



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

**Newsletter No. 31: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

This week, the children have enjoyed workshops led by Brian Martin from Cafod, learning all about Catholic Social Teachings. Catholic Social Teachings (CST) are considered our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. We look forward to developing these thoughts and actions through our curriculum. The key principles and beliefs are: a belief that everyone is special; we think of everyone; we take part; everyone should have a say; we care for God's gifts; we put people in most need first; we show we care; we believe in sharing fairly and being peacemakers.

We look forward to seeing you at the Family Mass on Sunday at 9:30am. All year groups are welcome to attend and Y3 are invited to wear their Holy Communion outfits. At the end of Mass, everyone is invited to lead a short procession to school with the Blessed Sacrament.

Thank you to all parents who completed our Catholic Life and Mission questionnaire last term. Please find attached a summary of the responses, which includes any actions we are taking in order to drive things forward and build on the excellent work already undertaken by families, parish and school in regards to our Catholic life.

Our thoughts and good wishes are with year six as they get ready for their residential visit. We know you will do us proud, taking the excitement and adventure in your stride. Here's hoping for beautiful weather as well. We cannot wait to hear all about it.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Hill

**Award Winners**

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been demonstrating full effort and participation in lessons, presenting their work carefully for their audience and for beautiful handwriting.

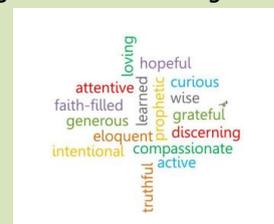
Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y1 and Y4 for showing such effort and resilience with reading and multiplication work.

Our attendance winners this week are Y5 with over 97% and a good improvement in attendance!

We will come back to our Saint Star winners next week when the children have had chance to calculate all of the Dojo points distributed.

**Virtues**

Our virtues for this half term are Intentional and Prophetic. Our Catholic Virtues are really well embedded here at St Mary's in developing each child in a vision of a good and virtuous person rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Living intentionally can only happen if one is attentive to one's experience, noticing the influences which drive us along, discerning which are good and which are not so good, guided by conscience. It means living ethically, with a set of values. Being prophetic is about being seen to do good and speaking out for what is right.





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## Notices

- Class Showcases: We are really looking forward to our class showcases this half term. This is a chance for parents to come in and see your children present some of the wonderful, exciting things they have been learning about. They will take place on the following dates:

YR: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2:15pm  
Y1: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2:15pm  
Y2: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2:15pm  
Y3: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 9am  
Y4 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2:15pm  
Y5 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2:15pm

Please note, Nursery will hold a 'Stay and Play' and Y6 will perform their end of year production later this half term. More details will follow.

- Almost all of our play panels on the playground have now been fitted and are looking fantastic. This completes the PTA playground project and has made such a difference and added quality to the children's playtime experience. Thank you to everyone who supported the fashion show last night - this was a great event! The PTA are now busy working on their next fundraiser, the 'St Mary's Fest' summer fayre. Please put **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 3:30pm** in your diaries! As is tradition, we have a number of non-uniform days planned before then in order to prepare for the event. The first of these will be on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. We are asking children to wear non-uniform that day in return of parents paying £1 on the gateway please. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## Events

Y4 Swimming has started on a Tuesday afternoon

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am Family Mass, all welcome

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June Y6 residential

Y1 Phonics check next week - please see separate letter

Y4 Multiplications check next week - please see separate letter

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June Y4 Claymation Workshop

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June - School Nurse Sleep Workshop for parents 2:15pm

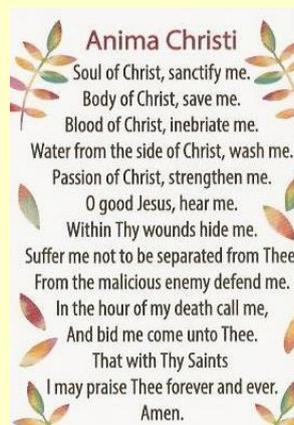
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June - New Nursery and Reception class induction evening for parents

## Reflection

*This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi*

*"Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'"*

*John, Chapter 6*



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher