



Summer First Half Term

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Welcome back! I can confirm that despite recent weather – this is the Summer Term! We hope the sun will make an appearance this week. Our summer uniform is blue gingham dresses for the girls, grey shorts for the boys. Please help us to maintain our uniform dress code by ensuring your child keeps their brightly coloured trainers for weekends. Don't forget a water bottle will keep them happy and hydrated and if the sun continues to shine it would be advisable to apply sun cream before school.

Easter

We hope you all enjoyed a happy and holy Easter. We hope to repeat our intimate classroom liturgies during Lent next year as these were so well received. Our Easter garden, set within the corner of our Reflection garden, was a key focal point during Holy Week. The Year 6 children bore witness to the true meaning of Easter, leading us through the Way of the Cross at Our Lady's. I'm sure all those who attended were moved by this re-enactment. The children were in high spirits as we ended the day with our annual Easter Egg Raffle. We'd like to thank the staff for supporting our school through donations of Easter Eggs.

Masses and Liturgies

Date	Year Group	Time and Location
Fri 20 th April	Year 2	School Hall 9.15am
Fri 27 th April	Year 3	School Hall 9.15am
Fri 11 th May	Year 1	School Hall 9.15am
Thur 24 th May	Year 4	Our Lady' Church 9.30am
Fri 15 th June	Reception	School Hall 9.15am
Fri 29 th June	Year 5	Feast of St Peter and Paul Location and time TBC
Fri 6 th July	Whole School Mrs Jary's Retirement Mass	Our Lady's Church Time TBC
Thur 19 th July	Year 6	Our Lady' Church 9.30am Refreshments in the school hall afterwards

First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers our children making their First Holy Communion during May. They will celebrate **their** First Holy Communion during 11am Mass on the 6th, 13th and 20th May. We will celebrate with them as they lead us in Mass on Thursday 24th May. First Holy Communion photographs will be taken from 8.30am in Our Lady's on Thursday 24th May. Please see Mrs Hampson if you have any questions.

SATS

Please keep our Year 6 in your prayers as they sit their SATS the week beginning 14th May. They have worked hard and are keen to show all they know. Good Luck! Summer Term is important for all year groups as each class has their own assessments to complete. Attendance throughout this term is extremely important.

Photographs

Reception Class, Year 6 Class and the Football Team will have their class photographs taken on Thursday 24th May.

PTFA

Easter Craft Fair

We were thrilled with the huge turnout for our very first Easter Craft Fair. We thank the PTFA for all their hard work in making this event such a success for our children. All funds raised will go towards improving our Forest School.

St. Joseph's Mile

Don't forget the PTFA will be running our now legendary St Joseph's Mile on Saturday 28th April. If you've missed registration, please approach your class rep or contact the PTFA via their Facebook page. All funds raised will go towards an addition to our trim trail on the field – hopefully to be installed during half term.

Summer Fair

The PTFA have booked sunshine for our Summer Fair on Saturday 30th June. Make sure you put the date in your diary – gates open at 12 o'clock with so much to see and do!

Bags2School

It's nearly time to clear out that wardrobe to make room for those summer clothes! During the week beginning 7th May, your child will bring home a large bag to fill with clothes you no longer need. These bags can be returned to school during the week beginning May 21st.

Tall Ships

As our city prepares to welcome the Tall Ships to Sunderland, we are delighted to announce that St Joseph's have been selected to make the Washington Area banner which will be displayed at the port during the visit of the Tall Ships. Our choir also hope to be taking an active part in the Tall Ships celebrations and we will let you know as soon as events are confirmed.

Mini-Vinnies

Our Mini-Vinnies thank you for your continued support during the Spring Term. So far we have collected stamps for the Medical Mission Sisters and 53 pairs of glasses for Vision Aid. We would like to continue collecting for these worthy causes throughout the Summer Term. Our collection boxes remain in the main entrance. Look out for the Summer Term Mini-Vinnie project to support the purchase of Malaria nets.

Sports Day

This year we have booked the sun to shine on Wednesday 20th June. (Our back-up date Wednesday 4th July)

9.15-10.15 Reception and Nursery

10.30-11.30 Year 1 and Year 2

1.15-3.00 Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)

All parents, carers and grandparents welcome! Refreshments will be available.

Reports

Your child will bring home their annual school report on Monday 9th July. Staff will be available in their classrooms from 3.30-4.30 on Wednesday 11th July should you wish to discuss your child's report. Please ring to book an appointment.

Year 6 Transition to St. Robert's

Year 6 will visit St. Robert's on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th July as part of their transition to secondary school. Pupils will be expected to make their own way to and from St. Robert's on these days wearing our full school uniform.

Online Payments

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for using our online payment provision. It certainly makes life a little easier in the office. However, could we ask that you add the child's name and purpose of payment into the additional information box.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 19th April Year 5 Tag Rugby Competition

Friday 20th April Year 2 Liturgy

Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th – Year 5 Bikeability

Friday 27th April Year 3 Liturgy

Saturday 28th April – St Joseph' Mile

Sunday 6th May – First Holy Communion

Friday 11th May – Year 1 Liturgy

Sunday 13th May – First Holy Communion

Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May – Year 6 SATS

Friday 18th May – Year 6 Post SATS Picnic celebration

Monday 21st May – Bags2School collection week

Tuesday 22nd May – School Nurse in Year 6 (Puberty talk)

Wednesday 23rd May – School Nurse in Year 5 (Puberty talk)

Thursday 24th May – Photographs - First Holy Communion, Reception Class, Year 6 Class, Football Team

Thursday 24th May – Year 4 First Holy Communion Mass

Thursday 24th May – Year 2 Multi-sports competition

Monday 28th May- Friday 1st June – HALF TERM

Tuesday 5th June – Year 5 and Year 6 Control Technology Day

Tuesday 12th June – Year 5 Tall Ships Project

Friday 15th June – Reception Liturgy

Monday 18th June – Friday 22nd June – Healthy Me Week

Tuesday 19th June – Laura Samuel Olympic Triple Jumper visit

Wednesday 20th June – Sports Day

Thursday 21st June – First Aid Training Year 5 and Year 6

Friday 22nd June - Healthy Me Roadshow Year 1 – Year 6

Tuesday 26th June – Year 5 Tall Ships Project

Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th June – Year 6 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood

Thursday 28th June – Reception Class Teddy Bear's Picnic at Our Lady Queen of Peace

Friday 29th June – Year 5 to lead St Peter and St Paul Feast Day

Saturday 30th June – Summer Fair 12-3pm

Thursday 5th July – Year 6 Production

Friday 6th July – Mrs Jary's Retirement Mass

Monday 9th July – Annual School Reports

Tuesday 10th/Wednesday 11th July – Transition to St Robert's Year 6

Friday 13th July – Whole School Tall Ships Junk Modelling Day

Tuesday 17th July – Whole School community, family and friends – Pirate Picnic Party on the field weather permitting

Thursday 19th July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass

All dates correct at time of publication