



St. Mary's
Catholic Federation



JOINT NEWSLETTER
Friday 27th May 2022 - Sunday 29th May - 7th Sunday of Easter - Summer 1 Term

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

*Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Miss M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.
 Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Miss F Sullivan & Miss E Bryant, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond*

A message from Mrs Hulme:

Dear Parents and Carers,
 I would like to share with you the activities of this week in the run up to the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. All year groups enjoyed dance workshops when they experienced a typical dance style within a decade of the queens reign, this was really well received and many of the staff were able to reminisce too. The children gathered together today on the infant field to present music from each decade that started with nursery rhymes from EYFS, ending with a favourite of 'Any Dream will do' by year 6. What fun to be together, thankfully the Good Lord gave us fine weather. We hope to be able to share some of these with families at the summer fayre.

The cook made everyone special biscuits which the children decorated for themselves and these were enjoyed as part of our celebration day wearing red, white and blue outfits. These activities were in addition to watching the story of queen's reign unfold on screen. We have had a fab day observing a very important historical event. We are glad to hear that families will also be celebrating with family and friends. Enjoy these happy times together and we wish you all a wonderful time during half term.

Children arriving to school late in the morning

For each child who arrives after the entrance doors close, the parent needs to accompany the pupil to sign them in at the school office. This is a safeguarding issue.

Yr 6 residential in Shrewsbury

Thank you for the offerings of thanks from parents to the staff for giving their time last week to once again enable this journey away from home to happen. It's a very tiring couple of days but worth every minute to see our children grow in confidence and experience new challenges. We are exploring further opportunities for next year and will inform you when we gather more information.

Juniors - St. Mary's Award

3 Hawthorn	Lewis N
3 Mulberry	Cesare S
3 Willow	Beatrice N
4 Ash	James
4 Poplar	Joanne F
4 Rowan	Oona L
5 Birch	Timofej B
5 Elm	Micah M
5 Sycamore	Sophia O
6 Chestnut	Thea H
6 Copper Beech	Isabella L
6 Oak	Adam G



Recognition & Reward

Infant - Stars of the week

R Fox	Fabian K
R Squirrel	Maja H
R Hedgehog	Aurora M
1 Wren	Jaxon H
1 Sparrow	Victoria G
1 Robin	Gabriel M
2 Heron	Alexander M
2 Jay	Niyah K
2 Woodpecker	Chloe R

Junior - Housepoints

3rd is More: 699
2nd is Becket: 711
1st is Fisher: 813
4th is Clitheroe: 633

News for the week

SPORTS NEWS

Football:

Our boys Year 5 football team played together for the first time on Wednesday. It was great to see the team come together and be so excited for the fixture. The boys played brilliantly and won the game 3-1. Well done to our goal scorers Aidan and Michael. We are looking forward to more of the Year 5 boys playing together next year and many more matches to come!

Netball:

A huge well done to our Year 6 girls B netball team. They played against All Saints and won the game 8-1! The girls showed great sportsmanship and were really supportive of their competitors. It was a great game to watch and we're very proud of the girls! Well done all.

Athletics:

Wednesday evening was a busy sporting evening for our school! A group of pupils from Year 3-6 visited St Elphege's School to take part in an athletics competition. Thank you very much to all the parents who supported the pupils and were able to take them to the event. The pupils were wonderful and managed to finish in 2nd place! A great effort by all and hopefully the start of lots more athletics competition to come.

Quadkids:

Yet another successful athletics event took place on Thursday afternoon. 10 members of Year 6 took part in a Quadkids event, consisting of a 75m sprint, 600m run, howler throw and standing long jump. We had many, many of our pupil's finish in 1st place, but most importantly, we showed great team spirit and supported each other through every event. A big thank you to the adults who helped us on our warm up by walking to the school and a huge congratulations to all those who took part!



Another beautiful weekend at parkrun this week! A huge well done to Louis who got a PB. Well done to Izzy and Poppy, who was coached round by Finley. We also had a newcomer this week, Reuben, we hope he continues to take part in each week! Congratulations to all those who took part and we're looking forward to hearing about more of you joining in.

Attendance of the Week

Who has this week's best attendance?

