



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Summer Newsletter

GROWING TOGETHER IN THE FRIENDSHIP OF FAITH

## Wellbeing



This week, we opened 'The Rebecca Room' in school - this space has been created in the classroom that leads onto the yard and is designed as a safe space for children to access when they are feeling overwhelmed, worried or just need to relax and unwind. We have dedicated the room to Rebecca, along with Fr Dermott and Miss Griffiths who also gave so much to our school.

The room is open at lunchtimes and breaktimes and a member of staff will always be on hand to offer support.

We aim to extend the use of the room to other times of the day as needed and for before and after school activities.

Thank you to Georgie and Macey who created a lovely piece of artwork to decorate the room.



## Good luck

To all of our pupils who will be doing tests soon.

Our Year 1 children have the Phonics Screening Check coming up in June.

Year 4 are working incredibly hard to prepare for the online multiplication tables check and our Year 6s are busy preparing for SATs in a week's time.

We know that they will all do their very best and we wish them all good luck!

During SATs week, we will have an morning breakfast club for the Year 6s so that they can have a calm start to the day. A small snack and juice will be provided each day.



## Clubs



Thank you for returning the club questionnaires - we have collated all of the information and, based on your responses, will be confirming which clubs we will offer in the summer term. Parents will be alerted when these are 'live' on Arbor so that you can sign your child up.

Clubs will run from the week before half term to 5th July (6 weeks).

We have had to schedule clubs based on numbers and staff availability but hope that all children will have the opportunity to access what they requested.



# Thank you

To everyone who was able to join us for our Easter Mass on Tuesday. Please see below for details of masses and Celebration of the Word up to the end of the year. We would love to see you at any or all of these events.

## CELEBRATION OF THE WORD - THURSDAY MORNINGS

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| 23 May - Class 3  | 20 June - Class 5 |
| 6 June - Class 2  | 27 June - Class 4 |
| 13 June - Class 1 | 4 July - Class 3  |
|                   | 11 July - Class 2 |

All in the school hall after drop off at 9am. Please join us if you can, for any of these short services which are led by our children.



Mass for Mary, Mother of the Church - 20th May at 2:30pm  
In the school hall.

8th July - Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St Joseph's Church 6pm



## Diary dates for summer

- 13 May - Year 6 SATs start
- 15 May - Ancient Greek workshops in school
  
- 3 June - Back to school
- 15 June - First Holy Communion 11am
- 28 June - Year 6 at Primary Festival
- 1/2 July - St Bede's transition days for Y6
- 2 July - moving up day for Reception - Year 5
- 8 July - Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St Joseph's 6pm
- 15 July - Year 5 at Gateshead Stadium for BWCET  
Celebration of Sport



### School is closed on the following days:

- 6 May - Bank Holiday Monday
- 24 May - INSET DAY - school closed

### 27 - 31 May half term holiday

## READING BOOKMARKS

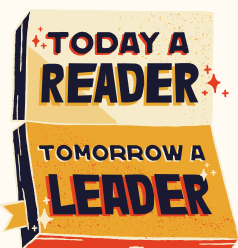
Well done to:

**Poppy, Brionie, Cole, Olivia, Jackson, Callum, Georgia** and **Imogen** for completing book mark 1

**Scarlett R, Evie, Joshua, Tom, Ava, Lyla, Millie** and **Hollie** for completing book mark 2

and to **Alexa** for completing her **third** bookmark.

**Congratulations everyone - keep reading!**



*Well done!*

## BIKEABILITY

In the spring term many of our children took part in Bikeability sessions. Despite the dreadful weather, they all put 100% into the sessions and the leaders of the course were incredibly impressed by their behaviour and attitudes.



Well done to:

**Aiyra, Bobbie, Brionie, Cole, Evie, Hollie, Jessica, Mila, Tom and Tyler** who all achieved Level 1

and to

**Alfie P, Charlie D, Elliot, Ellis, Eva, Fraser, Georgia, Lara, Layton E, Noah R and Samuel** who all achieved Level 2



## RECENT AWARDS

Congratulations to last week's...

Headteacher award winners – **Jeanie, Ella P, Aiyra, Alfie P and Macey**

Reader awards – **Olivia, Madison, Amelia, Leo and James**

Golden Welly award – **Francesca**



## ATTENDANCE

Well done to:

**Class 3** for the best attendance for the spring term and will receive a 'treat' afternoon voted for by the class. Their attendance for the term was 96%.

The termly prize draw for 100% each week was drawn last week.

Winners in each class: Bryleigh, Kaynan, Jack, Eva and Hanna.



Our whole school attendance is 94.3 which is well below the DfE expectation for good attendance.

**Please help us to get closer to the BWCET target of 97% by the end of the year.**



## Policy updates

### Complaints Policy

BWCET have updated their Complaints Policy – please visit our website to view the updated version.

### Positive Behaviour Policy

Our school behaviour policy has also been updated to include greater detail and clarification for parents.

<https://stmaryssouthmoor.bwcet.com/statutory-information/policies/>