



Headteacher: Mrs R McKinney  
 Week ending: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents,

**Blessed Virgin Mary**



The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The practice of honouring Mary, Queen of Heaven during the entire month of May is something that we can share as a Catholic community. We are undertaking some devotions at school such as reciting the Angelus daily at 12.00pm , preparing 'Marian Altars' in the classrooms and school entrance, discussing the feast of Our Lady of Fatima and finally crowning Mary during our May procession on 24<sup>th</sup> May. Try to encourage your child to pray the Hail Mary or Hail Holy Queen at home this month.

**Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.O clement O loving O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.**

<b>Congratulations Assembly</b> - Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May at 9.05am assembly.	
Reception Tom F	Y4 Matthew F
Y1 Filip B	Y5 Avah G
Y2 Isla T	Y6 Maddie P
Y3 Jenson C	

<b>Spotlight on Attendance</b> We are unable to authorise any requests for holidays during term time.	
Rec 94.7% CONCERN	Y4 94% CONCERN
Y1 100% WELL DONE !	Y5 96.4%
Y2 91.7% CONCERN	Y6 96.7%
Y3 97%	Overall 95.8% CONCERN

**Coming Up**



**Gardening Support**



We need some help to get our Prayer Garden, Grotto and Reception Mud Kitchen Area back looking beautiful again! Do you have a spare couple of hours, during the school day or after school that you could come along and help? Please see Mrs McKinney or Mr Emery for more details. In the past a group of parents with pre-schoolers came along and did some gardening during the summer months. Unfortunately the group of parents who initially helped with the Prayer Garden have now left the school as their children have moved on.



## Masses

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Mass - Ascension – Y5

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Mass – May Procession and First Holy Communion Celebration – Y3

**Ks1 SATS** Statutory testing begins next week in Y2 and will continue until the end of term. Children will be assessed in small groups. We are hoping that the children see the assessments as a chance to show us all they have learnt this year. The assessments should not cause your child any stress or anxiety. If you have any concerns please speak to a member of staff.

**New Uniform** Our first order has been made and should arrive in the next couple of weeks. New style jumpers and cardigans in all sizes will be available for you to try on. The 'School Uniform Policy' is under review by Governors and will be available on the school website from 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Ties will be available to purchase from school from the end of May 2018. Please note - Children will not be required to wear a new style school jumper, cardigan, or shirts and ties next academic year 2018 -2019. However from September 2019 white shirts and school tie will replace polo shirts as part of the school uniform and new style jumpers and cardigans will be part of the school policy.



**Royal Wedding Picnic** On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a special picnic lunch in school to celebrate the Royal Wedding. The children can come to school wearing red, white and blue and will be making flags etc. If your child usually has school dinners, a special cold buffet lunch will be provided. If your child has sandwiches and would like to enjoy the special buffet then you can make a payment on parentpay £2.30.

**Multi Faith Week** If you are not a Catholic and from another faith background we need your help! Would you be willing to come in and share your experiences with the children? Do you know someone who practises another faith and would come into school and give a short talk? Each year group will be finding out more about world religions and it would be a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn from another person. If you can help us please contact Mrs McKinney or Mr Emery.



## This week

**First Holy Communion** Thank you to parents who came along to the preparation session on Monday. Mrs Jones led us in a thoughtful reflection about the Eucharist and we look forward to the children's special day on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**Wake Up Shake Up!** Thank you to Mr Griffin and Miss Smith who have reintroduced 'Wake Up, Shake Up!' to St. Alban's. Our group of Bronze Ambassadors from Y5 did a fantastic job, leading us in some wonderful routines last Friday afternoon. Children can go straight to the school hall on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8.45am to get a little extra exercise to start their day.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.  
See you on Tuesday!

Mrs McKinney

<b>Summer Term Diary Dates</b>	
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closed – Bank holiday</b>
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am</b>	<b>Mass – Y5</b>
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am and 12.00pm</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Y3</b>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Y6 SATS week begins</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Royal Wedding Celebration Picnic Day – Children may wear red, white and blue!</b>
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Multi-Faith Week begins</b>
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Reception and Y1 Trip to the Thinktank</b>
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2.30pm</b>	<b>Y5/6 Parent Talk – Sex Education and Online Gaming</b>
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am</b>	<b>Mass –May Procession and First Holy Communion Celebration</b>
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Pentecost – Chaplaincy Team Prayer Service Break up for Half Term</b>
<p>A list of dates following May half term has been sent out. It is also available on the school website or please ask in the school office for another copy.</p>	