



PRAYER TO END A SCHOOL YEAR

God of Wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

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Mary's Meals

A huge thank you to all our families who donated spare change for our Mary's Meals campaign. We raised £129.96 which equates to 1,624 meals for children in schools in Africa. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Parish changes

We wish Father Jude and Father Festus good luck as they leave our parish for their new parishes in August and we look forward to welcoming Father Henry Longbottom and Father Michael Doody in the new academic year. There will be a family Mass on Sunday 25 September at 11am at St Mary's church. We hope all our families can join us for the first family Mass of the year.

What a year!

I can't believe another year is coming to a close but it has been the most 'normal' year we've had in a long time. The children have as always been amazing, continuing to show superb resilience after the disruption of the previous academic years. The children at St Mary's are always our biggest selling point. After every trip or visit, people comments on how brilliant they are and we're very proud of them all.

It has been a busy year as always with not only the day to day teaching but also First Holy Communion for Year 5 and Year 4, residential for Year 5 and Year 6, trips, pantomimes, theatre productions, careers week, health week, fundraisers, grow a pound, Advent and Easter parent workshops and much much more.

All the additional activities would not be possible without the teachers and teaching assistants who go the extra mile to make sure the children are learning but in a fun, exciting way giving up plenty of their own time. I'm very pleased to see many of our parents recognise that in our parent survey.

I wish you all a very relaxing summer and hope the sun shines on you and your families. For those leaving us this year, it has been a pleasure having you at St Mary's, you will always be part of the St Mary's family.

Mrs Hurley.

Staffing

We wish Mrs Wilson the happiest of retirements, very well deserved after 22 years service to the school. She will be greatly missed by all the staff and children. Thank you for everything you have done for St Mary's.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Brooke, our new Year 6 teacher in September. It has been lovely to get to know her on the moving up mornings and we know she will bring much to our school with her wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm. We wish her all the best for her wedding day in August.



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Year 6

What a wonderful last 2 weeks Year 6 have given us with their amazing production, leavers Mass, leavers assembly and buddy trip. We are so proud of the young people they have become and we wish them all the very best in their next steps at their respective high schools. We look forward to hearing all about your next step. Good luck!

Summer fundraiser

A massive thank you to all who came to our summer fundraiser last week. It was lovely to see so many families able to attend as we raised £410 towards resources for the school.

PTA letter

13 people have been able to fill in the PA survey so far. Even if you are not able to help at PTA events, it would be helpful to know

what type of events you would like the PTA to hold. It can be filled in [here](#).

School times

Don't forget from September the school day will begin at **8.50am** for all children and end at **3.20pm** for all children. Children should line up in the KS1 school playground when the bell rings at 8.50am.

PE days

PE will start from the second week of term, w/c 12th September. We are continuing to ask children to come dressed in their PE kit on their new year group's PE day which was a positive in our parent survey but also allows more PE to happen. Please see below.

Year group	PE day/s
Reception	Thursday and Friday* From 19th September
Year 1	Thursday and Friday
Year 2	Thursday and Friday
Year 3	Monday and Thursday
Year 4	Monday (PE) and Tuesday (swimming)
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Wednesday

Synergy days

Wilderness Outdoor Education will be in school on September 7th and 8th for our synergy days. Each year we spend the first week of school working on our Leader in Me habits, particularly how to work together in our new school year. Children need to come to school in appropriate clothes and shoes for being outside completing challenges and activities. **Years 6, 4 and 2 will be on Wednesday 7th September and Years 5, 3 and 1 will be on Thursday 8th September.** The cost of the workshop is £3.50 per child which can be paid through ParentPay by 5th September please. Please refer to the letter sent this week for further details.

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Parent survey

Thank you to the high number of parents who completed our survey. It is always helpful to get your feedback as to where we are as a school and how we can improve. We were very happy with the responses below. The one area that had a higher than average number was around the school letting you know how your child is doing. In line with the DfE expectations, we report to you 3 times a year through 2 parents evenings and a written report. We will consider how we can let you know more without it impacting the teacher's workload negatively.

Question	Not applicable	Yes	No
My child is happy in school.		97.2%	2.78%
My child feels safe at this school.		97.2%	2.78%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.		97.2%	2.78%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	89%	9.26%	1.85%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.		99.07%	0.93%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.		92.59%	7.41%
Does your child have SEND?		12.04%	87.06%
If yes do you agree with this statement, " My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	93%	13%	1.85%
The school has high expectations for my child.		98.15%	1.85%
My child does well at this school.		96.26%	3.74%
The school lets me know how my child is doing		87.85%	12.15%
There's a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.		97.22%	2.78%
The school supports my child's wider personal development		94.44%	5.56%
I would recommend this school to another parents.		94.44%	5.56%
This school supports my child's physical health		97.22%	2.78%

What is working well:

- Range of sports in school,
- Sports week.
- Teachers and TAs.
- Opportunities for parents to come into school.
- Residentials.
- School trips.
- Range of clubs.
- Topic work.
- Office staff.
- Family Mass.
- Staff attendance at First Holy Communion.
- Pantomime and Railway children theatre in school.

