



St Mary's Catholic School

Growing together in knowledge, faith and love

26th January
2018



Star of the Week

Week 1

- ★ Reception: Sadie
- ★ Class 1: Dominykas
- ★ Class 2: Logan
- ★ Class 3: Megan
- ★ Class 4: Kayden
- ★ Class 5: Carmen
- ★ Class 6: Ella



Week 2

- ★ Reception: Priya
- ★ Class 1: Alyssa
- ★ Class 2: Annabelle
- ★ Class 3: Violet
- ★ Class 4: Finbar
- ★ Class 5: Julia
- ★ Class 6: Lilly

English Experts

- ★ Class 1: Ellie
- ★ Class 2: Elsa
- ★ Class 3: Lottie
- ★ Class 4: Finbar
- ★ Class 5: Iona
- ★ Class 6: Lyla



After School Clubs

If your child is unable to attend an after school club, please could you call the school office to let them know. If your child would like to join a club they are not currently attending, parents will need to see the school office to complete the after school consent form as the club may already be fully booked.

Polite Reminder

Please could you remember that when you are on school property you are amongst children. We believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment. Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the aims of the school and could result in withdrawal of permission to be on the school premises.

Dear All



I would like to fill you in on some of the exciting things that are happening at St Mary's. We are now well underway with our Healthy Schools Award and are delighted that we have a full page article in the Cornwall Healthy Schools promotional documentation discussing 'A Mile a Day'. On Friday 2nd March the children will all have a healthy eating work shop with Chartwells and this will be followed with a parent food taster afternoon at 2.30pm. The children will also be having a range of cooking sessions baking bread and making smoothies planned for later in the term. We now have our playground leaders taking the lead at playtimes supporting other children with suitable games they can play and look fabulous in their new sweatshirts!

Although we have not yet received our next HMI visit we have been having monitoring visits from our IAB (Interim Academy Board). Last week they looked at teaching and learning around the school and I would like to share with you some of the positive comments:

They recognised the hard work and high aspirations of the staff to provide high quality teaching across the school. The behaviour and attitude of most pupils was exemplar due to high expectations. Pupils are making good progress in all subjects. It was a pleasurable visit, the learning environment is of a high quality and supports and celebrates learning well.

Yesterday your child will have brought home a nomination form for a parent governor. Although we currently have an IAB in place, they will be stepping down from their role and a local governing body in place from the removal of Special Measures. The school is looking for 2 parent governors who will begin shadowing the IAB from March. If you are interested in applying for the role and would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you all a restful weekend,
Demelza Bolton

Class Attendance

Each week classes have the opportunity to win the attendance prize. Our overall school attendance at the end of last term was **94.8%**. The national figure for attendance is **96%**. I would like to ask for your commitment to making sure that your child attends school every day possible this year. The evidence is clear that children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school. High attendance rates are linked to high pupil achievement. Every day counts! Missing school even 10% of the time has a significant negative impact on reading and maths achievement as children progress through school. An increasing number of children are also arriving late to school. The school gates are open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am. Please could you make sure your child is in school for the close of the register at 9am.

Sport

Mounts Bay Academy hosted an inter school Sportshall Athletics competition on Monday 22nd January.

The activities included a variety of track and field events where children showcased their talent. Years 3 and 4 competed in the morning and came 4th out of ten schools, with our Year 5 and 6 team achieving 7th place out of ten schools. The teams showed a wonderful team spirit and were a huge credit to the school. They also showed tremendous sportsmanship congratulating the other teams. St Mary's are nurturing some great talent and are excited about participating in events throughout the year.

Year 4 Samba

Year 4 have started Samba lessons for an hour every Tuesday. They have real rhythm! We look forward to welcoming the Year 4 parents to join us in a lesson after half term.



Year 3& 4

Reminder to parents that money for Bude residential camp need to be paid by the 20th April.

Year 3 trip to Truro Museum on the 7th February - money needs to be paid by Monday 29th January.

Year 4 trip to Truro Museum on the 9th February . Money needs to be in by Thursday 1st February.

An invitation to join author Michael Bird at Morrab Library on Saturday 3rd February, from 10.30am, to talk about his new book '*Vincent's Starry Night and Other Stories*'.

This is a free event and families, children & adults are all welcome - please do spread the word!

Free Science Club Workshop for Children

Join our STEM Explorers interactive workshop for 7-12 year at Telegraph Museum in Porthcurno. For more information visit

www.telegraphmuseum.org

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 31st January	Year 5	Curriculum Assembly
Thursday 1st February	All	Candlemas Mass in school 9.30am
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February		Half term holiday
Monday 19th February	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Tuesday 20th February	All	Return for second half Spring Term
Tuesday 27th February	Year 4	Curriculum Assembly
Thursday 1st March	All	World Book Day
Wednesday 7th March	All	World Maths Day
Wednesday 7th March	All	Reports out
Thursday 8th March	Year 3	Curriculum Assembly
Tuesday 13th March	All	Parents Evening
Wednesday 14th March	All	World Science Day
Wednesday 14th March	Year 2	Curriculum Assembly
Thursday 15th March	All	Passiontide Mass in school 9.30am
Thursday 15th March	All	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st March	Year 1	Curriculum Assembly
Wednesday 28th March	Reception	Curriculum Assembly
Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April		Easter Break

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April	All	Return for Summer Term
Thursday 26th April	All	Easter Mass in Church 10am
Week Beginning 14th May	Year 6	SATs week
Week Beginning 7th and 14th May	Year 2	SATs weeks
Thursday 24th May	All	Mass of Our Lady in School 9.30am
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June		Half term holiday
Monday 4th June	All	Return for second half Summer Term
Friday 29th June	All	St Peter and Paul Mass in Church 10am
Thursday 19th July	All	Leavers Mass in School 9.30am
Monday 23rd July	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Tuesday 24th July	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Wednesday 25th July	All	Break up for the Summer Holidays