

# St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

A Community where we Live, Learn and Laugh Together in God's Love

## Newsletter

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## 8th September 2021

# WELCOME BACK!

We are so happy to welcome all our pupils back to school today. We hope they have had a fun summer, and are ready to tackle an Autumn term full of lots of learning. As the new Headteacher at St Mary's I can't wait to get to know your children and work alongside you as parents. You make such an important contribution to children's achievements at school and I want to develop the relationship between the school and parents for everyone's benefit. I look forward to inviting you into school again, now restrictions have been eased, to celebrate and share your child's learning.

A huge welcome to our new staff members in school also, Miss Shaw, Mr McCourt, Miss Newton and Mrs Clark. I am sure you will join me in making them feel very welcome.

### School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of:

Post box red jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan  
Black or dark grey trousers, skirts or shorts.

White shirt/white polo shirt (tie optional)

Plain black footwear

A red and white gingham dress can be worn in warmer months.

### PE Uniform

PE kits should be a white t-shirt/polo shirt, black pumps and black shorts. Tight black leggings or plain black joggers can be worn in colder months.

Trainers are needed for outdoor PE.

### Forest School Clothing

When your child has Forest School they must come to school in appropriate, warm and waterproof clothing. You will be informed by text the day before to notify you.

### Our Virtue Focus

## RESPECT & COURTESY

We will be focusing on the above virtues as part of our worship over the next 3 weeks in our classrooms and assemblies.

### Year 6 Swimming

Children in Year 6 are bringing home a letter with them today about their swimming sessions which will be taking place at Sowerby Bridge Pool and Fitness Centre. Lessons are set to recommence on **Friday 10th September**. Please ensure you have a copy of the letter which identifies which days your child will attend, as each Y6 class is on a rotated timetable.

### School Website

You may notice some slight changes to the school website in coming weeks. This is to try and make it a bit more user friendly. Each class will have their own area of the website where you can find long term plans and specific newsletters with information about what your child will be learning about.

Any feedback about what you would like to see on our website would be greatly received.

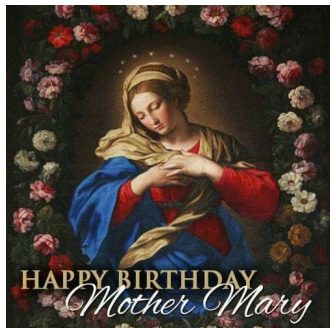
### Water Bottles



Children are encouraged to bring their water bottles to school (labelled with their name on) which they can fill during the day when they request.

## St Mary's Birthday

Today 8th September 2021, we celebrate Our Mother Mary's birthday. To mark this, in school on Thursday 9th September we will hold a special assembly where children will have the opportunity to share the artistic paper flowers, cards and pictures they have made for Mary to celebrate her special day.



## Hang Out Hub

We currently have a limit of 30 children per session for our Breakfast and After-School childcare provision. These places MUST be booked via our online system.

## We are Cashless

A huge thank you to parents for their efforts in helping us to be a cashless school. We will continue to use SchoolMoney for all school payments and transactions.

Please remember it is so important to ensure payments are made on time, especially for school dinners.

## School Jotter App

We are asking all of our families to download the School Jotter App, and find our school 'St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy'. Moving forward, we will be sending all news, letters and newsletters out via the App rather than via email. Please ensure you download the App before October half term to keep up to date with everything that is going on in school.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 24th September 2021

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning and bun sale on Friday 24th September at 10am, where parents are welcome to come in for cake, drinks and a chat. The children will then be able to visit the bun sale throughout the day to buy buns and raise money for this special charity.

Any donations of buns/cakes/sweet treats will be greatly received.

WORLD'S BIGGEST  
**COFFEE  
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

## Term Dates for 2021 - 2022

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Autumn</b>	-----	Wednesday 8th September 2021
<b>Half Term</b>	Thursday 21st October 2021	Monday 1st November 2021
<b>Christmas</b>	Friday 17th December 2021	Tuesday 4th January 2022
<b>Half Term</b>	Friday 18th February 2022	Monday 28th February 2022
<b>Easter</b>	Friday 8th April 2022	Monday 25th April 2022
<b>May Day</b>	Monday 2nd May 2022	Tuesday 3rd May 2022
<b>Half Term</b>	Friday 27th May 2022	Monday 6th June 2022
<b>Summer</b>	Friday 22nd July 2022	-----

### Staff Training Days:

6th September 2021, 7th September 2021,  
22nd October 2021, Monday 25th July 2022, Tuesday 26th July 2022