

# Newsletter

## St Mary's Catholic Primary School

April 2026

This is a really busy term, especially with statutory assessments taking place in certain year groups. Please note the dates listed below to ensure your children are in school, well rested and ready to use this as an opportunity to show off their learning.



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Reading

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Maths

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Maths

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - all assessments done! Non-uniform day & fun treat in school to celebrate!

During this week, we hold a Year 6 only, breakfast club that takes place in our classroom every morning (completely free of charge). It is really important that your child attends this to ensure they are here on time and have a chance to prepare for the tests taking place that day (as well as having a hearty breakfast). The SATs breakfast starts at 8am, we ask that children are here as close to that time as possible, to give them the time to attend a quick revision session before the test.

### Tips for helping with SATs preparation

1. Talk about the SATs and tell them not to worry about them. We do this in school, too, but it makes a bigger impact if school and parents do this together. Children perform best when they are relaxed.
2. Try to keep everything else running normally. So whether its sport, music lessons or Scouts and Guides; sticking to your normal routine of out of school activities demonstrates to your child that SATs are not the 'be and end all' of Year 6.
3. During the SATs week, whilst keeping to normal timetable, avoid late nights, as children will find sitting the tests tiring.
4. Try to make sure your child has some fresh air when they come home from school on test days.
5. Stay positive. Many children enjoy taking the tests as they see it as a challenge and like the importance and the feeling of being special that SATs give Year 6.

**The most important thing is to give your child lots of praise as they will be doing their very best.**

As we enter May, the month of Mary, we can use this time to think about Mary and reflect on how she is the Mother of Jesus and Mother to us all. As our school is named after and dedicated to Our Lady, all classes will be doing some work focused around Mary and this will be celebrated in a blessing with Father Basil to honour her, thank her and ask her for her continued guidance and protection.

Please ask your children all about their learning.



*Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026*

*EYFS and Key Stage 1 in the morning  
Ks2 in the afternoon*

*Parents are welcome to attend!  
Reserve Sports day (in case of the weather!)*

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
More details to follow shortly*

## Dates for your diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday - school closed

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May –  
Year 6 SATs week

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Half term

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June –  
Year 1 Phonics screen

June 2026 – Year 4 Times table check



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 at Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Catholic Cup

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Sports day



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 1 trip to Cleethorpes

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Reserved Sports day

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 5 overnight  
residential to Gulliver's Valley

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 4 - 6pm - Year 6 Leaver's party

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 9:15am - whole school Year 6  
Leaver's mass in church

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm - Year 6 Leaver's assembly

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm finish - Last day of term



Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September - New school year begins

## Postcards Home go to...

Well done to the following children who have been nominated for 'Star of the Month' for their consistent hard work and positivity towards their learning.

Jonathan (Nursery), Alfred (Reception), Chikaima (Year 1), Kaya G (Year 2),  
Lucy H (Year 3), Alice N (Year 4), Charlie (Year 5), Krystian (Year 6)

