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St. Mary's and St. Vincent's

Growing in faith: loving and learning together with Jesus



Upcoming dates

Thursday 20th July SMPS – discos SVPS – Y6 party

Friday 21st July Last day of term -Sharing assembly 9am

 Parents welcome

School finishes at **2pm** (Pre-school at normal time) **No** after-school care club

Summer hols!

Tuesday 5th
September
Start of Advent
term for pupils

Message from Mrs Waldram

As we come to the end of another school year, we take time to reflect on the successes and difficulties of the year, and thank God for his constant presence in our schools and families.

I wish all of our children in Year 6, as well as any other leavers, a happy and blessed future as you move on to your new schools. Your activities week and fantastic theatrical performances this week have hopefully given you a memorable finish to your time at St Mary's or St Vincent's. Today's celebration of Mass together was a special time too.

We say 'goodbye' to some St Mary's staff too – Mr Bird, Miss Yearwood, Miss Loughnane and Mrs Worobec. We will miss you very much, and wish you all the very best in your new teaching roles elsewhere.

Thank you to all of the parents and staff at both schools for your amazing support for the children throughout the year, and also for the support I have felt during my first year of interim headship. It is much appreciated! It is my intention to serve just one more year as Head, before I either retire or move on to another role within the Trust, so I am looking forward to the many great things we have planned for next year.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

God bless,

Mrs Waldram



Sports Days enjoyed!

Over our two schools in recent weeks, we have had four Sports Days. We have been blessed by good weather at each one of them and the children have enjoyed them all so much. At our traditional Sports Days, the children were able to compete against one another in traditional sprint and activity races. At our Alternative Sports Days, the children were able to try out a wide range of sporting activities, many of which would have been completely new to them. We hope your child/children came home with some new ideas of sports they might like to take up on a regular basis. We say, 'Thank you!' as well to Miss Azzopardi for organising all of these days – she did a great job! I know she would also want to thank all of the staff for their support and say, 'Well done' to all of the pupils for taking part so brilliantly.

100%

Attendance attention

We will be rewarding those children who have achieved 100% attendance this term and this school year, in assembly on Friday. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and congratulate them. Keep your attendance up and you could be one of them too!

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School monies

As the end of the school year approaches, please make sure all your monies are up to date. Please check dinners, breakfast and after school club to make sure nothing is owing over the summer holidays. If you are in credit, it will roll over to next year. If your child is leaving school and is in credit, it will be refunded to you.

pentecost (2)

End of Pentecost (2) half-term

On Friday 21st July, it will be the end of this half-term and the school year. Pupils will be finishing at the earlier time of **2pm**. Please ensure you collect your child on time. Please note, there will be no after school club on this day.

september 2023

School year 2023 - 2024

Next school year, term starts on **Tuesday 5**th **September** for **Years 1-6**. Reception class start on **Tuesday 5**th **September**, staying until 1pm. They will begin full time on **Monday 11**th **September**. Nursery will start on **Monday 11**th **September**. Pre-school will start back on **Tuesday 5**th **September**.

special days

Art and French days

In the last couple of weeks, we have also enjoyed Art and French days which went really well. Our children have so many different talents and skills. A big thank you goes to Mrs Nathan and Mrs Wright for organising these for us. We look forward to doing more of these days in the future.



Change to registration in September

Please note that, due to a new government directive, we need to work a school week of 37.5 hours. Due to this, the registration time of school will move forward 10 minutes to 8.50am. The school doors will still be open from 8.45am. More detailed information about how this will affect your child's attendance, will be given out in September.