



# The Friday **Flyer**

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 29 6 May 2022

Dear Parents,

As I write, our boys' football team is competing in the English Schools' Football Association Under 11 final at Coventry City, representing Kent Schools FA. They have had a brilliant season and we wish them the best of luck!

Please keep in your prayers all of the children who will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend. God bless them on their special day.

Kind regards,

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](mailto:safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk)*

### Next week at St Mary's

Monday 9 May	Year 6 SATs week Mental Health Awareness week 3YL visit to the Chocolate Museum  3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R,1 & 2
Tuesday 10 May	7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 11 May	3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1-2 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 12 May	Spotlights- Y1&2 -3.15pm- 4.45pm & 4.45-6.15pm:
Friday 13 May	May devotions at 8.30am Year 1 Mass  3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y1-6

### Baby news

Congratulations to Mrs Wynn and her family on the safe arrival of her baby boy on Monday. He surprised us by arriving several weeks early! Mum and baby are both doing well and we look forward to meeting him soon.



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## May is the month of Mary

We have some lovely traditions in our school to celebrate May- the month of Mary.

May devotions began this morning and we were delighted to have so many families join us for a decade of the rosary and a litany. Devotions will take place every Friday until the end of the month and you are all welcome to come.

18<sup>th</sup> May is the Feast Day of St Raphaela Mary, who founded the order of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These visionary nuns established St Mary's in 1968 and are still involved in the school today. Our May Procession takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. We begin in the hall by reciting a decade of the rosary before children and parents process to the field and surround the statue of Mary. Following hymns and prayers, the children each place a single flower at the foot of the statue before she is blessed and crowned. I hope that you will be able to join us.

Here is a prayer to Mary that you might like to say with your child

Dear Mary, my holy mother,  
I love you so much  
and I give you my heart.  
Help me to love God.  
Help me to love my neighbour  
as a child of God.  
Help me to love myself.  
Amen

## Little Wandle Early Reading update

Thank you so much to all the parents who attended the information meetings on how we teach phonics in St Mary's and why we are transition to the Little Wandle Systematic Synthetic Phonics program. It was a real pleasure to have an opportunity to talk to you all about early reading.

I will be running further meetings on the subject of early reading, but in the meantime I've attached to the end of the Friday Flyer a leaflet called 'Everybody Read'; this explains why reading with your child matters and how it doesn't matter what you read together or even reading the words on the page/screen themselves... what matters is that you are discussing with your child what it is being read. You may be surprised to learn that it doesn't even matter if you have these discussions

in your home language.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Woods

PS watch this space for news in the coming weeks about story videos being added to the St Mary's website!

## Class Masses

Class Masses resume this term, and parents and grandparents are welcome to join us. The dates as follows:

13 May	Year 1
20 May	Year 5
27 May	Year 4
1 July	Year 3
8 July	Year 2
15 July	Reception

## Safeguarding

Accompanying the Friday Flyer, you will find a helpful leaflet- What Parents and Carers need to know about Youtube Kids.

## Well done Adam

We are very proud of Adam in Year 6! After training for two months and gradually building up from an initial 15 mile ride, he managed to cycle 54 miles from Bromley to Brighton. The worst part of the ride was Devil's Dyke but he did it... well done Adam!



## **Covid**

Children who test positive for Covid are advised to isolate for three days. For ease of reference, it is as follows:

Day 0: day of positive test (at home)

Day 1: at home

Day 2: at home

Day 3: at home

Day 4: return to school if well enough to do so

*All policies are available from the school on request.*

