

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
95.5	94.1	96.4	97.6	97.0	96.1	96.1	96.1

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

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open For Teaching Purposes
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

17th to 20th July 2016

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



STARS OF THE WEEK—10th June 2016



	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Stars of the Week	Macey	Samuel G	Alex	Leland	Finley	All Yr 5	

Kindness Award	Y1—Christopher for helping Elijah find his cap and being a good friend.
Kindness Award	Y5—whole class for being amazing ambassadors to our school all week.
Kindness Award	Reception—for welcoming and caring for our new starters, especially Evan

	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Speaker	Lola & Casey		Ava	Grace	Alfie	All Y5	Faye
Listener	Rishon	Abigail	Sarah	Leland	Jack	All Y5	Alex
Writer	Addison	Mya	Hope	Christian	Ben		Drew
Handwriter	Charlotte	Oliver T	Sophie	Sky	Bailey		Nathan
Reader	Lola & Casey		Faye	Sophie	Oliver		Arella
Maths	Liam	Olivia A	Harry E	Maja	Rhys		
Scientist	Riley		Olivia T	Emily	Lucy		
Artist	Micah	Sophie	Logan	Samuel B		All Y5	Serenna
Sports	Macey		Reagan	Samuel P	Robbie	All Y5	Matthew

ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter date: Friday 10th June 2016

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

Events

- Tuesday 14th June 2016**
Reception—Vision, Height & Weight Checks
- Tuesday 14th June 2016**
New Starters (Sept 2016)
1.30pm (Children only)
- Wednesday 15th June 2016**
Reception—Forest Schools Day
- Wednesday 15th June 2016**
Y4 Beamish Trip
- Friday 17th June 2016**
Y2 Assembly
- Friday 17th June 2016**
Y5 Greenfield Experience
- Monday 20th June 2016**
Sports Day
- Tuesday 21st June 2016**
School Photographs
- Wednesday 22nd June 2016**
Father's Day Lunch
- Thursday 23rd June 2016**
Y5 St John's
- Friday 24th June 2016**
Y5 Assembly
- Monday 27th June 2016**
Y5 Big Bang North East Fair
- Tuesday 28th June 2016**
New Starters (Sept 2016)
1.30pm (Children only)
- Tuesday 28th June 2016**
Y6 Transition visits (Greenfield and Woodham)
- Wednesday 29th June 2016**
Y5 Woodham Academy
- Thursday 30th June 2016**
Y6 Transition visit (Carmel)
- Friday 1st July 2016**
Y4 Assembly
- Friday 1st July 2016**
Y6 Transition visit (Carmel)

Dear Parents & Carers

What a fantastic week we have had. The weather has been gorgeous which always helps, but our Y5 have been excellent hosts to our foreign visitors and ambassadors for our school.

Monday saw the arrival of 22 children from our partner school in France. Each year Mrs Mason has hosted the children but as she is working mainly in KS1 we were a little unsure as to whether it would go ahead. However Miss Miles agreed to pick up the gauntlet and with the help of Mrs Mason, Mr Kemp and Mr Addinall had a terrific week. Both schools had worked on a project about Agincourt and this week did some activities together before visiting Castle Bolton in Wensleydale. There were quite a few tears on Thursday afternoon as the children left, hopefully the children will take the opportunity to keep in touch. Y5; I would like to say

Félicitations Y5 vous nous avez fait très fier cette semaine.

I wonder who can tell me what it says?

On Tuesday we said hello to our new Reception for September 2016. Mrs Salmond was so proud of the present Reception children who were really friendly and polite and made the new children feel more at home.

On Wednesday Y3 went to the Oriental museum and had a mind blowing day learning about the Egyptians. Feedback from the staff at the centre was brilliant, they mentioned how polite and well behaved the children were.

On the whole we have had a lovely week. It's hard to believe we have only 5 weeks left. There are lots of events over the next few weeks please check the side panel and the Events List sent home this week.

Thank you to all who came to our family feast Day Picnic. I really thought that this year we had managed to get the weather sorted and lots of families came. A major power failure was not on my list of possible disasters but thank you for helping to collect the children so efficiently. There were a number of children who were not collected possibly because the contact details we have are not up to date. If you have changed your mobile or home phone number recently please let us know.

Au revoir et je vous remercie pour votre soutien.

