



The Friday Flyer

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Families,

We hope that you had a good break and wish you all a happy Easter. It was lovely to have so many parents and grandparents at this morning's beginning of term Mass and as always, the children behaved impeccably. This is a very busy term so keep an eye on our Twitter feed to see what is going on.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Leads at St Mary's are Mrs Vassallo, Mrs Durand and Mrs Beirne. They can be contacted at safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk

Dates

A date list for the summer term accompanies the Friday Flyer.

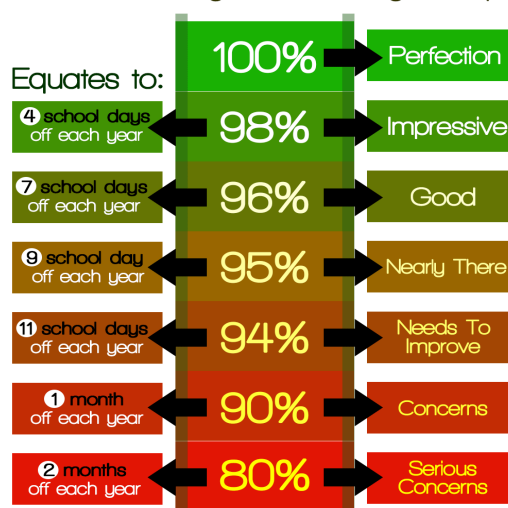
Attendance matters

RAB	99.6	RHH	95.8
1SW	93.8	1DS	95.0
2NG	98.0	2BY	96.6
3YL	98.3	3ES	97.4
4AC	98.2	4JB	99.1
5SR	100	5LM	100
6EW	99.6	6HW	100

Great attendance from most classes at the start of our new term. Well done to 5SR, 5LM and 6HW for perfect attendance!

Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



Please call the school office **by 8am** if your child will be absent from school and each day until they are well enough to return.



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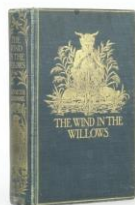
Keeping Children Safe

Attached is an information sheet on social media and mental health.



“This is me”

In planning this project I reflected on what makes me, me? Who helped to me become me? Of course I thought of my parents and of my children but one person really came to mind- that was my grandfather. When I was born, my grandmother gave me a teddy which I still have; my grandfather gave me a copy of his favourite book. He read a great deal but his favourite book was one he first read when he was at primary school. Even 75 years later, it remained his favourite book. It was “The Wind in the Willows” by Kenneth Grahame. This story became one of my favourites too and when my children were born, my grandfather gave them both a special copy of the book. It has become a tradition in my family. Of course, there are so many people and experiences that shape our lives but we would love to learn a little bit more about what and who makes you, you.



Mrs Durand

‘Air Up’ water bottles

Please ensure your child doesn't bring these to school. All they need for school is a cheap, refillable bottle. Thank you.

Pre-loved uniform

Looking after our preloved uniform is a big job and one that takes up a lot of time to organise and collect bits when requested. From Monday 24th April, if you need / want to request any uniform, please can we ask that you email -

pta.uniformstmarys@gmail.com

stating the sizes you are needing and quantity. We will then pick this mail up and confirm a day it will be available for you to collect.

If you are having a clear out of old uniform, I am sorry but we still cannot take most preloved from you. That said we do now have space for some small sizes for the new Reception 2023 and would love any donations of any sizes of the logo boys' polo tops, boys' long socks and school jumpers.

Many thanks,

Your PTA

Little Princess Trust

Sienna in 2BY and her mum are donating hair to the Little Princess Trust at the end of the month. Their donation page is here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/margie-and-sienna-donation>



First Holy Communion Dresses

Mrs Togwell, our Irish Dancing Teacher has two First Holy Communion Dresses for sale. If you are interested please call her on 07712 674 990



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Inspirational Person for this week - Rosa Parks
1913-2005

Our inspirational person of the week for this term is Rosa Parks. Rosa's story is a famous one:

On December 1st, 1955 Rosa Parks boarded a bus in Montgomery Alabama, USA. She sat in the first row of the section of the bus designated for Black African Americans. As the bus filled up the bus driver demanded that Parks and other black passengers give up their seats to white passengers who were standing; Rosa refused and was arrested. Rosa became a civil rights campaigner whose actions changed American history and inspired campaigners across the world- including here in Great Britain- where her story became directly linked to the Bristol Bus Boycott.

Our Year 2 children have learnt about Rosa Parks and her influence on British society - why not ask them if you want to find out more.



Please support us with the following:

The unmade section of Westgate Road must not be entered by any motorists other than those dropping or collecting Reception children. This extends to both before- and after-school activity times.

It is imperative that drivers dropping off children at the school do NOT mount the grass verges, and avoid turning round in the entrance to Convent Close. The grass verge separates the road from the pavement, and compromising it endangers the children's safety. Please do not leave children in cars or leave engines running



All policies are available from the school on request

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion "This Is Me " Change of schedule for Year 6.

At the end of last term we posted in the Friday Flyer information about our "This Is Me" focus for this term; thank you to all those parents who have contacted school to say how much they are looking forward to these weeks. My apologies for not noticing that the week published for year 6 clashed with their residential trip and we have therefore rescheduled the Year 6 week for the week commencing 5th June.

Mrs Durand

Westgate Road