



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, Jesus is talking to God through prayer. Jesus prays that his disciples may follow his teaching and to love others. We have been thinking about how we can show solidarity and share our faith with others through our words and actions.

Our thoughts have been with our year six children this week as they have completed their SATs tests. We know that they have worked so hard and tried their absolute best, showing maturity, grit and dedication. They have certainly risen to all of the challenges and their concentration was excellent!

Y2 have some quiz papers to complete and then after half term, Y1 will complete their phonics screening check and Y4 have a multiplication check. We are impressed with all children's hard work.

A huge well done to Y4 who presented the first class showcase of the year yesterday afternoon. We were wowed by all of the knowledge they shared with us regarding their science and wider learning. Their singing and dance moves were amazing! They also welcomed a visit from fire fighters on Tuesday - what a week!

You are welcome to join us for our Y1-6 May Procession on Monday at 2:30pm. The ceremony, in honour of Our Lady, will start in the hall and lead out to the prayer garden. Please see the separate letter sent as we are asking if you would kindly be able to send your child in with various plants, bulbs, seeds or flowers according to their year group. This was really successful last year and I am sure will be the same again this year. Many thanks for your support with this.

Please also look out for the Rosary bags, which are coming home on a rota throughout the month of May. It is a chance to create a prayer service at home and say some of the rosary together. If you could take a photo for the padlet, that would be wonderful to share as well.

Finally, we wish Y3 a holy and joyful weekend as they celebrate their First Holy Communion tomorrow. We are looking forward to what I am sure will be a reverent and beautiful Sacramental event and milestone. You are welcome at the Y3 Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 24th May at 9:10am.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been kind and thoughtful to others, using adventurous vocabulary and using great expression when reading.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y4 for a wonderful showcase and Y6 for such a hard working week.

Our lunchtime award went to Y5 for lovely manners and being kind, safe and responsible.

Our winning Saint Stars team was St Cecilia - they enjoyed extra break time.

Online Safety

Please be mindful of the apps your child is using. As you will be aware, our digital footprint is with us for life and that what is posted online, even within private messages, can have a detrimental impact. St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School is fully committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all our children and keeping them safe both physically and online and it is important that we all work together to ensure that children use any online platforms appropriately and safely. Here is a helpful website outlining age restrictions and safety guides:

[What age can my child start social networking? - Internet Matters](#)



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Notices

- **Class Showcases:** We are really looking forward to our class showcases. This is a chance for parents to come in and see your children present some of the wonderful, exciting things that they have been learning about. They will take place on the following dates:
YR: Wednesday 12th June 2:30pm
Y1: Thursday 20th June 2:30pm
Y2: Thursday 13th June 2:30pm
Y3: Friday 14th June 2:30pm
Y5: Thursday 6th June 2:30pm

Y6 end of term key dates are:
Production on Wednesday 10th July 1:45pm and
Thursday 11th July 6:30pm.
Tickets will follow
Y6 Leavers' Mass Thursday 18th July 1.40pm
- Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to take part in our vocations week! A separate letter will be sent with more information.
- The PTA are organising an exciting event - a ladies' fashion show and pop-up shop for the evening of Friday 7th June. Tickets can be purchased via the school gateway.

Events

Saturday 18th May: Y3 First Holy Communion 11am and 1pm

Monday 20th May: May Procession 2:30pm for Y1-6 (parents welcome)
Please see separate letter with more information.

Week beginning Monday 20th May - sports week and walk to school week
(please send children to school in PE kit each day this week)

Sports days will be as follows:

- KS2 will be Wednesday 22nd May at 2pm
- EYFS and KS1 will be Thursday 23rd May at 9:15am.

Friday 24th May 9:10 Y3 Thanksgiving Mass in school (all welcome)

Reflection and Prayer

This weekend we are celebrating Y3's First Holy Communion on Saturday and Pentecost on Sunday.

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the First time.

May this day be an initial step into a lifelong love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they can turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us who cherish this sacred sacrament.

Amen

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher



All:
O Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that by the gift of that same Spirit
we may be always truly wise
and ever rejoice in His consolation.

Amen.