Mrs. A. Sowden, Head Teacher

RECEPTION NEWS

In Reception the tadpoles STILL HAVEN'T GROWN ANY LEGS - but we have enjoyed feeding them ham from our sandwiches.

We are very excited about our new topic of the seaside and are trying to give our classroom a seaside feel. We have started to make preparations for Year One and can't believe that our first year of school is nearly over! Where has the year gone?

YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 have enjoyed their first week back at school and have settled back into routine really well. The children have been making ice cream cones for Art in line with our Seaside topic and are looking forward to learning about Katie Morag. Next week the Phonics Screening Test will begin, each child will be taken out of the classroom with Miss Bakes and will be tested on 40 real and nonsense words, testing their phonics knowledge and understanding. We will also be taking part in Healthy Eating Week and will be making our own vegetable soup and homemade bread - any ingredient donations are welcomed!



YEAR 2 NEWS

In Year 2, we have been creating our own magical under the sea scenes and mermaid characters to use in our stories next week. We have invented some fantastic fantasy creatures to include in our under water adventures.

YEAR 3 NEWS

We have had a great start to this half term with our trip to the Oriental Museum. During the visit the children explored Egyptian clothing, examined what the Egyptians ate, then they got the chance to explore working out codes in hieroglyphics. In the afternoon they got to see a real life mummy, which the children thought was amazing! The final part of the day involved the children acting out what might have happened in the afterlife. The children are really excited now about exploring more about Ancient and Modern Egypt this half term. Watch this space, as the children are planning a Newton News report on the Oriental museum.



YEAR 4 NEWS

Hope everyone had a fantastic half term. Can you believe this is the last half term? Where has the time gone? This week children had the opportunity to try out tri golf and thoroughly enjoyed it. Children were a pleasure and our visitors were very impressed.

Just a reminder that next Wednesday we are going to Beamish, children to ensure they wear uniform and appropriate footwear please. This half term children are focusing on our local area and creating some persuasive writing.

Please can you remember to hear your child read 10-20 minutes a night and complete the new homework grid.

YEAR 5 NEWS

This week we have had such fun entertaining our French visitors and have made lots of lovely new friends. We visited Bolton Abbey, performed some archery, made some tuzzy wuzzys (a medieval herbal bag that people thought would rid them of disease), used real feather quills and ink to practice calligraphy writing and even found out how to fire a cannon. We were able to hold a cannon ball that was fired during the Spanish Armada. By far the highlight of the day (other than lunch of course!) was the bird of prey demonstration. Woody, a common buzzard enjoyed flying over our heads so close his feathers brushed our hair through our hair at times, and Morag, an eight week old eagle owl who couldn't yet fly, hopped around amongst us and took a real fancy to Ryan's shoes and trousers. We wish our French friends a safe journey home to France and look forward to Skyping them next week.



YEAR 6 NEWS

This week the children have been investigative journalists to report on the missing Golden Apple which formed part of the Firebird display. Witnesses have been interviewed and newspaper reports have been written. The children have also started learning the songs for their leavers play - there are some very talent singers, actors and comedians. You will be in for a treat. The script is in the process of being redrafted to take into account the children's skills.

Little Princess Trust

Julie Seddon (parent and staff member) is having all her hair cut off to support the Little Princess Trust at the end of June.

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss. If you would like to make a donation or sponsor Julie, the collection box and sponsor form are available at the school office.



Healthy Eating

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.



Lost Property

If you have visited school recently, you will have noticed there is a pile of lost property at the main reception desk. We do try to go through and take items out with names in and return them to children. Please check the lost property on Monday for any lost items. Any unclaimed items will be put in the charity bin on Tuesday.



Year of Mercy

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

In the month of June, we pray for the refugees.

Lord Jesus,
we remember that you were a refugee
when your family had to flee to Egypt to
escape Herod.

Look with mercy on today's refugees
who are fleeing from danger and persecution,
hungry and afraid, separated from loved ones
and with nowhere to call home.

With trust in God's love and mercy we bring
our prayers to Him. Amen



Sports Day

School Sports Day will be held on Monday 20th June 2016 starting at 1pm. Staff and young people from Woodham Academy will be helping on the day and the PTA will be providing refreshments. All parents welcome to attend.



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.



Please note that staff are not allowed to apply sun cream. 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.

