



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

So Proud of Year 2s

Congratulations to all the Year 2 boys and girls at the Infants this week. They have all been working extra-ordinarily hard with their reading and mathematics papers and have been supremely well-supported by all the staff. The children's next tasks are to produce some exquisite pieces of writing so that when the moderators arrive they'll be fantastically impressed. Well done to all the children and to our brilliant staff.

Year 6 at Kingswood

What a magnificent few days the year 6 boys and girls have had on their residential trip. The vast majority of year 6 boys and girls participated and had some incredible experiences in the 'great outdoors.' Wholehearted thanks to our amazing teachers and support staff who supervised the children and made sure they were all OK.

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the Year 4 boys and girls who received the sacrament of reconciliation on Wednesday and Thursday and to all our parents who supported their children. The children are now well-prepared to receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday and we are all looking forward to this very special occasion.

Mrs Follin

Huge congratulations to Mrs Follin who, this week, was made the substantive Head of School at the Juniors. This is well-deserved and I know Mrs Follin will give 100% effort in trying to make St Mary's, and especially all the children, the best that they can be.

Safeguarding awareness week

This week we have been raising the profile of safeguarding and child protection within school and the community. Safeguarding is our number 1 priority and is the responsibility of everyone, including all staff, parents and carers. Today, children in the Juniors have received a 'job advert' about becoming a children's 'safeguarding officer.' Children will have to apply for this job and, as a result, we will form a children's safeguarding team. The team will be announced next week and will begin work immediately with myself and Gill Curley, our safeguarding lead.

Finally, next week is our final week before the Whit half term break and we are going all out to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Preparations have already started and we have organised a whole week of activities including a choir performance at Elm Tree Nursing Home, planting trees, afternoon tea, dancing, a party day/picnic lunch at the juniors on Friday and we are asking that all the children wear either red, white or blue clothes or a mixture of all 3 colours!

Have a great weekend and we look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion and The Queen's Jubilee.



Junior School Wraparound Care

We would like to invite parents of Junior School children to a forum to discuss wraparound care from September 2022.

This will be held in the Junior School hall on Tuesday 7th June at 6pm.

We would really appreciate your views on how you would like wraparound care to look for your children from September.

YEAR 6 PUPILS AT KINGSWOOD



Kingswood 16th – 18th May

Earlier this week, Year 6 children visited Kingswood Outdoor Adventure Centre in Yorkshire, on the edge of the Peak District.

The children (and some staff!) took part in a range of exciting activities: including the *Giant Swing*, *High All Aboard* and *Laser Tag*.

Our goals were resilience, teamwork, overcoming fears and most of all – having fun!!

The weather was really kind to us and this made our stay even more enjoyable.

We had a fabulous time and it was great to spend fun time together as we near the end of our St. Marys journey.

Reception and Nursery's Day out at the farm

This week Reception and Nursery enjoyed a wonderful visit to Smithills Farm as part of their topic, 'What happens on the farm?' The children enjoyed a tractor ride, watching the cows being milked, feeding and holding the animals as well as a donkey ride! We were so proud of how brilliantly they represented the school on their visit and a wonderful day was had by all. A huge thank you to all of the parent helpers that supported us on the trip.





Safeguarding Awareness week

This week is Safeguarding Awareness Week (from 16th to 22nd May 2022). Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. Our safeguarding policies at The Federation of St Marys Catholic Schools reflect this and help to ensure that we are effective in our duty of care to children and young people. Safeguarding involves preventing harm to children's health or development, protecting children from abuse, ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care and taking action to enable children and young people to achieve their best outcomes.

With this in mind, please find below some links to helpful resources, support and tips for professionals, parents and carers from the NSPCC in relation to all areas of safeguarding for children and young people. Please note: To access the links you can copy and paste them into your browser/ search bar.

Keeping Children Safe

NSPCC have fantastic support and tips to help you to keep children safe. For advice on children's mental health, access to resources and what to do if you're worried about a child go to www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/

Links to online safety resources

NSPCC Online Safety Hub

The hub offers advice for parents, from online games to parental controls. The guides help you make informed decisions and help keep your children safe.

Understanding online safety can be tricky for all ages. NSPCC have advice to help your family stay safe online go to: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#>

Online safety for families and children with SEND

Need to talk to someone?

If you are worried about a child or looking for some advice you can call the NSPCC helpline on 0800 800 5000 8am – 10pm Mon – Fri or 9am – 6pm at weekend. Or you can email help@nspcc.org.uk.

Online safety resources for children

Our Childline website (childline.org.uk) has more support and advice about [online and mobile safety](#),

Dates for your Diary 2022

Friday 27th May Jubilee Picnic lunch at the Junior School for Reception, Y1 & Y2 & Junior School children.

21st May First Holy Communion

4F 9.30

4M 11.00

24th May First Holy Communion photographs in school

25th May Young Voices

27th May Close for half term (3.15 Infants; 3.30 Juniors)

6th June Inset Day

7 June (Tuesday) Children return

9th June Y2 Trip to Trentham Monkey Forest

16th June Y1 Trip to Liverpool Philharmonic Hall

20 June Y3/4 Sports Day PM* weather permitting

21st June 5pm (Infant Hall) New Reception information evening

21st June Nursery Sports Day (at Infants)

22nd June Reception Sports Day (at Infants)

23rd June Y1 Sports Day AM (at Juniors)

23 June Y5/6 Sports Day PM* weather permitting

24th June Y2 Sports Day AM (at Juniors)

29 June New Y3 (current Y2) transition meeting at the Junior School 5.30

6th July Transition Day Y2 to the Junior School - letter to follow.

Improve your confidence and skills with Adult and Community Learning!

ACL offer a range of courses, including qualifications

Most courses are FREE!

- Confidence and Wellbeing
- Digital Skills
- Teaching Assistant Course
- Supporting Young People and Children
- Volunteer Workshops

Join ACL for a chat at St Helens Library (The World of Glass) Thursday 14th April 1pm - 3pm

A short initial advice and guidance session will ensure that you are on the right course, whether it is a workshop, short course or qualification.

Contact us to find out more:
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SAVE THE DATE!

St Mary's Summer Social

SUNDAY 3RD JULY

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

St Mary's PTFA
stmaryspfta@zoho.com

Hope Academy Transition – Polite reminder

You will have recently received important documents from Hope Academy – please ensure they are completed and returned in the reply-paid envelope provided by Friday 27th May. Thank you

St Helens foodbank

NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
FOOD BANK HUB
OPEN FRIDAYS
11.00AM - 2.30PM

Foodbank Open

Emergency food for local people in crisis

NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
PARK ROAD SOUTH
NEWTON LE WILLOWS
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****THE FUTURE 2050****

****FREE SUMMER CREATIVE WRITING PROJECT FOR CHILDREN ****

St Helens Library Service is working with literary arts organisation Read Now Write Now who are running free online courses for children to write stories about what they think life will be like in 2050 thanks to funding by Arts Council England and support by ourselves.

These Zoom based courses are for children aged 9 to 11 years and will last for 4 weeks.

Led by author Charlie Lea, young writers will be guided on how to write amazing stories, looking at top tips and lots of literary devices and techniques to help on the way.

These stories will then be displayed online, in libraries, recorded and presented onto YouTube & Spotify and there will be an opportunity to read out stories at a special storytelling event.

To join, simply choose one of the courses to attend:

Mondays, 5pm to 6.30pm, starting 13th June 2022 for 4 weeks

Tuesdays, 5pm to 6.30pm, starting 14th June 2022 for 4 weeks

Wednesdays, 5pm to 6.30pm, starting 15th June 2022 for 4 weeks

Saturdays, 11am to 12.30pm, starting 18th June for 4 weeks.

And contact charles@readnowwritenow.org.uk to book on a first come first served basis.

All sessions will be delivered via Zoom.

Look out for news on physical workshops which will also be available in the summer at St Helens Libraries.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AND SHARE

LANCASHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION TICKET OFFER

Your children wondering what to do at half-term why not have a BLAST this summer with a FREE kids Lancashire Cricket ticket

Lancashire Cricket Foundation is pleased to be able to offer our school community the opportunity to purchase tickets for the T20 Cricket match on WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE at a discounted rate.

This fantastic offer will give kids a FREE ticket to the Lancashire Lightning v Derbyshire Falcons and the Lancashire Thunder v Southern Vipers Vitality Blast T20 fixtures at Emirates Old Trafford on Wednesday 1 June when you purchase an adult ticket reduced to just £5. Additional child tickets are just £1. This will be a day out packed with plenty of activities and games for the whole family PLUS action-packed cricket, live music and much more... the first game starts at 3pm.

The offer is available for seats in the Family Stand at Emirates Old Trafford, Stand B. There is an alcohol-free area within the Family Stand (area B3).

To claim tickets and book, please use the website below and use the code SCHOOL22



Friday 27th May – Picnic lunch and celebration

for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Non-uniform day- all children to wear red/white /blue to school



STARS OF THE WEEK AND BEE AWARDS

	Star of the Week	Kindness Award
Nursery	Everyone	Molly
RM	Erin	Max
RB	Everyone	Isabella
Y1B	Mason	Matthew
Y1G	Kalum	Sofia
Y2M	Everyone	Safia
Y2T	Everyone	Matthew

	Star of the week	Bee Award
Y3R	Patrick	Jack
Y3L	Thea	Layla
Y4F	Conner	Gillian
Y4M	Alby	Marcel
Y5R	Faye	Zak
Y5HM	Maddison	Matthew
Y6W	Sophie	Beth
Y6D	Zach	Barney

<p><u>Respect & Manners Award</u></p> <p>Infants: Nancy</p> <p>Juniors: Olivia C</p>	
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Thank you to all the TA's who helped with
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