



Academy News

St Mary Queen of Martyrs VC Academy takes seriously its responsibility to safeguarding all children and adults and has a rigorous procedure in place to do so. The Academy does not tolerate bullying and deals with all forms very seriously

Note from our Head of School

Radio Humberside Congratulations to all the staff and children who contributed to "School of the Week" every morning this week. You were all a credit to your parents and our school, speaking so clearly and confidently about your learning. Very well done! I think we heard some broadcasters of the future.

Parents' evenings It was lovely to see so many parents in school this week to find out about their child's progress and discussing ways to support learning at home. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to meet teachers before Easter.

Parent Pay As advertised at our recent Parent's Evenings, the school will become a cashless school after Easter-please look out for your Parent Pay registration details via a letter that will be sent out before the Easter break.

Recycling As part of our drive to become a recycling community, the children will be bringing home a small box to store batteries for recycling. The boxes can be returned to school, where all batteries will be placed in the new recycling container in our front entrance. Mr Guthrie and his eco warriors are keen for everyone to participate and make a difference.

Sport Our netball team played their first match this week, drawing 3-3 in an end-to-end match against Spring Cottage. Next week sees our football teams playing in 5-a-side finals at Goals, which were postponed last week due to snow. We wish them success.



To prepare for Easter, the Junior Chaplains helped to lead us in a wonderful 'Prayer & Praise' liturgy where we learned about the events of Holy Week through scripture and song. Miss Onn & Mrs Duncan were very proud of our beautiful singing; especially Foundation Stage who came to their very first hymn practice. We certainly lived up to the words of St Augustine - by singing our hearts out, we definitely prayed twice!

Attendance

This week: 95.6%

Mrs Allen's class achieved the attendance reward this week of chocolate muffins!

Please contact the school office before 9 am if your child is too ill to attend that day. Thank you.

Home Reading

SB/CR	52%	ME	61%
KA	31%	LA	93%
KM	50%	NA	100%
SR	73%	JH	93%
JF	69%	JC	87%
HH	64%		

Date	Event - February
13th	Yr 6 drama day St Mary's College
14th	2.20 pm Mrs Clark's Stay and Pray
20th	Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 Last day for entries to the Egg competition.
	1.30 pm Phase 2 Easter perform
21st	9.10 am Easter Bonnet Parade for all of Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2
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22nd	9.10 am Mass
23rd	9.10 am—Good Citizenship awards 2pm—Good Friday Liturgy BREAK UP for Easter

Foundation Another week has flown by because we have been so busy. In FS1 this week we have all been practising writing our name. Some of us are getting really good at it too. As part of our RE topic 'Growing' we have been planting some bulbs so we can watch them grow. We have found out what they need to make them grow. For Maths in FS2 we have been learning our doubles. In Literacy we have continued our writing based around our text 'My Octopus Arms'. During our RE session we all made a Lenten promise to Jesus. We all enjoyed going into the singing assembly this week and learning some new songs. It is really nice to see lots of our children beginning to read more at home. Children are expected to read at least three times a week and it is clear that this is now happening. Thank you all for your support with this. Well done and keep this up. May we remind everyone of our **Easter Bonnet Parade on Wednesday 21st March**. It will also be Mrs. Clark's class **Stay & Pray on Wednesday 14th March**. It would be lovely to see you there.



Phase 1 Phase 1 have had another busy week. Miss Read's class enjoyed having story time with the Hull Library Service on Monday. We also learnt the skill of tie dying fabric in our Design and Technology lesson this week. We enjoyed World Book Day last Friday. Mr Hermann read his favourite story to Mrs Merckel's class. Miss Allen read to Miss Adam's class and Mrs Foster read to Miss Read's class. We just love reading in Phase 1! In Year 2, in Maths, we made a giant Venn Diagram in the hall using cones. We enjoyed sorting shapes into our own Venn Diagram. Did you know that Venn diagrams were introduced in 1880 by [John Venn](#) who was born in Hull? Finally, thank you to all the parents who attended one of the parents' evenings this week. If you didn't make it, please arrange to see your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Have a great weekend!



Phase 2 The pupils in Phase 2 have had another tremendous week. Working from their class reads, they have produced brilliant pieces of writing and continue to develop their understanding of reading. Using the VIPERS process, pupils have been learning how to summarise a text. In Maths, fractions continue to be brought to life and the pupils have really embraced the topic. Some of our pupils have had an athletic end to the week as they have attended a sporting event where they have showcased a range of their Real PE skills. In STEM club, our scientists continue to work towards their Crest Award as they complete a range of practical activities. The play rehearsals are coming on superbly and we can't wait to perform it to all the week after next!



Phase 3 It's been a busy week in Phase 3! On Monday we were fortunate to receive a visit from Katie Holdstock who works for Hull Library Service. She talked to the children about what the Library Service offers and highlighted how important and exciting reading can be. In class, the children have been sitting tests this week. We have been pleased with the determination demonstrated by the pupils and feel that the results, when studied and analysed, will really help us to ensure future progress for all pupils. In topic lessons, we have studied evacuation during World War II. It has been really interesting to compare the experiences of children during the war with our own experiences in the modern day. We'd like to thank parents for the attendance in school on our parents' evenings. We hope that you found your meeting informative and helpful. Finally we would like to congratulate Mrs Allen's class on their excellent assembly on Friday afternoon. We really enjoy it when our children get the opportunity to showcase their learning and feel that Mrs Allen's class did an excellent job!