Froglet: 91.7%	3 Hawthorn: 96.0%
R Fox: 93.0%	3 Mulberry: 96.6%
R Hedgehog: 96.3%	3 Willow: 93.3%
R Squirrel: 95.3%	4 Ash: 100%
1 Robin: 96.3%	4 Poplar: 95.0%
1 Sparrow: 89.7%	4 Rowan: 98.7%
1 Wren: 95.2%	5 Birch: 95.3%
2 Heron: 93.3%	5 Elm: 92.3%
2 Jay: 95.0%	5 Sycamore: 98.7%
2 Woodpecker: 89.3%	6 Chestnut: 92.3%
	6 Copper Beech: 92.3%
	6 Oak: 89.3%
Weekly Attendance W/E: 27/05/2022	
Infants: 93.6%	Juniors: 95.0%
School Year Attendance to date	
Infants: 95.1%	Juniors: 95.0%

Our target is: 97.4%

PTA NEWS

St. Mary's PTA Dates to Remember

Fri 10th June	PTA - General donation/ collection day
Thurs 23rd June	PTA Next Year's Events Planning Meeting at 9am (Infants)
Fri 8th July	Bottle donations for Mufti Day for Bottle tombola 3.15 – 5.30pm – Prepping for Summer Fayre
Sat 9th July	Summer Fayre – 'My World' 10am – 12pm – Final Set Up 12pm – 3pm – Summer Fayre 3pm – 5pm – Dismantling the stalls / Fayre
Fri 15th July	Second Hand Uniform Sale at the front of the infant school at 2.45pm

A message from Carshalton Athletic regarding girls football opportunities:

With the Women's EUROs being held in England this summer, we anticipate a boom in girls wanting to play football. At Carshalton Athletic, we will be running Girls teams in 2022/23 season at U8, U9, U10, U11 and U12 age groups - so basically from 6 year olds through to year 7

If any of your female pupils are interested in joining our club, please can you ask them to register at <https://form.123formbuilder.com/6134749/> (you can access this form from <https://www.carshaltonathletic.co.uk/trials>). Don't worry about the dates against the age groups. Just register and we will be able to contact any girls interested in trying out.

Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/lent?pid=MTA101634&v=53.11>

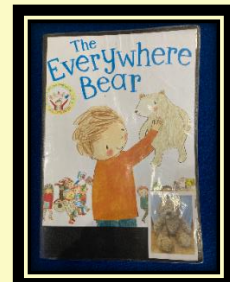


Throughout the month of May, we pray most especially to Our Lady, asking her to intercede for us with her Son, Jesus. At the Infant School we were delighted to welcome Bishop Paul Hendricks to say Mass for the Crowning of Mary, and the Junior School shared a special Crowning of Mary liturgy. Both schools shared a reflection for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and as we go towards the Feast of Pentecost which marks the end of Eastertide we remember that Jesus is always with us through the Holy Spirit.



News from Nursery

We have enjoyed our topic of Ticket to ride this half term. We have explored three stories which we came to know very well and sent our two Everywhere bears on lots of new adventures with our little Froglets. This half term we have also explored different occupations in our local community. We had a midwife, nurse and taxi driver come in and explain their roles.



News from Reception

We have come to the end of our Minibeast topic for this half term. The children have greatly enjoyed exploring and finding out lots of new facts about a variety of different Minibeasts. They created some fantastic Minibeast themed art and crafts based on the artwork of Eric Carle. Our highlight from this topic was watching the live baby caterpillars turning into cocoons and finally into butterflies which we set free. We look forward to our school trip of 'Backyard Beasties' at the Ecology centre on 30th June



News from Year 1



The highlight of this term was definitely our successful and informative trip to Hobbledown. Children had a great hands-on experience with different farm animals as well as consolidating their scientific knowledge on different animal groups, diets and habitats. Children enjoyed writing invitations to our special guests as well as making sandwiches which led to them writing clear instructions. The children should be proud of all their hard work this half term. We wish you a restful break!



News from Year 2

Year 2 have had a term full of pirate fun and games. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading *Troll* by Julia Donaldson as our text in English. Our maths lessons have been focused on telling the time and problem solving. We have just started the topic of length and height in measurement, learning how to use a ruler correctly and understanding cm (centimetres) and m (metres). In science lessons, we have explored different habitats and enjoyed our investigation finding minibeasts in a local microhabitat. In geography we have travelled around the world learning songs about the oceans and continents. In RE we understood how messages get passed on as part of our learning about Pentecost. We have now started a new topic called 'Rules'. We are so proud of the Year 2 children for all their hard work during the SATS weeks. Enjoy a good rest this half term holiday!



