

ATTENDANCE (%) 2nd September to 19th May 2016 (National Average = 96.1%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
95.7	94.4	96.4	97.7	97.1	96.2	96.2	96.2

Above national average	Same as national average	Below national average
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TERM DATES 2015—2016

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Date Re-open For Teaching Purposes</u>
Autumn 2015		
Autumn half-term 2015	Friday 23 October 2015	Monday 2 November 2015
Christmas 2015	Friday 18 December 2015	Tuesday 5 January 2016
Spring half-term 2016	Friday 12 February 2016	Monday 22 February 2016
Easter 2016	Thursday 24 March 2016	Monday 11 April 2016
May Day 2016	Monday 2 May 2016	Tuesday 3 May 2016
Summer half-term 2016	Friday 27 May 2016	Monday 6 June 2016
Summer 2016	Friday 15 July 2016	
Staff Training Days		Please note the day we break up for Summer 2016. It is earlier than most schools, as we have used the 3 days at the end of term as Staff Training Days
17th to 20th July 2016		



STARS OF THE WEEK—20th May 2016



	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Stars of the Week							

Kindness Award

Look Smart	Act Smart	Be Smart

	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Speaker							
Listener							
Writer							
Handwriter							
Reader							
Maths							
Scientist							
Artist							
Sports							

ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter date: 20th May 2016

WEBSITE: <http://st-marysrc.schooljotter2.com/>

Events

Friday 27th May 2016
Feast Day Mass and Picnic

Friday 27th May 2016
Break up for Half Term

Monday 6th June 2016
Back to School

Monday 6th June 2016
French Visitors arrive

Tuesday 7th June 2016
New Starters (Sept 2016)
1.30pm (Parents)

Wednesday 8th June 2016
Y3 Oriental Museum

Wednesday 8th June 2016
Y5 Bolton Castle

Thursday 9th June 2016
Y6 & Rec Mass

Friday 10th June 2016
Y6 Assembly

Tuesday 14th June 2016
New Starters (Sept 2016)
1.30pm (Children only)

Wednesday 15th June 2016
Y4 Beamish Trip

Friday 17th June 2016
Y5 Greenfield Experience

Tuesday 21st June 2016
School Photographs

Tuesday 28th June 2016
New Starters (Sept 2016)
1.30pm (Children only)

Wednesday 29th June 2016
Y5 Woodham Academy



Dear Parents & Carers

We have to start by saying well done to all our Year 6 children who worked so hard last week with their Sats. As you may have read in the media, the test papers were challenging, but it was lovely to see the "have a go attitude" they all demonstrated. They all enjoyed the "no -after Sats, party" party last Friday and are now all back to a normal routine- it seems a Firebird has landed in the class.

Our younger classes have led our weekly liturgies for the last two weeks celebrating two major feasts in the liturgical calendar. Last week Year 1's assembly on the Ascension reminded us how important our friend are, even if they move away we can still remember the good times we had together and keep their memory close in our heart.

This morning, Reception explained in very clear voices (with no words on cards) how Pentecost is the Church's birthday and that the gifts the apostles received are gifts we can all use. The children certainly showed us "joy" this morning.

Next week we celebrate our Feast Day, and we invited you to join us for mass at 10.00 followed by picnic lunch on the field as usual. Hopefully the weather will be warmer this year.

Space is limited in our cloakroom areas and we have noticed that the children are bringing larger bags to school with only a small reading book inside. Unfortunately not have the space for large rucksack bags and PE bags in the cloakroom or in the storage boxes in class so a small reading bag would be appreciated.

In preparation for our French visitors after half term, Y5 have Skyped our partner school and are looking forward to meeting them in person.

Thank you for your support

Aunette Sowa

Mrs. A. Sowden, **Head Teacher**

RECEPTION NEWS

In Reception we have been preparing for our Pentecost Assembly. The children have been enjoying practising their songs and dances - we are very proud of them. The children told us which gifts the Holy Spirit had given them and how they use them - they certainly share their love, joy and happiness with us daily :)



YEAR 1 NEWS

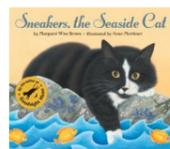
Y1 have been working so hard on their new creative homework; Miss Bakes and Miss Wise have been so impressed with the amount of effort and work that has gone into it (parents too!) - thank you so much for your support. We will only have one week left after half term to revise Phonics before our Phonics Screening test, so any help at home over the holidays would be greatly appreciated - please ask if you require any resources or words/sounds to focus on. Over the next two weeks we will be making our own lunchbox from recycled materials following on from our Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch book study and Seaside topic - we can't wait!

Phonics
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YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have worked very hard this week on their SATs. Well done to everyone.

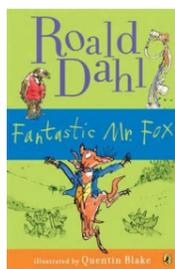
We have also enjoyed making up stories about Sneakers, the Seaside Cat.



