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HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER NO. 9

6th November 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

I trust you all had a wonderful and safe half term break.
I also wanted to say Happy Diwali to our families celebrating Diwali this weekend. Enjoy this special time with your families. I'm sure we will be seeing lots of fireworks. Also, a reminder to stay safe during any fire work displays that you may take your children to over the next few weekends. As the nights are drawing in and the days are getting shorter– please be mindful of where you are parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Make sure you choose a space so that children are able to walk along the pavement and cross the roads safely outside the school grounds.

Thank you

Thank you for all the support your gave before half term for our Wear it pink for cancer and our Mac Millan coffee morning. Together we raised **£281.22** for these charities. This will help support the wonderful work they do in helping cancer sufferers.

Friends of St Mary's

I had the pleasure of meeting with a number of parents who are going to help organise and run fundraising events in the school.
We have arranged the Christmas Fair for **Friday 4th December**
Christmas Discos for children in Reception to Year 2
Reception Disco – Tuesday 15th December
Year 1 Disco- Wednesday 16th December
Year 2 Disco Thursday 17th December

Anti-Bullying week



From the 16th – 20th November it is Anti Bullying week, the official theme this year is '**Break the Silence'.** We will be taking part by wearing odd socks on Monday 16th November. Please send your child in odd socks or some brightly coloured, jazzy tights.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves and that we choose to respect others and create a community free from bullying and it helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

I look forward to seeing all of your socks on Monday 16th November!



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Workshops for parents

Wednesday 25th November 9.15am or 2.45pm– Phonics workshop - find out how our phonic scheme is taught and how you can support your child at home with their phonics and reading.

School Trips

A reminder that Year 2 have a school visit coming up.
They are going to the National War Museum on Wednesday18th November to bring to life their learning this half term.

Please ensure you have completed the permission forms and expressed whether your child will be having a school packed lunch or you will be providing them with a packed lunch from home. We need to inform the kitchen of numbers so that they can cater accordingly.

Celebrations this week



Our stars of the week are:

Akaya in St Andrew Class
Kanistra n St George Class
Ladydocia in St Bernadette Class
Luke in St Therese Class
Aayan in St Francis Class
Sophia in St Martin Class

Living and learning in the St Mary’s Way are:

Ziane in St Andrew Class
Anastasia in St George Class
Naera in St Bernadette Class
Aisha in St Therese Class
Brielle in St Francis Class
Navadheeran in St Martin Class



On the Golden Table this week for having impactable table manners are:

Helen in St Andrew Class
Ohemaa in St George Class
Thomas in St Bernadette Class
Lyra in St Therese Class
Josiah in St Francis Class
Eliza in St Martin Class

Wednesday word

WISDOM

“God alone is infinitely wise. He is wisdom, power and love”
St Maximillian Kolbe



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Dear Lord Jesus
Please help us to grow in wisdom to be kind and loving, as so one day to share with you in all the joys of heaven
Amen

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation.

God Bless you all and have a wonderful weekend

Dates for your Diary

Here are some dates for your dairy. As we plan more events we will add them on and let you know in advance.

Autumn 2 Term

~~02/11/2026~~	~~All Souls Day~~		30/11/2026	Feast of St Andrew- St Andrew Class to church
~~03/11/2026~~	~~St Martin's Feast day – Visit the church~~		01/12/2026	
04/11/2026			02/12/2026	Nursery Nativity Play
05/11/2026			03/12/2026	Reception Nativity Play
06/11/2026			04/12/2026	Christmas Fayre
Week 2			**Week 6**	
09/11/2026	Open Day		07/12/2026	
10/11/2026	Open Day Friends meeting		08/12/2026	
11/11/2026	Remembrance Day assembly MHST workshop for parents		09/12/2026	Year 2 Nativity Play
12/11/2026			10/12/2026	Year 1 Nativity Play
13/11/2026			11/12/2026	Reception Height and weight
Week 3	**Anti-Bullying Week**		**Week 7**	
16/11/2026	Open Day Odd Socks day		14/12/2026	
17/11/2026	Open Day		15/12/2026	Reception Disco
18/11/2026	Year 2 Visit National Army Museum		16/12/2026	Year 1 Disco
19/11/2026	Faith Leaders and Student council to St Aiden's for Wintershall Advent Travelling Crib		17/12/2026	Year 2 Disco
20/11/2026			18/12/2026	**Carols by candle light 2.30pm** **END OF TERM**
Week 4				
23/11/2026				
24/11/2026				
25/11/2026	Phonics Workshop for parents			
26/11/2026	I Rock performance assembly			
27/11/2026				