News from Year 3

It has been a fun and exciting half term in Year 3 and we have been very busy with our learning! In our English lessons, we have been reading '*Cliffhanger*' by Jaqueline Wilson. Using this book as our inspiration, we wrote postcards as characters from the story. Following this, we used our new skills to write postcards to our Year 6 buddies, asking them all about their trip to Conover Hall! In Maths, we have been doing lots of practical activities linked to our fractions topic. We have had some explosive Geography lessons and particularly enjoyed investigating volcanic eruptions. We have also enjoyed learning about Roman Britain and loved practising the different formations of the Roman army! We will continue with this topic next half term and look forward to finding out some more exciting facts!





News from Year 4

Hold the front page! Not only have Year 4 hit the headlines with their recounts of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, they have also stopped the press with their super sewing skills. In science, states of matter came to a sticky end with an investigation into melted chocolate, while in maths children used their decimal facts to help them deal with money.

St Paul has been our inspiration in RE lessons, teaching us that the Holy Spirit will always guide us on our journey.



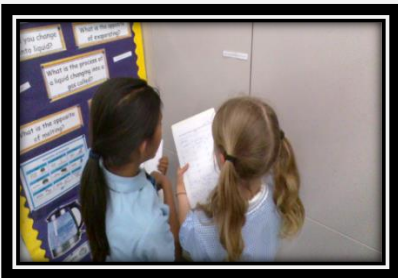
News from Year 5

It has been a fun and exciting term in Year 5. We have been looking at Properties and Changes in materials in Science which gave us lots of excuse to do fun and engaging experiments both outside and inside the classroom. One of which was to drop Mentos into fizzy drinks. Our drinks have exploded but not as much as some of the experiments that we saw on YouTube. We came to the conclusion that the more fizz in the drink the more it explodes which is why the diet coke had the least amount of liquid remaining within the bottle compared to the others.

In maths we have been learning about angles and learned how to measure them using protractors.

In English we continued our journey within the Tudor topic and we will be looking forward to our Summer 2 term when we will be visiting Hampton Court Palace.

We have also been swimming this term which was a new experience but our year group is excellent at swimming and we are enjoying our trip to our local swimming pool every Friday. The children have been working very hard this half term. We wish you a restful break!



News from Year 6

We really have been busy in Year 6 this half term! We had the KS2 SATs tests in Reading, Maths, Spelling and Grammar, and prepared for them by working very hard in class and then going on an outing to 4th Dimension where we had many physical challenges. More outdoors fun was had on our 3 day

residential in Shropshire. While away we were very active. We abseiled; climbed walls; lit fires and built shelters in the woods; paddled canoes and kayaks (some of us got very wet!); completed team quests in the dark with lasers; took part in Mini-Olympics; were praised for our behaviour throughout; shared bedrooms with up to 10 others; and enjoyed a delicious choice of food. In doing so, we became more independent and are one step further through our educational journey.



Term Dates and INSET Days 2022-2023

Autumn 2022

Thursday 1st September - INSET DAY 1 (School Closed)

Friday 2nd September - INSET DAY 2 (School Closed)

Monday 5th September - School Begins for Autumn 1 Term

Friday 21st October - Last day of Autumn 1 Term

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October - Autumn Half Term (School Closed)

Monday 31st October - First day of Autumn 2 Term

Friday 16th December - Whole School last day of Autumn 2 Term - School Finishes at 2pm

Spring 2023

Tuesday 3rd January - INSET DAY 3 (School Closed)

Wednesday 4th January - School Begins for Spring 1 Term

Friday 10th February - Last day of Spring 1 Term

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February - Spring Half Term (School Closed)

Monday 21st February - First day of Spring 2 Term

Friday 31st March - Whole school last day of Spring 2 Term - School Finishes at 2pm

Summer 2023

Monday 17th April - INSET DAY 4 (School Closed)

Tuesday 18th April - School Begins for Summer 1 Term

Monday 1st May - Early May Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Friday 26th May - Last day of Summer 1 Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Summer Half Term (School Closed)

Monday 5th June - School Begins for Summer 2 Term

Monday 19th June - INSET DAY 5 (School Closed) - TBC

Friday 21st July - Whole school last day of Summer 2 Term - School Finishes at 2pm

General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR)

The 'UK General Data Protection Regulation' (UK GDPR) brought about changes about how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and also strengthens your rights over your own data.

Please refer to our privacy notices on the school's website for details of how sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe.