



St Mary and St Andrew's Newsletter - June 2026

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Catholic Life

Thank you to all of the families who attended the parish mass on Sunday. Our parishioners and governors have expressed their thanks and shared how they have loved having the children taking part in mass each month. We will continue this in our new school year.

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates who successfully completed the sacraments this month. Thank you to all of the catechists, teachers, families and sponsors who made these sacraments possible for our children.

Our final school mass is our Year 6 Leavers mass in church on the 17th July at 2pm. All families are welcome.

Our choir continued to spread joy amongst our local community as they performed for the residents at Brainkind.

SATS and Assessments

Our Year 2s have already completed their KS1 tests, as well as Year 6s having completed their SATs. This month our Year 4s did a great job completing their times table checks and our Year 1s, and some Year 2s, were brilliant in our phonics screening checks. The rest of the school will complete assessments in the first week of July.

We have been informed by the Secretary of State for Education that the release of Key Stage 2 (SATs) results has been delayed. Schools will now receive results on 16 July 2026 (previously 7 July). This delay is due to technical issues with the online results portal and is not related to the quality or accuracy of pupils' results.

We will share all of the results in our End of Year reports. These will be sent out on **Friday 17th July**.

Uniform

Many thanks to all of the families who have been in contact about our consultation to change our school uniform. All of the families who have emailed school have said that they would prefer the girl's uniform to remain blue. School will honour these views and no changes will be made to our school uniform.

School Library

Our school library is now complete. Mrs Feeny is looking at the best ways that our children can enjoy the new resource and further their love of reading.

Sport

Thank you to all of the families who came to support our children at sports day, especially in the heat! The children had a great day and we hope that they are memories that they can treasure. A special thanks goes to Mrs Foy for organising the event and changing several times as we were updated about the weather conditions. Thanks also to the Year 10 pupils of Our Lady's Catholic High School who were a great help on the day!

Tri Kidz are back with us on Friday (10th) for a fun day of running and cycling. The children will have a fantastic morning and can win their own Tri Kidz medal. To cheer on England as they take part in the quarter-finals on Saturday, children can wear England kits; red, white or blue, or their PE kits.

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair was a fantastic end to our sports day. Thank you for supporting the event and for all the donations of gifts, bottles and cakes. A huge thank you to the PTFA team who gave up their time to organise the fair. A special thank you to Debbie and Sandra who are leaving the team after 7 years of support to the school. Without our team of volunteers, fun events like this for our children would not exist. If you would like to offer your support and join our PTFA, please let school know and we can pass your details on to the team.

Attendance

Our attendance has fallen close to the national average. School finishes for the Summer holidays on Tuesday 21st at 1:15pm.

96.5%

Brownies

1st Barton Brownies meet at Barton St Lawrence School on Tuesdays during term time, and from September they are looking for new members. Brownies is part of the girl guiding movement and open to girls aged 7-10 years old. Some of the activities they have done this year include: craft, sports, games, a dance off, a trip to Brockholes and badges in: Leadership, Imagination and Holidays. If you'd like to sign up your daughter to join, or attend a couple of trial meetings before committing, please use this website to register and find out more.

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

They also have a few places for Rainbows (aged 5 and 6). The meetings are on a Tuesday evening at the same location. You can sign up for this using the same details as above.

HRSE Lessons

Next week (WB 13th July) each class will have a HRSE lesson in school.

Early Years: Explore the wonder of being special and unique.

Year 1: Focus on families and growing up in a loving, secure and stable home.

Year 2: Describe how we are growing and developing in diverse communities that are God-given.

Year 3: Describe and give reasons for how we grow in love in caring and happy friendships where we are secure and safe.

Year 4: Make links and connections to show that we are all different. To celebrate these differences as we appreciate that God's love accepts us as we are now and as we change.

Year 5: Show a knowledge and understanding of how we grow in awareness of the physical and emotional changes that accompany puberty – sensitivity, mood swings, anger, boredom etc. and grow further in recognising God's presence in our daily lives.

Year 6: Develop a secure understanding of what stable, caring relationships are and the different kinds there may be. Focusing on Catholic teaching, children will also know and understand about the conception of a child within marriage.

If you would like to see the 'Journey in Love' lesson in advance, you can access it on our website below:

<https://stmarystandrews.mecmat.org/curriculum/hrse>

If you wish to withdraw your child from the lesson, please contact the school office.



St Mary and St Andrew's Summer Dates

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| 10/7: | Tri Kidz Medal Day (all children to wear PE kits, football kits or red, white and blue) |
| 14/7: | Year 6 Leaver's Play 2pm and 6:15pm (families welcome) |
| 15/7: | Year 6 Leavers' Mass in church 2pm (families welcome) |
| 16/7: | Choir Concert for families and parishioners 2pm |
| 17/7: | Year 6 Camping on School Field |
| 21/7 | Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9am (Changed to Tuesday) |
| 21/7: | School ends for the Summer at 1:15pm—Year 6 will leave from Wrens classroom when all children have gone. |



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Water safety – Important message for parents and schools

Following recent tragic incidents involving water, this is an important reminder of how quickly situations can change. As the weather gets warmer, more children and young people are spending time around rivers, lakes and the coast, increasing the risk of harm.

Even on hot days, open water can be dangerously cold, and conditions are often unpredictable.

Children and young people may not always recognise these risks, so it's vital that key safety messages are shared.

Key water safety messages

Please help reinforce the following advice with children and young people:

-  **Stop and Think:** Check for hidden hazards such as deep water, currents and cold temperatures
-  **Stay Together:** Never go into or near water alone; choose areas with lifeguards where possible
-  **Call 999 in an emergency:** Ask for the Coastguard at the coast, or Fire & Rescue if you are inland
-  **Float** – If you fall in, stay calm, float on your back and control your breathing