YEAR 3 NEWS

Only 1 more week left this half term, where has the time gone? Our new homework grids are going down well, with the children getting really excited about our Egyptian topic next half term. Our trip to the Oriental museum is the first Wednesday back after half term.

We are really enjoying our class reader, Fantastic Mr Fox. The children have really enjoyed finding more about our country using an atlas. WE now know the names of some local rivers and how to interpret some common map symbols. We are looking forward to our next library visit next Thursday.



YEAR 4 NEWS

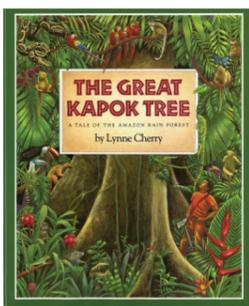
This week year 4 have had the opportunity to learn football skills from Martin Gray's Academy of football, all children were a credit to the school and worked really hard. On Wednesday the children enjoyed learning so much about electricity, they researched electricity in their own time. A lot of new and exciting knowledge from all the children. Well done.

A reminder for people who have not handed in Beamish letters, please submit these ASAP.



YEAR 5 NEWS

Over the last couple of weeks we have continued to learn about rainforests, in terms of what they are, where they are located, the different types of rainforests and the animals and plants that are sustained by them. We have found out that over half of the worlds population of plants and animals lives in the rainforest yet they only cover 3% of the Earth's surface. We are currently working on making mini TV programme presentations, inspired by Sir David Attenborough of course, to explain to others about the different layers (known as strata) of a rainforest. We have just started to read The Great Kapok Tree in class, which is a delightfully illustrated book that highlights how endangered the rainforests are in a gentle and persuasive way.



YEAR 6 NEWS

Y6 have now got back into the swing of working and writing will revolve around a traditional Russian Tale - The Firebird.

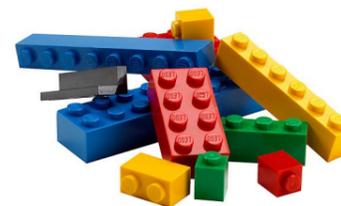
Maths has a "real life" aspect, planning a holiday to Australia - no expense spared. We have children with expensive tastes. They will be given a budget next time!



Lego

Do you have any unused Lego lurking in a cupboard or loft? If so, please can we have some?

Unfortunately, we will not be able to return the Lego after the event. Donations can be left at the office. Thank you in anticipation.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

If you have any Active Kids Vouchers lurking in the car, purse, wallet or handbag, please bring them into school. The school can get much needed sports equipment with the vouchers. **Vouchers must be in by 27th May.**



Mini Vinnies

Just a reminder that the Cafod Lentern market raised £730, the Government will of course match this funding, making a total of £1460. Cafod are coming to school in assembly at 10.10 to collect the cheque. All parents and grandparents are welcome.



Healthy Eating

This week is National Vegetarian week and our school have taken part in this by having 2 vegetarian options available in school. Also a representative from Taylor Shaw came in to talk to the whole school about how vegetarian foods can form part of a healthy diet.

After half term week beginning 13th June we are taking part in Healthy Eating week (in conjunction with the British Nutrition Foundation). Children will be doing some practical activities in school and be encouraged to take the challenge of trying to follow 5 main goals:

- ◇ Having breakfast
- ◇ Trying new foods
- ◇ Keeping active
- ◇ Eating 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day
- ◇ Drinking plenty of water.

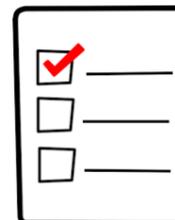


THINGS I'VE ACHIEVED THIS WEEK

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Feel a bit like this? Got so much to do that you don't know where to start?

Some people find writing lists helpful and others can find a list even more daunting. Try to ease the pressure of being busy by choosing a few things to focus on each day. Small achievable steps will not only help to get you back on track by allowing you to achieve success and feel good, it will also get some of those pesky jobs done! Start by choosing 3 jobs each day and ceremoniously tick them off when they are done. A happy dance usually works well.



Stay Safe in the Sun

To keep your child safe in the sun, please make sure you apply sun cream before they come to school, preferably with one that lasts for 8 hours. Children may bring sun cream to school in their bags but they must be able to apply it themselves and must not share it with other children.



We also ask that children bring a sun hat and a bottle of water (which can be topped up in school).



Milk in School

- If your child is under 5 they will automatically receive milk each day in school.
- When your child turns 5 they can still receive subsidised milk through school by contacting Cool Milk.
- If your child is entitled to benefit-based Free School Meals, they can receive free milk each day in school.

If your child is over 5 and is entitled to benefit-based Free School Meals, please contact Mrs Hall to discuss the options. To set up paying for your child's milk, please contact [Cool Milk](#) or pick up a registration form from the office. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Hall.



Year of Mercy

'When I needed a neighbour, were you there?'

In the month of May, we pray for the poor.