

# The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

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

Respect Compassion Resilience

### A message from Mrs Grange and Mrs Follin,

A warm welcome back from us both after half term. Today across the Federation we have observed the National Moment of Silence for Ukraine to mark one year since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began. All the children showed how compassionate they are by respectfully reflecting the bravery of the people of Ukraine.

Our Lenten journey began on Wednesday, Father Peter visited the Juniors to celebrate Mass and give out ashes. The infants celebrated their Lenten promises at the Infants during whole school collective worship. The children have been talking about how Lent is a time when we pray, do kind things for other people, give up things and give to others, as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter.

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with all the children next week. Please join in with the competitions at both schools if you can; short story competition at the Juniors and design a potato character 'competition at the Infants. Thank you to parents who have already volunteered to share favourite stories at the Infants in our 'Cosy Corners'. If you can and haven't let us know, please do so ASAP. Many thanks. Enjoy your weekend and see you on Monday.



# Stars of the Week Kindness and Bee Awards



	Star of the Week	Kindness Award
Nursery	Hunter	Maya
RM	Charlie	Henry
RB	Sophia	Lea
Y10	Joe	Matteo
Y1G	Charlie	Tobias
Y2M	Noah	Sam
Y2T	Riley	Jacob

	Star of the Week	Bee Award
3Ri	Sacha	Ceecee
3Ro	Matthew	Ralph
4W	Esmae	Clemency
4M	Ayesha	Madeleine
5R	Marcel	Madeleine
5HQ	Gillian	Gracie-May
6W	Amelie	
6D	Jack	William M

### **School Values Award**

Infants: Cam

**Juniors:** 



### **New Age Kurling**

Some of our Infant children were chosen to attend a New Aged Kurling tournament this week. The children were taught some new skills and showed great sportsmanship, they really enjoyed themselves. They were a credit to their parents and to our school. Well done everyone!



### Parents Evening.

It was a fantastic turn out at Parents'
Evening on Wednesday. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child/ children's work and seeing the progress they have made. Thank you for leaving a comment celebrating your child's work. The children have LOVED reading them!

We look forward to welcoming those families who have Parents' Evening on Wednesday 1st March.

### **Phonics meeting**

Many thanks for the parents who attended the Year 1 Phonics Screening meeting.

For those who were unable to attend, the information shared will be posted onto Seesaw later today.



### **Shrove Tuesday in EYFS**

On Tuesday we celebrated Shrove Tuesday. We learnt about the history of Shrove Tuesday and talked about how and why we have pancakes. We decorated our pancakes and enjoyed them for our snack. We used lots of healthy fruits including bananas, oranges, lemon and berries. We topped our pancakes with a tasty treat of strawberry or chocolate sauce. They were delicious! Pancake Day in EYFS







Dates for	your diary –Spring 2 – St Mary's Catholic Infant School	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Fair in school hall 2.45pm-3.30pm	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS parents maths workshops in the school hall-9am and 5pm	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent's Evening 3.30pm-6.15pm. Please book though Teachers 2 Parents Friday 24th	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day	
	Children to wear either pyjamas or dress up as their favourite character Story corners will be set up in the school for parents/grandparents to come and read a story to a group of children during the afternoon.	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y1G Class Assembly in school hall -9.10am Parents and families invited	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND Coffee and Catch up afternoon from 2pm in the Infant Hall	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Mother's Day Stay and Play in the school hall. Mums, Nanas, Grandmas and Aunties welcome	
	Reception at 9.10am	
	Nursery at 2.15pm	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Paul Delaney (poet) visiting school. KS1 workshops Poetry Buzz	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Coffee Afternoon. All families welcome	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Multi skills competition am	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Egg hunt and raffle (eggs donated by PTFA)	
	Easter bonnet competition £2 to enter	
	School closes for the Easter holiday	
	School reopens on Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	

**PE Days** 

N	Monday
R	Wednesday
Y1	Thursday
Y2	Tuesday

Dates for your diary – Spring 2– St Mary's Catholic Junior School		
Tues 21st February	Return to school	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Ash Wednesday	
Friday 24th February – Wednesday 1tt March	Book Fair 3.30-3.45 in the Junior library	
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> February	4W With You Always	
Wednesday 1st March	St David's House Celebration Day. Non-uniform  4M With You Always	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y5 fundraising cake sale – London trip	
Monday 6th March	6D Prayer and liturgy	
Tuesday 7th March	Parents' Evening in school	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND coffee afternoon @Infant School  Parents' Evening in school	
Friday 10th March	St John's House Celebration Day. Non-uniform	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 SATs meeting in school	
Friday 17th March	St Patrick's House Celebration Day. Non-uniform  Orienteering day – more information to follow	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Lost in Music: Choir event at St Helens Town Hall	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	YS Apple of my Eye – DT – more information to follow	
Friday 24th March	St Mary's House Celebration Day. Non-uniform	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bingo	