What could be better:

- Little notice of trips, events - *A calendar of events was emailed out in September 2021, it is also available on the website. The diary dates and newsletters this academic year have all had the dates for the half term. We believe we communicate very well but parents tend to rely on the text message reminders which cost a huge amount of money. We ask parents to read the dates sent out each Friday and we will send a printed copy of the planned events in September as suggested by a parent.*
- More time for parents evening - *A number of schools only allocate 5 minutes per child in the first parents evening and we keep this to 10 minutes. As much as we appreciate your support and wanting to discuss your child, we must be mindful of our staff workload and wellbeing too and extending this to 15 minutes per child would be too much for the staff only allowing 4 appointments in an hour as opposed to 6.*

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- Accommodate working parents - *We have attempted to do this by giving all dates out in September and keeping parent meetings to Zoom so they can be recorded or accessed at a convenient time. We will bear this in mind when looking at events for next year.*
- Open class room events. *Great idea! We will add this into our events.*
- Abdicating of responsibilities for sacraments - *The Bishop's preferred way of children receiving the sacraments is via family catechesis as opposed to using curriculum time in school and he has asked all schools to work with the parishes to put this in place.*
- Ability to pay online - *Great idea! We have looked into this but have previously had complaints from parents if we added a £1 for non uniform to parent pay. The office are looking into how we can make this happen.*
- More trips - *We hope these can happen in line with our long term plans. We were impacted by Covid and then the cost of coach hire and coach availability in summer term. We can only afford to have trips through parent contributions unfortunately and we appreciate the cost of living has increased. We will do all we can to continue to enrich the curriculum.*
- Printed out calendar of events - *Great idea! We will send this out in September.*
- Uniform supplier – *I spoke to the uniform supplier after complaints last year that they didn't have enough stock. They assured me in June that they have doubled their order but to advise parents to come at the beginning of the summer holidays so there is time to order additional items if needs be. We held our nearly new sale but not many parents accessed this. We therefore donated our items to the uniform exchange.*

Awards

Headteacher Awards

Reception – All Reception

Year 1 – All Year 1

Year 2 – George JG & Arthur D

Year 3 – George B & Amos McA

Year 4 – Jennifer Q & Oscar E

Year 5 – Amos F & Erin B

Year 6 – All Year 6 & Lily D

Virtue Awards

Reception – Oyan M

Year 1 – Joshua F

Year 2 – Amelia S

Year 3 – Edith O'D

Year 4 – Finn W

Year 5 – Olivia M

Year 6 – Emily Mc

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Diary Dates

*denotes parents welcome

September

Monday	5		Training Day
Monday	5		Year 6 Saint's Day
Tuesday	6	8.50am	School opens for Autumn term
Wednesday	7		Y6, Y4, Y2 Synergy day – own clothes
Wednesday	7		Intake 1 Reception
Thursday	8		Y5, Y3, Y1 Synergy day – own clothes
Friday	9	9.30am	Whole school Mass*
Monday	12		Intake 2 Reception
Wednesday	14		Intake 3 Reception
Wednesday	14	9.15 – 10.15	Open classroom*
Monday	19	3.30pm	Year 6 residential meeting*
Thursday	22		Open the Book
Thursday	22		Individual photos
Sunday	25	11.00am	Family Mass in church*
Monday	26	4.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 English parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	28		Mini Vinnie Mass
Thursday	29		R, Y1, Y2, Y6 – Darker skies project
Friday	30	9.15am	Macmillan Coffee Morning*
Friday	30	11.00am	Year 3 and Year 6 Mass*

October

Monday	3	4.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 English parent meeting via Zoom*
Tuesday	4		Reception Class Saint Day – St Francis
Wednesday	5	3.30pm	Reception parents phonic meeting
Thursday	6		Rosary Day
Friday	7	11.00am	Year 4 and Year 1 class Mass in church*
Friday	7	2.30pm	Harvest Festival*
Monday	10		Year 6 Residential
Monday	10	4.00pm	Year 2 English parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	12	4.00pm	Year 1 English parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	12		Open the Book
Wednesday	13		Flu immunisations
Tuesday	18	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Wednesday	19	2.00pm	Reception stay and play session*
Thursday	20	9.15am	Year 5 class assembly
Thursday	20	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Thursday	20		School closes
Friday	21		Training Day



Parish news

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Father Victor who's brief visit will end next weekend. It was wonderful to see him again and we greatly appreciate his celebrating Mass with us while Father Festus was on his break. Father Jude & Father Festus will celebrate their last Masses with our parish on Sunday 21st August. Fr Michael & Fr Henry move into the parish on Monday 22nd August. Therefore, there may be some changes to the weekday Masses for that week of the changeover but this will be published in the bulletin as soon as possible.

MIGRANT GROUP APPEAL

Thank You for your continued support for the group. They would like to make an appeal for new or nearly new trainers, sizes 42-47 for the men still currently living in the hotel located in our parish. Additionally, if anyone has a laptop that they no longer use these would be grateful received. The group has the facility to wipe its memory if necessary. In the recent high heat the men, like everyone, have been struggling as they only have access to small water glasses, so if anyone would like to donate water bottles that they can refill this would be greatly appreciated.

ONE AND THREE PEAK CHALLENGE TO SUPPORT ST PATRICK'S MISSION, BRADFORD

Saturday 6th August 2022. Sponsor us at: www.justgiving.com/campaign/spm-peaks-2022 - or to sign up and take part in the sponsored walk visit: www.stpatricksmision.co.uk

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