



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents,

What a special week it has been in school for our children!

Sporting activities have been a plenty, starting off with a sterling "Silver medal" performance at a **swimming** gala last Sunday! Well done to all who took part, and many thanks to the volunteers and supporters who made it possible. Children have also competed in a **tri-golf** festival and **cricket** competition, as well as all the other sporting clubs throughout the week. Brilliant stuff, folks!

Last Sunday, we also had the **Mass of Commitment** for our Year 3 children who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 10th July. **Rosary Group** has continued to run at lunchtimes with Mrs. O'Shea during this month of May. We were delighted to welcome **Bishop David Evans** (pictured below with the Confirmandi) into school on Wednesday 18th May to speak with all of the Year 6 children ahead of the **Confirmation Mass** later the same evening. It was a joy to listen to the children speak so knowledgeably about the sacrament. Congratulations to all those who were confirmed, and a special "Thank you" to **Miss Dorsett** and **Mrs. Nellist** who prepared the candidates so well.



Remember that you can keep up to date with everything that's going on in school on the class and school story pages of Class Dojo!

Mr. Linford and the St. Mark's Team

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Here's a table that shows how well each class is doing with attendance over the past two weeks:

Reception	95.5%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	99.0%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	97.5%
Whole school	97.1%

This is a great picture, with only two classes falling below our **96-97% target**. Let's try to keep it up over the last half-term of the school year. Please remember that holidays taken during term time will not be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Monday 23rd May

Individual and sibling groups

Please ensure the children are wearing their full school uniform and look at their smartest!



Wednesday Word – Sharing the Gospel

Please click on the following link to access this spiritual resource to share with your family and friends:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/peace?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=60.19>

Dates for the diary:

Monday 23rd May: 2.00 p.m. May Procession
on the school playground (School Hall if it is wet)

Thursday 26th May: 9.10 a.m. School Mass
Year 3 leading with Year 5 and Year 1

Friday 27th May: Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June:

School reopens after half-term



Friday 17th June:
Sports Day
(*weather permitting*)

Monday 27th June:

School CLOSED for Staff INSET Day

Thursday 21st July:

Last day of the Summer term

Monday 5th September:

School reopens to children for the 2022-2023 academic year



Friday 27th May: Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day

On the last day of this half-term, the children are asked to wear anything RED, WHITE & BLUE in recognition of this historic event in British history. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is the first monarch to reign for 70 years! There will be themed activities in the morning, and an afternoon of fun and traditional games. We hope it will be a day for the children to remember!



Monday 23rd May: May Procession 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is cordially invited to come along on the afternoon of Monday 23rd May to join in with a special service of praise and thanksgiving in honour of Our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God. All classes will be contributing in some way, and presenting their floral tributes made possible by your kind donations. Please sign into school at the front office from 2:00 p.m. Start time will be 2:10 p.m. If the weather allows, we will hold this ceremony on the school playground.



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Thursday 26th May

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven, you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May we be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for us. And may we do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help us to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father! Amen