



**Newsletter No. 35: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

We've had such a busy week this week. We started our week thinking about the Gospel message and how we have many names and titles for Jesus that tell us more about who he is. Jesus' titles help us understand and get to know him and we can reflect on this as we come closer to Jesus during prayer.

On Wednesday, the teaching staff welcomed their new classes and the children welcomed their new staff. This was a lovely morning and got the children thinking all about how far they have come, their targets for the new academic year and excitement about upcoming learning projects. Staff were very impressed with children's behaviour, manners and enthusiasm.

Yet another highlight of our week was our music assembly and concert yesterday. Thank you to our talented choir and musicians who led us through such a delightful and engaging rendition of some of our favourite music, showcasing their marvellous talents and hard work! Choir, keyboards, flute, violin, drums - wow! The children have come such a long way this year and this was the perfect opportunity for them to share their talents with a live audience. We thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to all of our music teachers, including Mrs Amann and Mrs Ray, who helped organise the concert.

We have received two more lovely pieces of news this week. Our first one is regarding our development towards the RHS School Gardening Campaign Award. We have achieved the level 2 and level 3 award! The children have been learning about how gardening improves wellbeing, decorating positivity stones, bookmarks and garden labels and thinking about planting their choice of vegetables. Thank you to all staff for their hard work with this award, particularly Mrs Joyce, Ms Lucas and Miss Friel. We are looking forward to working towards level 4 in autumn!

In another piece of exciting news, we have received a Silver Award in the School Games Mark! We have been thinking about how we offer children opportunities to be inspired, engage with sports and compete. Thank you to all staff, particularly Mrs Smith and Mr Reynolds, our PE leaders, for encouraging and supporting this award.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Hill

**SMA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Bake Off**

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our 'bake off' last week. We were overwhelmed by the amount of cakes and treats sent in and how many of you stayed to support the event at the end of the day! It was a delicious afternoon - thank you! We will let you know the total raised very soon.





Recognising and celebrating the  
presence of Christ in one another.

## Notices

The PTA are now busy working on their next fundraiser, the 'St Mary's Summer Fayre.' Please put **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 3:30pm** in your diaries! As is tradition, we have a non-uniform day planned for next Friday in order to prepare for the event. Please could we ask you to send your child in with boxed cakes. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. All of this generosity means our fayre can go ahead.

We know that many of you will be purchasing new uniform and PE kit during the holidays. Please see our website for uniform information for fairness and consistency for all. Please note, there should be no sports labels or sports brand names on any PE t-shirts, jumpers or trousers. (Nike, Adidas, etc. are not acceptable as part of our school uniform.) It is red t-shirts and jumpers for PE with an optional school badge.

Items with the school badge are available from:

<https://www.a4jdesigns.co.uk/> and <https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/>

We also have a stock of upcycled uniform in school. Please contact us if this would be helpful for you.

Inset Days for 2024-25 (school closed to pupils):

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

## Events

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Y4 educational visit

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July - YN closed for current nursery pupils

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1:45pm and  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 6:30pm - Y6  
Production (tickets will follow)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July PTA non-uniform day  
Boxed cake donations please  
3:30 PTA Summer Fayre

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1:40pm Y6 Leavers'  
Mass

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm Term ends

September:

Year 1-6 start back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

September

YR start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

YN start on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

## Reflection and Prayer

### *This Sunday is the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jesus returned to his home town of Nazareth with his disciples, and on the Sabbath day, he went to the synagogue to preach. The people there were amazed by his wisdom and all that he said. However, some people would not listen to Jesus or believe in him. Jesus was amazed and disappointed at their lack of faith.

#### A prayer for faith in God

Lord God, bestow the gift of faith onto me. Please help me to have confidence in Your goodness and Your faithfulness. Help me overcome life's obstacles and lead me along the path You have prepared for me. May I find courage and consolation in Your love, and may my belief in You serve as a beacon for others.

Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher

