Issue: 3 Term: Pentecost Date: 5th May 2023



St. Mary's and St. Vincent's

Growing in faith: loving and learning together with Jesus



Upcoming dates

Thursday 4th (St Vincent's) Friday 5th May (St Mary's) PTAs hosting Coronation tea parties for our school children

Monday 8th May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May KS2 SATs week

Saturday 13th May 2pm First Holy Communion service at St. Mary's Church

Monday 15th May 9 am First Holy Communion assembly

Friday 26th May End of Pentecost (1) half-term

Message from Mrs Waldram

We have had a week of joyful celebrations, including the special Coronation lunch and tea parties, and the celebration of Mass at each school. Thanks to all who have been involved with organising these events.

We pray for King Charles and Queen Camilla as they formally assume their roles and duties. May they be blessed with wisdom and faithful service.

As we enjoy the celebrations of the long weekend, please also spare a thought and a prayer for our children in Year 6, who will be taking their SATs next week. We pray that they are blessed with confidence, understanding and calmness. After all their hard work this year, they deserve every chance to show how much they have learnt. Good luck, Year 6!

God bless,

Mrs Waldram

Things to note

If you would like some second-hand uniform as spare or because you don't have enough for your child, please come to the school office and we will find some for you. We keep a lot of spares in school and would love to give it away to a good home! We have jumpers, cardigans, skirts, trousers and summer dresses.

First Holy Communion assembly

More news on the First Holy Communion next week, but please note that there will be an assembly on Monday 15th May to celebrate this event. The children are invited to wear their special clothes for the assembly and share their memories of their special day. Their parents / carers are very welcome to attend the assembly.

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It was so lovely to see the children enjoying a coronation themed lunch on Wednesday at each school! The sandwiches were fit for a king! Our thanks go to the kitchen staff at each school who worked so hard to prepare sandwiches for over 150 children.

This was a lovely way to start off a week of celebrating the coronation of our new monarch, King Charles III. By the time you read this, the tea parties will also have taken place, thanks to the hard work of the PTA teams. We will report on this next week.



SATs breakfast club - 9th - 12th May

Attention Year 6 students! Don't forget to come to school for free SATs breakfast club all next week. It starts at 8am and you can come into school through the main office door. Come and enjoy the breakfast and spend time with your friends before your SATs begin.



Taken from the St. Mary's parish newsletter:

Admission to Catholic Schools in the Diocese for 2023 sign-up card

Commencing Sunday 14th May, on given Sundays, in the coming months, your priest will stamp this card if you are at Mass with the children involved.



Attendance attention

So far this week, the class with the best attendance is:

Year 5 at St. Mary's with 98.6% and

Year R and 3 at St. Vincent's with 100% – well done!

See if you can help your class achieve this next week!



Start and Finish times

Please remember that your child should not be arriving at school earlier than 8.45am unless they are in Breakfast Club. This is particularly important for those children who are in Years 5 and 6 and walk to school alone. Also, school collection time is 3.20pm (St Mary's) / 3.30pm (St Vincent's), so please collect your child promptly or they will need to go into After School Club and you will be charged for this.



Certificates this week for hard work

Congratulations to all of our children who won the certificate in their class this week for particularly standing out as being hard-working!

SMPS: N – Maria, R – JoJo, 1 – DJ, 2 – Filip, 3 – George, 4 – Kory, 5 – Franchesca and 6 – Paris.

SVPS: N – Amelia, R – Luca, 1 – Anaya, 2 – Maksimilian, 3 – Treyvon, 4 – Ava, 5 – T'Yonce and 6 – Elise.