



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 5th May 2025- School closed for bank holiday

Thursday 8th May 2025- VE Day celebrations- children to come dressed in red, white and blue
Street party from 2.30pm-3.15pm (all are welcome)

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May 2025- Year 6 SATs week

Saturday 17th May 2025- First Holy Communion mass in St. Mary's Church from 12pm-1pm

Friday 23rd May 2025- Children break up for half term holiday

Monday 2nd June 2025- Children return to school

Monday 2nd June- Friday 13th June 2025- Year 4 multiplication check

Monday 9th June- Friday 13th June 2025- Year 1 phonics screening check

Friday 13th June 2025- Father's Day afternoon tea from 2.30pm-3.15pm

Friday 4th July 2025 – Summer fayre from 3.15pm-5.15pm (more info to follow)

Tuesday 15th July 2025- Disco from 3.15pm-5pm

Friday 18th July 2025- Leavers' mass and assembly from 9.15am-11.15am

Friday 18th July 2025- Sports day and colour run from 1pm-3pm

Friday 18th July 2025- Children break up for summer holiday

Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during April



Arthur-Luke

Archie F

Randa

Jacob

Esther

Yohan

Sophia W



April Highlights

Year 6 Visit Houses of Parliament

On Thursday 3rd April, Year 6 went to London on the train. Whilst there, they had a tour of the Houses of Parliament and enjoyed seeing some of the iconic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace and Big Ben.

CAFOD Visit

On Monday 7th April, we had a special visitor from CAFOD in school. Tricia told us about the people who are helped by the money we raise through CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. She then led a workshop for each class on the Jubilee Year.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

On Tuesday 8th April, Year 1 to Year 6 walked to St. Mary's Church and back to raise money for CAFOD. The weather was wonderful and it was lovely to see the children chatting and laughing as we walked along. A huge thank you to all who donated to support the great work of CAFOD.

Mini Vinnies' Reflection on the Stations of the Cross

On Tuesday 8th April, whilst at St. Mary's Church, our mini Vinnies led a reflection on the Stations of the Cross. They incorporated scripture, mime and prayer into this. It was a wonderful way to focus our attention on the events of Easter.

Mini Vinnies' Prayer Stations

On Tuesday 8th April, our mini Vinnies led beautiful prayer stations on Easter for our pupils and parents/families. Well done and thank you!

Community Action Team Project

On Tuesday 8th April, our KS2 eco warriors worked with Camilla (from Groundwork) as part of a graffiti project for a local subway.

Year 3's visit to Rose Lodge Care Home

On Wednesday 9th April, Year 3 had the pleasure of visiting Rose Lodge Care Home to do Easter crafts with some of the residents. They had a great time and came away with lots of wonderful creations. A huge thank you to the staff for inviting us!



Attendance

Children are required to be at school by 9am as our core subject lessons (English and Maths) begin immediately after registration.

Appointments should be made out of school time where possible please.

Holidays should be taken outside of term time.

The Department for Education deems that if a child's attendance drops below 90%, they become known as a Persistent Absentee. All absences are monitored thoroughly.

To celebrate great attendance, children with 100% in a week receive 10 dojos on a Friday. The class with the highest percentage will also receive 10 dojos per child.

Below are the percentages of attendance for each class for April:

Matthew (Nursery/Reception) – 87%

Mark (Year 1/2) – 95%

Luke (Year 3/4) – 94%

John (Year 5/6) – 93%

The government's target for attendance for primary school pupils is at least 95%.

Our whole school attendance for April was 92.2%.

A child is classed as late if they arrive at school after 9.20am.

0.7% of our pupils arrived late in April.

A child is classed as unauthorised absence if they arrive at school after 9.30am.

2.0% of our pupils had unauthorised absences in April.



Uniform

School uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

If your child is not in correct school uniform, we will ask for correct uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.

Our uniform is:

- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore dress
- Sensible, plain black leather shoes/ trainers



Jeans and leggings are not permitted. Skirts and trousers should be grey not black.

Homework

Homework reinforces and helps your child to retain information taught in the classroom. It also develops study habits and independent learning.

For Year 1 to Year 6, we kindly ask that your child is listened to reading daily and their reading record is signed. Your child will receive a dojo for each signature in their record.

For Year 1 to Year 6, your child will also receive maths and spelling homework each Friday to be handed back in by the following Thursday.

Times tables are extremely important for children in Year 3 to Year 6. In Year 4, children take a times tables test. Every child has log in details for Times Tables Rockstars - <https://ttrockstars.com/>
We would greatly appreciate it if your child could regularly practise their times tables at home.

READING EVERY DAY...

...**CREATES** lifelong readers.

...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.

...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.

...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.

...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.

...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.

...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.

...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.

...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.

...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.



ATTENDANCE Matters

Schools are legally required to work alongside the Local Authority to promote the importance of regular school attendance.

It is expected schools will monitor and share absence details with Local Authorities should legal proceedings be considered.

Pupils' attendance is monitored and parents of those who fail to attend the required time may face prosecution.

The Government expects all children to have 97% attendance.

Schools count each day as 2 sessions (AM & PM).

Your child has to attend 10 full session (5 days, morning and afternoon) each week to achieve 100% attendance.

If your child has a half day absence, they would have 90% for that week. One day absence would be 80%.

In each class, the teacher takes a register. The register is taken twice a day.

If your child is late for school after the register has been closed your child is marked as late after registration. The Local Authority recognise this as an absent mark.

Sustained lateness can result in prosecution so we ask parents who are having difficulty with morning routines to speak to Mrs Evans.

Non-urgent medical and dental appointments should be arranged after school.

If the appointment has to be in school hours, then your child must attend part of that day.

They should not have a full day off to attend an appointment.





VE DAY 80th Anniversary 2025

Thursday 8th May 2025 will mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. This will be commemorated nationally and is known as VE Day (Victory in Europe Day).

To mark this special occasion, we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue.

We would also like to invite you all to celebrate this momentous day with us by joining us at 2.30pm for a street party. Food will be provided for the children but we kindly ask you to bring along a picnic to enjoy whilst socialising with family and friends.

Bingo was the ideal way to keep up spirits during wartime. With many people huddled in air raid shelters or bunkers, and with little in the way of resources, bingo was easy to set up and play. During our street party, we would love you to join in a game or two of bingo with prizes!

We hope you can join us!