# **PE Days**

Y3	Monday
Y4	Thursday
Y5	Wednesday
Y6	Tuesday

### The Feast of St David



To celebrate the Feast of St David we are inviting the children in this house to come to school in their own clothes on

### Wednesday 1st March.

During the afternoon they will take part in a special choose time together to celebrate the Patron Saint of their house

### The Feast of St John



To celebrate one of the many Feast days of St John we are inviting the children in this house to come to school in their own clothes on

### Friday 10th March.

During the afternoon they will take part in a special choose time together to celebrate the Patron Saint of their house

## House Celebration Days at the Junior School

### The Feast of St Patrick



To celebrate the Feast of St Patrick we are inviting the children in this house to come to school in their own clothes on

### Friday 17th March.

During the afternoon they will take part in a special choose time together to celebrate the Patron Saint of their house

### The Feast of St Mary



To celebrate tomorrow being the Feast day of the Annunciation of St Mary we are inviting the children in this house to come to school in their own clothes on

### Friday 24th March.

During the afternoon they will take part in a special choose time together to celebrate the Patron Saint of their house

# Together for a better internet



### Free course for parents and carers:

This short course provides you with an important insight into how children aged 4 to 7 are typically engaging with the online world. It will highlight the common areas where young children's interest begins to develop and what initial steps parents should consider around screen time, parental controls and age-appropriate apps.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/courses/online-safety-klass-for-parents-and-carers-ages-4-7

This short course provides you with an important insight into how children aged 7 to 11 are typically engaging with the online world. It will highlight the common areas where young children's consumption habits start to change as they gain more independence and what steps parents should consider around smartphone usage, family controls and starting to build an open dialogue.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/courses/online-safety-klass-for-parents-and-carers-ages-7-11



We will be celebrating World Book
Day across the Federation on
Thursday 2nd March. All children
will be invited to wear a book
character costume or pyjamas—
cosy to curl up and read a good
book in.

As part of the celebrations, our Junior librarians are launching a short story competition.



All children are invited to unleash their creativity by writing a story. This might be a story with words or it might be with pictures or it might be with both.

All entries must be received by Monday 27th February to either school office.

The winners will be announced on World Book Day. The prizes will be announced during assembly and the winners' stories will be published on the newsletter.



The Infants are running a 'design a potato character' competition. Please bring your character into school from Monday 27th February to be judged on Thursday 2nd March. There will be one winner from each class.



### **Book Fair card payment preferred**

At the **Infant School** on Friday 24th February and Monday 27th February from 3.15—3.45pm **Collect your child as normal** then enter the hall via **Dylans gate.** 

At the Junior School from Friday 24th February until Wednesday 1st March from

### <u>Infant and Junior Children on</u> dinners

If your child is going to be late for school, where possible, please contact school and ask the staff what is on the menu for lunch that day and inform them of your child's choice. Infant dinners are ordered and cooked at the Junior School, staff need to let the kitchen know of all orders before



# Please remember to slice your grapes! Please Always state grapes stroke giving them to young children! MINI FIRST AID NEVER IN HALF MIDTHWAYS RALVED OR QUARTERED LENGTHWAYS



Please do not send Prime drinks in to school, including in packed lunches.



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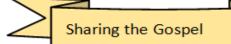




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Please ask your friends & family
to do the same too!



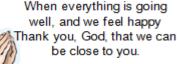




### I witness

In this week's gospel, Matthew 17:1-9, we see Jesus take Peter, James and John up a mountain where they see a vision of Jesus'

heavenly glory in the presence of Moses and Elijah, and they hear a voice that confirms Jesus' identity as God's Son.



When we are unsure or unsettled

Thank you, God, that we can be close to you.

When things are difficult, and things seem dark Thank you, God, that we can be close to you.

Amen.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grnEc0vhtyo



### ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 20 March

### THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 2 April

> MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 April

> > GOOD FRIDAY 7 April

EASTER SUNDAY 9 April