



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

Baby news We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Hewitt has given birth to a son, William Henry Hewitt. He was born in the early hours of Thursday 10th May and weighed 9lb 12ozs. We send our congratulations, love and prayers to the family and can't wait to see them all in school soon.

Head Lice Unfortunately we have had several reports of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair this weekend and treat accordingly so we can prevent the spread of these annoying creatures.

Breakfast Club A reminder that breakfast club begins at 8am. We have an increasing number of families arriving at school from 7.30am. We cannot admit children earlier as we do not have the staff to supervise them until 8am.

Visitors in school This week, we have had a range of people visiting our school: tutors visiting trainee teachers, trainees teachers from senior schools and external providers delivering courses. They have all commented on the behaviour and manners of the children in St Mary Queen of Martyrs. We are always delighted when visitors acknowledge our lovely children and staff.

Bun Sale We are having a bun sale in school at Friday morning break. Any contributions of buns, cakes and biscuits will be gratefully accepted. Thank you.

Royal Wedding On Friday we are going to start to get into a celebratory mood by having a non-uniform day and dressing in red, white and blue. At lunchtime, we will be having a buffet style lunch - our own Royal Wedding Party. The hall will be decorated and the teachers will be helping with serving. We would appreciate a donation of 50p or £1 per family to raise money for school trips.



The 6th Week of Easter - The Junior Chaplaincy Team planned & led an extremely thought-provoking Act of Worship based on Jesus' 'New Commandment' - that we love one another as he has loved us. Grace and Isabelle chose to link this to the story of 'The Good Samaritan', challenging us to love everyone no matter what... even people we do not like!

Attendance

This week: 95%

Mr Evans' class achieved the attendance reward this week with 100% attendance

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

Home Reading

LA	82%	KA	54%
JH	93%	KM	93%
NA	92%	SR	77%
SB/CR	94%	HH	50%
JF	88%	JC	86%
ME	90%		

Date	Event
14th	Y6 SATs week
14th	1:30 pm Y3 Library visit (SB Literacy set)
17th	2:20 pm Miss Adams' Class Stay & Pray
18th	2:30 pm Mrs Foster's class Assembly
23rd	2:20 pm Mrs Foster's Stay and Pray
23rd	FOS Disco 4:15—5:15 pm F2, Y1 & 2 only 5:30-6:30 pm Y3/4/5 & 6 only
24th	9.10 am end of half term Mass
25th	BREAK UP at 3:00pm for half term
4 June	BACK TO SCHOOL

Foundation We have had a very busy week, having only had four days this week. We hope everyone enjoyed the sunshine over the bank holiday! In FS2 in Maths lessons this week, we have been focusing on money. We have been buying mini-beasts from our pretend shop and finding out which coins are best to use when paying for them.



In Literacy we have continued to read *The Bad Tempered Ladybird* using our signifiers. We have been recalling who the ladybird met at different times of the day. Our FS1 children have been counting and ordering numbers to 10 as well as making hand puppets out of a variety of materials. We have all started a new unit in RE, based on Pentecost. We are also taking advantage of the lovely weather while we can so a lot of our activities have been outside. Please ensure that your child has a sun hat at school. In addition to this, any sun cream sent to school should be in a small bag labelled with your child's name. Roll on sun cream is particularly easy to apply at school. Please may we remind parents that any money owed to school for lunches or educational workshops/visits has to now paid through ParentPay. Finally, well done to all the foundation children who received a prize or badge for their attendance this



Phase 1 We hope you had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend! Thank goodness the weather was better! We have enjoyed our week. In RE we have started our Pentecost topic and we will be celebrating Pentecost with a party at the end of half term. In our topic work, we are immersing ourselves into 'Carnivals Around the World'. The children have really enjoyed designing and painting their carnival headaddresses this week! It would be lovely to see some home projects of carnival masks or head dresses come into school as our locker area is looking rather bare!

Finally, a few of our Phase 1 children continue to talk about playing on the game 'Fortnite' at home. We would like to provide a gentle reminder that the game 'Fortnite' is for children aged 12+. It has come to our attention that the content of the game is not appropriate for our children. Have a lovely weekend!



Phase 2 As the Summer Term speeds along, the pupils' enthusiasm continues to shine through. The staff in Phase 2 have been particularly impressed by how well the pupils are working in every lesson. It's not just the 9am maths lesson that gets their full attention, it's the science at 2pm or the PE to finish the day. They are really applying themselves in every single lesson. We love watching them make progress in this final term of the year. In Literacy, year 3 have been working hard on 'The Flower' and have produced great descriptive writing on the book's setting. In year 4 literacy lessons, the children have been studying the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals that aim to make the world a better place. They are studying these as they build up to writing a persuasive letter next week asking companies



to stop using plastic straws. To finish the week, our phase were involved in a full day workshop focused on Carbon Monoxide. A Northern Gas expert told us all about Safety Seymour and his mission to ensure we are all aware of Carbon Monoxide and its dangers. The pupils were excellent and our guest was extremely impressed by all of the fantastic questions that were asked. Seymour may well be visiting your home soon as the pupils look to spread the message about Carbon Monoxide awareness. Finally, A reminder that Mrs Broadhead's Literacy class will be attending the library on Monday afternoon.

Phase 3 After the beautiful bank holiday weekend Phase 3 have been extremely busy. Most classes have been applying the finishing touches to their Ancient Egyptian death masks. It has been a long process but overall, the results have been excellent! In topic lessons, we have also been studying the process of mummification with the children having great fun mummifying tomatoes. In science lessons the children have spent time observing how various conditions affect the growth of micro-organisms. Last week they placed bread in various locations around the school and this week they have started to observe the results. With SATs only a matter of days away, our Year 6 pupils have been busy revising in Literacy and Maths lessons. We hope that all of our children have a restful weekend and wish them the best of luck as they undertake the tests next week.

We are sure that they will all perform to the best of their ability and make us proud!