Spring Term Dates 2026/2027



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	Spring 1			Spring 2
Week 1	Staff meeting:		**Week 1**	
04/01/2027	**INSET DAY**		22/02/2027	
05/01/2027			23/02/2027	
06/01/2027	The Epiphany of The Lord		24/02/2027	
07/01/2027			25/02/2027	
08/01/2027			26/02/2027	
Week 2			**Week 2**	
11/01/2027			01/03/2027	St Francis to Mass
12/01/2027	Parent evening		02/03/2027	
13/01/2027	St Martin Liturgy		03/03/2027	
14/01/2027	Parents evening		04/03/2027	**World Book Day**
15/01/2027			05/03/2027	Mothers Day Liturgy
Week 3			**Week 3**	
18/01/2027	St Francis to Mass		08/03/2027	St Martin to Mass
19/01/2027			09/03/2027	
20/01/2027	St Bernadette Class Assembly		10/03/2027	St Therese Class Assembly
21/01/2027			11/03/2027	Whole Class photos
22/01/2027			12/03/2027	
Week 4			**Week 4**	
25/01/2027	St Martin to Mass		15/03/2027	St Bernadette to Mass
26/01/2027			16/03/2027	
27/01/2027	St Francis Liturgy		17/03/2027	St Bernadette Class Liturgy
28/01/2027			18/03/2027	
29/01/2027			19/03/2027	
Week 5	**Children's mental Health week**		**Week 5**	
01/02/2027	St Bernadette to Mass		22/03/2027	St Therese to Mass
02/02/2027			23/03/2027	
03/02/2027	St Therese class Liturgy		24/03/2027	
04/02/2027			25/03/2027	**Annunciation** **LAST DAY OF TERM - Finish 2pm**
05/02/2027			26/03/2027	**Good Friday Bank Holiday**
Week 6				
08/02/2027	St Therese to Mass			
09/02/2027	**Safer Internet Day**			
10/02/2027	**Ash Wednesday**			
11/02/2027				
12/02/2027	**INSET**			

Summer Term Dates 2026/202

	Summer 1			Summer 2
Week 1			**Week 1**	



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12/04/2027			07/06/2027	
13/04/2027			08/06/2027	
14/04/2027			09/06/2027	
15/04/2027	Reception Screening tests		10/06/2027	
16/04/2027	St Bernadette Feast day – St Bernadette class to visit the church		11/06/2027	
Week 2			**Week 2**	**Phonic Screening week**
19/04/2027	**St Bernadette to Mass**		14/06/2027	
20/04/2027			15/06/2027	
21/04/2027			16/06/2027	St Andrew class Liturgy
22/04/2027			17/06/2027	
23/04/2027	Feast of St George		18/06/2027	Father's day Assembly
Week 3			**Week 3**	
26/04/2027	**St Therese to Mass**		21/06/2027	
27/04/2027			22/06/2027	St George Class Assembly
28/04/2027	St Andrew Class assembly		23/06/2027	
29/04/2027			24/06/2027	
30/04/2027			25/06/2027	
Week 4	**Month of Mary**		**Week 4**	
03/05/2027	**BANK HOLIDAY**		28/06/2027	
04/05/2027			29/06/2027	
05/05/2027			30/06/2027	
06/05/2027	Ascension of The Lord		01/07/2027	
07/05/2027			02/07/2027	
Week 5			**Week 5**	
10/05/2027	**St George to Mass**		05/07/2027	
11/05/2027	St George class Liturgy		06/07/2027	
12/05/2027			07/07/2027	
13/05/2027			08/07/2027	Governors Meeting
14/05/2027			09/07/2027	
Week 6			**Week 6**	
17/05/2027	**St Andrew to Mass**		12/07/2027	
18/05/2027	Sports Day		13/07/2027	Reception Graduation
19/05/2027			14/07/2027	
20/05/2027			15/07/2027	Year 2 leavers Mass
21/05/2027			16/07/2027	Nursery Picnic
Week 7			**Week 7**	Staff meeting:
24/05/2027			19/07/2027	**Whole school to Mass?? TBC**
25/05/2027			20/07/2027	**End of Term**
26/05/2027			21/07/2027	**INSET**
27/05/2027			22/07/2027	**School Closed**
28/05/2027	St Mary's Feast Day Picnic **End of Half Term**		23/07/2027	**School Closed**

