ST. MARY'S RC. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Weekly News

Friday 22nd May 2026

Congratulations to our Year 3 children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. It was a truly lovely day, and we are very proud of them all.

Thank you for all your continued support this half term. Your encouragement and partnership are greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break and enjoy the heatwave!

School reopens on Monday 8th June. We look forward to seeing you all then!

Headteacher Award Winners	
Reception	Sonny and Hera
Year 1	Miron and Elodie
Year 2	Elijah and
Year 3	Cloud, Lily WB & Lily A
Year 4	Mahand
Year 5	Saim and Noah
Year 6	Fatimah and Athena

We have two weddings over the holiday! Congratulations to Miss B and Mr P! Miss B will say 'I do' in Ireland and Mr P in Spain! We wish the happy couples a life full of love and happiness!

ATTENDANCE

N	YRG	YRFK	Y1B	Y1AB	Y2A	Y2B	Y3M	Y3S	Y4P	Y5H	Y5NT	Y6B	Y6H
97	95	96	95	99	99	98	99	97	97	97	97	100	100

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EYFS

We've had a wonderful week in Nursery. We have been fascinated at the changes to our caterpillars and even watched one of the butterflies emerge from it's chrysallis. All five of our caterpillars changed into butterflies, and we enjoyed setting them free. We have also been looking at the changes to our beans this week, looking at the roots and shoots that have grown. We have replanted them into pots and look forward to seeing how much they have grown over the holidays!!

On Wednesday we celebrated world bee day by learning lots of facts about bees and their importance in the production of honey and pollination. In groups, we baked delicious honey cakes and enjoyed them for our snack. Well done, Nursery.

We hope you have a fun-filled half term holiday everyone!

We have had a wonderful last week in Reception! This week we have enjoyed being creative and using resources to create a town from our imagination. The children took part in sports day and showed great team work, resilience and determination. A big well done to St Franics for collecting so many points ! We have also been using our investigation skills to look into the past. The children have enjoyed looking at baby photos of themselves and discussing how they have changed. They also organised photos into a timeline and have enjoyed thinking about events that might happen in the future. Well done Reception, have a safe and happy half term.

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Key Stage 1

Year 1

This half term we have been learning about Plants in Science. We have planted some peas and have been looking after them and watching them grow. We now have a few shoots which is very exciting. This week we were focusing on trees and the different types of trees we have growing in our school grounds. We used leaf, fruit and/or seed shapes to help us identify the different trees. We know deciduous trees change colour and loose their leaves in autumn and winter. Evergreen trees have leaves all year round.

Year 2

We have enjoyed a wonderful half term together and are so proud of all the children's hard work. The children have really enjoyed learning about how we can care for our planet and have produced some fantastic writing about ways to help look after the Earth. We have loved seeing their ideas and growing understanding shine through in their work. The children have also been very excited to begin our new text, *The Dragon Machine*, using positional language to write sentences linked to the story and its adventures.
We hope you all have a wonderful half term.

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Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 have had a great week! On Saturday, some of the Year 3 children made their First Holy Communion. They looked fabulous and all the staff are so proud of them. The children all enjoyed our school trip to the Manchester Museum where they had the opportunity to explore all of the scientific specimens in each area. The workshop was both fun and educational; everybody handled a range of animals and used their curiosity learning power to ask thought-provoking questions.

Another magnificent week to end this half term in Year 4. We have learned the fate of the brave expedition led by Ernest Shackleton and have written a diary entry with the purpose of building tension.
We have learned to round money to the nearest pound which is helpful when estimating.
We explored Ancient Mayan innovations and inventions and discussed which we thought were most important to Mayan's and considered the impact on modern day life.
I look forward to seeing all the children back after half term!

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Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5

This term Year 5 have been creating their own prints inspired by the artist Luba Lukova. We are all impressed with the creativity the children have shown in their designs! Year 5 have also been working on their end of unit assessments for English and Maths this week. They have all shown their resilience in challenging themselves in their assessments and we are very proud of them**!**

Year Six

Now that the SATs are finally over, we have embraced our creative curriculum with great enthusiasm. The children have been practising sewing in readiness to make a boxy pencil case to take to High School, and it has been lovely to see their confidence grow. We have also been taking part in auditions for our play and learning the songs — we are so impressed with everyone's effort - it is going to be fantastic.

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Catholic Life of Our School

Congratulations to all of our children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May. The children looked wonderful and conducted themselves with great reverence and maturity throughout the Mass. We are incredibly proud of the commitment they have shown during their preparation for this very special sacrament. Thank you to our families, staff and parish community for supporting the children on such an important day in their faith journey. We wish all of our First Communicants every blessing as they continue to grow in faith and friendship with Jesus.