## St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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### Newsletter No. 36: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents,

This week, we have been learning more about vocations. In Monday's assembly, we found out more about Pope Leo XIV. The last pope with this name was Pope Leo XIII, over one hundred years ago, whose work was the basis for Catholic Social Teaching. As we celebrate this Year of the Jubilee, when we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope, we give thanks that Pope Leo will continue to speak up for those who are poor or marginalised in our world.

Weekly News

In his first speech, Pope Leo said, 'We are Disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs his light. Humanity needs Christ as a bridge to be reached by God and his love. Help us, and help each other, build bridges.'

To commemorate our new Pope, each child has been gifted a bookmark to bring home this week.

We are enjoying our vocations class projects. This is a really exciting way to thinking about and reflecting on, 'Who is God calling me to be?' and how different skills and knowledge from our curriculum subject areas can help in a range of job industries. The children are producing products which they would like to sell to you. Please see the separate letter for more details on each year group's product and an invitation to view the products on Thursday morning next week.

Monday was a particularly lovely day seeing the children dressing up in a theme linked to an occupation that inspires them! Thank you for contributions to Father Hudson's charity via the gateway. We have raised £84.00 so far.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Family Mass on Sunday. This was a beautiful occasion, giving Y3 the opportunity to wear their First Holy Communion outfits again. Well done to children across all year groups for their participation in the Mass.

Well done to our nursery class who have all completed visits to our local library! We hope this furthers their enjoyment for reading and stories. Thank you to all parent helpers and please continue to take your child to the library to encourage their love for reading. They also hold some nice events over the holidays.

Well done, also, to Y1. Their class showcase on Tuesday was superb! Y1 took us on a tour of many of their enjoyable learning projects – Pentecost, Florence Nightingale, Victorians, the Continents and a pit stop at each of our four seasons. Sensational singing and you certainly showcased your excellent reading skills with such confidence!

Thank you to parents of the current YR who joined us on Tuesday to find out about transition to Y1 - this is a really well managed, smooth process and we can see that the children are more than ready for the new experiences.

We are hoping for sunshine this afternoon! Thank you to you everyone who has contributed to our summer fayre with very generous donations (stationery, hamper gifts, bottles, sweets, cakes) and attendance at the fayre! Thank you to our PTA, who work so hard behind the scenes to put these wonderful events together and to our staff helpers! We will let you know very soon how much money was raised and hope that you all have a wonderful afternoon.

Have a wonderful weekend. Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

### Catholic Social Teaching

This half term, one of our focus Catholic Social Teachings is **Participation**.

We believe in taking part

Participation



During the penguin sports festival, Patariki loves it when everyone takes part. There is nothing better than watching a crowd of penguins cheer for everyone and having fun all together. Those who feel they need support are always given the help they need to participate and enjoy themselves.

When we listen to Patariki's story we are reminded that we live in community with others, growing together. It is important that we join in.

### Vocations

## CHILDREN'S PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

JESUS, I KNOW THAT YOU LOVE ME. TEACH ME HOW TO TALK TO YOU, HOW TO LISTEN TO YOU, AND HOW TO FOLLOW YOU. BLESS RELIGIOUS SISTERS, BROTHERS, AND PRIESTS.

BLESS MY FAMILY.

KEEP ALL OF US CLOSE TO YOUR HEART. AMEN.



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#### **Transition**

The children will take part in a 'Moving Up Morning' on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July where they will get to work in their new classroom with their new teaching staff. Please speak to your child about the expectations and behaviour that will be expected of them for the new academic year, as we also will in school.

We are in a position to inform you about staffing for September:

Current Class:		Moving To:
New Intake	Nursery - Mrs Smith with support from Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Lee and Mrs Malhi	
УN	YR Mrs Coleman with support from Mrs Joyce	
УR	Y1 Miss Friel with support from Mrs Lee and Mrs Lucas	
У1	Y2 Mrs Wilkinson with support from Mrs Lucas	
У2	Y3 Mrs Steele	Mrs Kennedy will support across Y3 and Y4 Miss Courtney and Mrs Adamson will support across Y4 and Y5 Mrs Evans will support across Y5 and Y6
У3	Y4 Miss Floyd	
У4	Y5 Mr Reynolds	
У5	Y6 Mrs Polito	

Mrs Hayes will be continuing the role of SENDCo and working with children across all year groups. Mrs Amann will also be working across year groups.

Miss Barnsley will be leaving us at the end of term. We wish her well in her next teaching assistant role.

### **Reflection and Prayer** This weekend marks the Feast of St Peter and St Paul.

St Peter and St Paul both had a great love for Jesus and spent their lives sharing his good news with as many people as they could. St Paul wrote in his letter to the Christians in Rome: 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.' St Paul said: 'May the Lord make our love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else.'

Let us reflect on how Peter felt when Jesus said he was the rock on which he would build his church and think about what each of us can do to build the church. Let us think about all the people who have shared the good news of love and forgiveness with us and how we are called to do the same.



Yours sincerely, Mrs N. Hill Headteacher Year 1-6 start back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September YR start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

YR start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September YN start on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

### **Events**

Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> June: We are on week 1 of our lunch menu. Grab bags are available as usual on the allocated days.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Y3 swimming (see separate letter)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June - YR educational visit

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2pm – Musicians' concert (parents welcome)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1:45pm and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 6:30pm Y6 Production (tickets to follow)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - current nursery class closed

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July Y4 Animation workshop in school

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9:10am Y6 Leavers' Mass in school

Friday  $18^{\rm th}$  July 1pm YN parents invited in for graduation

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm End of term

#### September:

Our inset days for next academic year are on our school website.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September are inset days.