



The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Philippians 4: 13

8th September 2023

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

WELCOME BACK!

What a wonderful week we have had, welcoming all our children back to school. We have also been delighted to welcome both new children and new staff to our St Mary's family.

Thank you for your patience this week, in particular with some of our IT systems that have been affected by the St Helens council cyber attack. Thank you also for your support with uniform and appearance.

Class Dojo

All parents should have received a code to join their child's class today, either by email or as a paper copy. Information letters regarding this have also been sent to you. We look forward to sharing more of our school days with you.

Pick up and pray

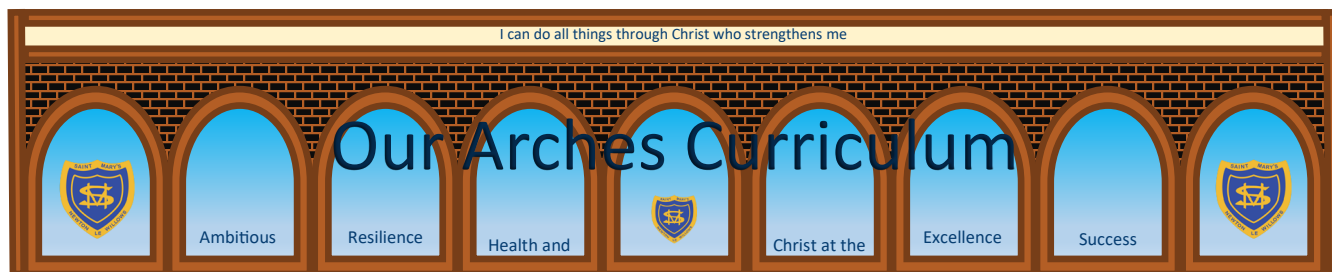
Year 6 parents are invited to a short prayer and liturgy session on Wednesday at 3.00pm. Please come in through the office and join your child's class for this short worship.

Lunches

Our lunchtimes have changed this week and although there have been some teething problems, on the whole, both staff and children have been positive about the changes. We will continue to monitor this very closely and once elected, our school council will also be heavily involved in ensuring the quality of our lunchtimes are improved.

Action short of strike action

Teachers in the NASUWT will be taking action short of strike action, commencing Monday 18 September. For this reason, there will be no after school clubs run by school staff up until at least October half term. Private sports clubs who are offering extra-curricular activities will be running as normal. These will be sent out next week.



This week we have launched our brand new curriculum. Our Arches Curriculum has been designed by the to develop the whole child by providing a broad, balanced and challenging education that is rooted in our Catholic faith. We aim to create **ambitious**, **resilient** and well-rounded learners who place **Christ at the centre of their lives**. We strive for **excellence** in all aspects of our teaching and learning, recognising that each child is unique and has individual needs. Our curriculum is designed to be inclusive and to ensure that every child is given the opportunity to **succeed**. We provide a range of experiences and opportunities for our children to develop their knowledge and skills, whilst encouraging them to be curious, creative, and independent learners who are confident and prepared to be **successful** for the future. Within this broad and balanced approach, we place an important emphasis on promoting **health and wellbeing**.

This half term we will be encouraging and focusing on **ambition and being ambitious**. Our Stars of the Week are going to be focusing on this during the weeks up until October half term.

Preloved Boutique

Both schools have lots of preloved uniform that need a new home. Please call into either office and help yourselves to any of our uniform that you might need.

Hope Academy
A Joint Catholic & Church of England Academy

TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER THROUGH LOVE

OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 27th September 2023
5:00pm – 8:00pm
Leadership Presentations 5:00pm & 6:30pm
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

OPEN MORNINGS
Wednesday 18th October 2023 9:15am – 10:00am
Wednesday 25th October 2023 9:15am – 10:00am
Online booking required as spaces are limited




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LINK TO PROSPECTUS

Hope Academy
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Newton-le-Willows
WA12 0AQ

Award Winners

	Star of the Week	Bee Award
3Ri	Riley	Lucas
3Ro	Zac	Harry
4W	India	Logan G
4M	Saffron	Lewis S
5D	James S	Sofia
5HQ	Avril	Sophie R
6W	Lola B	Lola R
6R	Jack C	Jude
6M	Niamh B	Lola B

	School Values Award	Riley A
	Millionaire Reader	
	Rock Hero	

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 Days off school	100%	perfection!
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	EXcellent!
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned



@MarysPTFA

The Federation of
St Mary's PTFA

6 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTFA

FOR THE CHILDREN

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO
SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU
VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL
IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S
SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.



FOR YOU

VOLUNTEERING IS A
REWARDING EXPERIENCE

WE PLAN TO HOST MANY
SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE
MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY
EACH OTHERS COMPANY.



FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE
FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE
PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE
TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF
KNOWING WHAT'S
HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE
THE SAME COMMON GOALS
TO HELP IMPROVE THE
SCHOOL.



IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY
OURSELVES IN ALL OUR
ROLES.

FROM PLANNING EVENTS
TO RUNNING A STALL IS
EXCITING!



KEEP THE PTFA GOING!

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL
WE NEED TO KEEP THE
COMMITTEE GOING.

COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY
TEAM AS MANY HANDS
MAKE LIGHT WORK!



*"I work full time and
help when I am able"*

*"I really enjoy seeing my
grown up help out at events"*

*"I didn't realise how rewarding
it would be"*

"I've made life long friends"

ST MARY'S PTFA

GRAND SUMMER RAFFLE

Tickets coming home in book bags soon.
Limited extras will be available at the school
office.

See Facebook & Twitter for prizes.

£1 PER TICKET

TESCO
Community Grants

St Mary's PTFA

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who used their blue
tokens to vote for St Mary's in the Tesco
Community Grant.

Great news - we came top & have been
awarded £1,500 towards projects at the Junior
School!!

WIN A NINTENDO SWITCH BUNDLE

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Please help give our fundraising a boost
- Win up to £25,000 every week
- Support our school, and win!

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And search for: Federation St Mary's



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