



### Reflection



This Sunday, we hear Jesus calling all people who are working hard, who are tired and struggling to come to him. Jesus knows that we all have times when we find life difficult. We all have times when even though we try hard, we can't do something. We all have times when we are tired, fed up and would like to give up.

Jesus says in the reading that he is always there to comfort and support us. That when we are tired or finding things difficult, we can turn to him and find rest. We can share our worries in prayer. And we can pray for help during the most difficult times.

So, this week, let's remember we can turn to God when things are hard. But also, let's look after others who are finding things difficult and do our best to help them. We can show them that they are not alone by the way we treat them.

### Prayer

Caring God, you are there with us in the most difficult times. Help us when we find things hard. Help us to be there for others when they are struggling. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

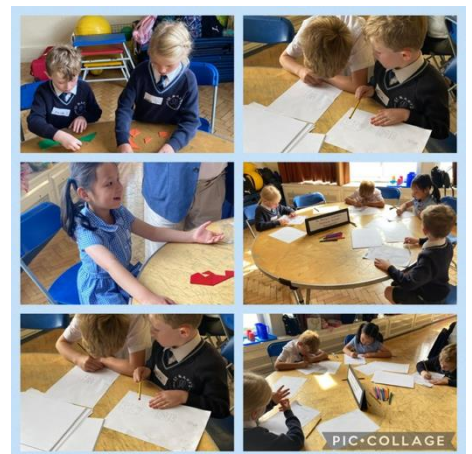
### Another busy week!

It has been another sporty week at St Mary's when children from Year 3 – Year 6 went to Cardinal Heenan High School to take part in a cross country and a fun run. St Mary's came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Catholic School's Cross Country Competition and the children were all amazing. Miss Roberts was so proud of the resilience and determination she saw from all the children.



We also had amazing spellers who represented our school at the BWCAT Spelling Bee at St Peter's and Paul's. The competition was very impressive but the children from Year 1 to Year 6 showed their very impressive spelling skills off.

Some children in Year 1 went to the able maths day at Ireland Wood and took part in some very challenging, very fun maths! Mrs Quinn said their behaviour was excellent.



## NEWSLETTER – 6 July 2023

### Online Safety

Please find attached a guide about what parents and carers need to know about Rumble to keep your children safe online.

### Year 6 production

Tickets for the Year 6 production on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July are now on sale, priced at £2 each. Tickets can be purchased via this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-6-production-tickets-668344996877?aff=oddttdtcreator> on Eventbrite. We will record it as well and share the link after the production.

### Parent Survey

Thank you to all those who completed the parent survey, it was very positive! We will feedback to parents before we finish for summer as we have some lovely things to celebrate such as all the sporting opportunities, trips and the PTA events and some things we can look to improve on next year. Thank you to all those who were able to give their feedback.

### Summer fundraiser

Our summer fundraiser will take place on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm** due to the teacher strikes. Everybody is welcome! Parents or family members who are able to attend are asked to collect children at **2.25pm** from their classroom doors. To ensure children who are unable to be collected, have the opportunity to visit the stalls, please complete this very short survey to indicate if you will be collecting your child or not at the earlier time. We appreciate many of our parents work and we want to be able to take any children who won't have the opportunity otherwise, to access the activities. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7HXQZ9D>  
**Please complete by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 9am** so we can organise staffing. If we do not have a response for your child, we will assume somebody is coming to take them to the fundraiser.

Children are asked to come in non-uniform next Friday and to bring £1 to donate towards the summer fair.

### School Disco

The PTA have kindly funded the school disco on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** this year so there will be no cost to parents. Children should come to school in party clothes/non uniform.

We thank the PTA for all their continuing fundraising which has supported the school this year with the cost of trips therefore reducing the cost for parents and allowing school to enrich the curriculum at a time of significant cost of living issues for parents but also a funding crisis for schools.

### Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 at a state funded school or academy, automatically get free school meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

If you receive benefits and your child already gets Universal Infant Free School Meals, you should still register for free school meals. This is so school can claim funding to support your child at school. This is called Pupil Premium. This money is used to fund additional support in school for your child,

Children in Year 3 or above, are only eligible for free school meals if their parents or carers are entitled to benefits, and they make an application for free school meals.

Children who receive free school meals in primary school will still get them when they move to secondary school.

You can apply for free school meals [here](#).

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### Headteacher Awards

Reception – Ruby T & Jacob M

Year 1 – Melody G & Emily M

Year 2 – Hannah B & Alexander TF

Year 3 – Sophie C & Nina A

Year 4 – Clíodhna KE & Kaitlin H

Year 5 – Callum G & Nicole L

Year 6 – Orlaith G & Lucy L

### Virtue Awards – Wisdom

Reception – Jacob C

Year 1 – Lily M

Year 2 – Betty T

Year 3 – Ronan C

Year 4 – Isobel S

Year 5 – Thomas O'R

Year 6 – Anna Maria C

### Diary Dates

Please note changes or additions in red. \*denotes parents welcome

#### July

Monday	10		Year 5 class trip
Monday	10		Year 6 class trip
Wednesday	12		Moving up morning
Wednesday	12	2.00pm	Year 6 production*
Thursday	13		Moving up morning
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Summer fundraiser – new date</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>Non uniform – bring £1 towards the summer fundraiser</b>
Friday	14		Reports to parents
<b>Monday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Meet the new class teacher (Current Reception to Year 4)*</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Meet the new class teacher for Y6 for current Year 5s*</b>
Wednesday	19		School disco – non uniform
Tuesday	18	2.00pm	Leavers' Mass*
Thursday	20	9.15am	Leavers' assembly*
Friday	21	9.30am	Whole school Mass*
Friday	21		School closes



## **Parish News**

### **FATHER HENRY'S LEAVING COLLECTION**

As you are aware Fr Henry is sadly leaving us in August to take up his post as Parish Priest in Garforth. There will be envelopes marked "Fr Henry's Leaving Collection" in all 3 churches from this weekend. These can be placed into the offertory collection baskets. I would be grateful if all envelopes could be returned by 21st July. There is an option to donate via our DONA machines or on-line to: Sort Code: 402715 Acc. No: 21017888. Please reference the donation "Fr Henry". Thank you.

### **PARISH OFFICE**

We are delighted to announce that Laveena Francis will be working alongside Amanda in our parish office and are sure you will join us in welcoming her into this busy role.

### **MASS TIMES**

Father Michael will be away on Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 7th until 14th July and Father Henry will be away from Friday 14th until 21st July so note there will be reduced Masses this week and next.

### **THANK YOU**

to everyone who helped make our recent Celebration of God's Creation event such a resounding success: to all the helpers and bakers, to those who contributed items for the display, and to everyone who came to the event. It was such a joyous event, full of laughter, creativity and friendship. The display - showcasing the wonder and beauty of God's creation in our locality - was absolutely amazing in the different types of objects that you contributed and in the talent which went into their creation. We have put a display board at the back of our 3 churches, each carrying some of the items from the display, and over the next 3 Sundays, these will be rotated so you can see part of the display, even if you didn't make the event itself.

### **SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday Vigil)**

Holy Name	6.30pm
St. Mary's	8.15am
Holy Name	9.00am
Assumption	9.45am
St Mary's	11.00am
Holy Name	11.15am