxes should not contain;

Sweets and chocolate

Sugary/Fizzy drinks

According a balanced lunchbox should contain:

Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta

Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans

A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt

Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

For more information and guidance on healthy eating, please follow the links below.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration>

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>





Star of the week



Class 6- Brooke A & leilla N

Class 7- Olivia D & Isobella B

Class 8- Lydia B & Charlotte H

Class 9- Alana F

Class 10- Brooke B

Class 11- The Whole Class & Amelia Lister

Super kid Awards

Class 1- Gracie R, Olunatise & All butterflies

Class 2- Reuben P & Aleksander Nowak

Class 4- Zahra Z & Manisvini

Class 5- Harvey D & Rowen W

Miss Liversidge- The whole of Class 5



Peter Pan

The whole School have attended the Panto today at the parochial hall. They have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and for many of them it was the first time they had ever experienced a show like this. A huge thank you to the cast members who have worked so hard to make this possible for our school.

Summer News

As the warmer weather approaches, you may want to send your child into school with a hat and apply sun cream before the day begins. If children do come to school without a coat, please send them in their St Mary's sweatshirt and NOT their club Football/Rugby hoodies. Year 6 leaver's hoodies will of course be allowed to be worn closer to the end of term. Dates have been arranged with Year 6 Staff and parents.

Well-Being Support

The following link allows access to free workshops for parents and children

<https://chewsnews.northorpehall.co.uk/workshops.php>

Courses that are currently available are;

Autism Awareness, Supporting Sleep, Exploring Loss and Grief, Positive Emotional Wellbeing, Positive Communication and Attachment, Understanding Behaviour as Communication & The Digital Age on Mental Wellbeing and Transition to High School.

Advice and guidance is also available on the Anna Freud website to help you support a child or young person experiencing poor mental health or well being.

The site is;

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/>

Attendance

Congratulations to class 2 who have had the best attendance over the last two weeks of 94%!



St Mary's has achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award



We are delighted to announce that we, St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy, have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

CROSS COUNTRY, 17 children qualified to Kirklees Final Tilly Y3 3rd place
Layla Y5 3rd place
Year 4 girls team 2nd place
Eloise Y4 12th in West Yorkshire

FOOTBALL Y5/6 Boys winners / runners up at Dennis Ward Trophy
Y5/6 Girls 3rd place
Festivals attended for both boys/girls Y3/4 & Key stage 1

SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS Y5/6 Kirklees Finalists

CRICKET Y5/6 Girls Winners

DODGEBALL Y/4 mixed winners

Festivals attended - boxing, football, curling
Balance bikeability / learn 2 ride & bikeability courses attended throughout the school

Sports / play leaders have been on training courses & working on a lunchtime with KS1 children throughout the year

Many more competitions are upcoming on the sporting calendar



Uniform Exchange

REMEMBER TO DONATE YOUR OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM

I am sure most of your children will have grown out of their old school uniform by the end of the term or maybe leaving to a new school. Please would you donate any no longer needed school uniform to Uniform Exchange our local recycling charity. They make sure every family has access to school uniform throughout the year not matter their financial need. There are over 50 donation points across Kirklees if you go to their website, you can see the locations in your postcode area. Our school does have a collection box for you to donate into. Thank you in advance for your support.

<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/donation-points/>

FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have 1000's of items of recycled school uniform donated from all over Kirklees. This is available for all parents to access for their local school, please complete the form on this link and we will get it out to you ASAP. We give away uniform on a first come first served basis, be aware logo items are limited. We had 100 requests last week so don't leave it too late.

<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/free-school-uniform/>



PLEASE HELP UNIFORM EXCHANGE BY DONATING YOUR OLD SCHOOL ITEMS

- School Uniform
- School & PE Bags
- Shoes & Trainers

Find your local collection box on the website



ST MARY'S & ST PATRICK'S CHURCH- MASS TIMES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	FEAST	INTENTION
Sat 14 th May	4.30pm	St Mary's	5 th Sunday of Easter	Dermot Walsh (60 th B'day Anni)
	6.00pm	St Patrick's	5 th Sunday of Easter	William Lynch (A)
Sun 15 th May	9.00am	St Patrick's	5 th Sunday of Easter	John Judge (A)
	10.30am	St Mary's	5 th Sunday of Easter	Heaps Family
Mon 16 th May	8.30am	St Patrick's	HOLY HOUR - EXPOSITION - QUIET PRAYER - BENEDICTION	
	9.30am	St Patrick's	Weekday of Easter	Mass of Thanksgiving (BVM)
Tues 17 th May				
Wed 18 th May				
Thur 19 th May	8.30am	St Patrick's	HOLY HOUR - EXPOSITION - QUIET PRAYER - BENEDICTION	
	9.30am	St Patrick's	Weekday of Easter	Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Smith (A)
Fri 20 th May	8.30am	St Mary's	HOLY HOUR - EXPOSITION - QUIET PRAYER - BENEDICTION	
	9.30am	St Mary's	Weekday of Easter	Trevor Ashton (A)
Sat 21 st May	11.00am	St Patrick's	<u>ST PATRICK'S CHILDREN'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</u>	
6th WEEK OF EASTER				
Sat 21 st May	4.30pm	St Mary's	6 th Sunday of Easter	Veronica Clark
	6.00pm	St Patrick's	6 th Sunday of Easter	Tom Hopkins (RIP)
Sun 22 nd May	9.00am	St Patrick's	6 th Sunday of Easter	Paul Batley (RIP)
	10.30am	St Mary's	6 th Sunday of Easter	Charles William Grace (A)
PARISH LIVE-STREAM FACILITY				
St Mary's - www.stmarybatley.co.uk			St Patrick's - https://stpatricksbirstall.org.uk	