



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

What an amazing week we have had through our Vocations Week!

A huge thank you to all parents, friends and family of St Mary's who have given up their time this week to come and speak to the children about their different vocations, share experiences and practically demonstrate some of the amazing work that they do. We are so grateful for all of the effort and time you have put in to making this week so enriching and exciting for the children! This could not have gone ahead without the help of all of you and thank you, also, to Mrs Hayes for organising this.

Here is a flavour of the some of the vocations that have been shared with the children this week. Please have a chat with your child about these:

Nurses, beautician, accountant, chef, police officer, mechanic, surgeon, pharmacist, electrician and physiotherapist!

The children also wowed us with their imaginative attention to detail with clothing and props linked to the job they would like to do. We saw teachers, vets, doctors, footballers, artists, hairdressers and astronauts. We also thank you for the £1 donations. We will let you know the total raised soon.

Each class has also been reflecting on how the people we have met this week use their talents and skills, which are linked to our own subject areas of learning - RE, science, maths, history, art and design. They have also shared how these vocations reflect and utilise our very important Gospel and British values.

Well done to Y2 who visited the farm today. We are sure that you did us proud with your enthusiasm and behaviour. We look forward to hearing all about it next week!

On Wednesday, the teaching staff welcomed their new classes and the children welcomed their new staff. This was a lovely morning and got the children thinking all about how far they have come, their targets for the new academic year and excitement about upcoming learning projects. Staff were very impressed with children's behaviour, manners and enthusiasm.

Yet another highlight of our week was our music assembly and concert yesterday. Thank you to our talented choir and musicians who led us through such a delightful and engaging rendition of some of our favourite music, showcasing their marvellous talents and hard work! Choir, keyboards, guitars, violin, drums - wow! The children have come such a long way this year and this was the perfect opportunity for them to share their talents with a live audience. We thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to all of our music teachers, including Mrs Amann, Mrs Ray and Mrs Harvey who helped to organise the concert.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Sports Assembly

The children thoroughly enjoyed our Sports Celebration Assembly this morning! Medals, certificates and shout-outs were delivered to children who excelled through team-work, effort, participation and talent during our recent Sports Week!

Gold award

In another piece of exciting news, we have received a Gold Award in the School Games Mark! We have been thinking about how we offer children opportunities to be inspired, engage with sports and compete. Thank you to all staff, particularly Mrs Smith and Mr Reynolds, our PE leaders, for encouraging and supporting this award.



PTA Summer Fayre

We are hoping for sunshine this afternoon (but not too much after last week!) Thank you to you everyone who has contributed to our summer fayre with very generous donations of bottles, cakes, sweets, stationery and hamper goods and also for your attendance at the fayre! We couldn't run these events without your generosity. Thank you to our PTA, who work so hard behind the scenes to put these wonderful events together. We will let you know very soon how much money was raised.





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Notices

- We have a rare opportunity of places within our Nursery class for September 2026! Please see the advert. If your child turns three before December 31st, we are also having a January intake!
- Next week, we will be on week 3 of our lunch menu. Our popular KS2 Grab Bags are back, with Y6 on Mondays, Y5 on Tuesdays, Y4 on Wednesdays and Y3 on Thursdays. These lunches need to be pre-ordered at least 48 hours in advance. Please pay for a school lunch as normal, via the gateway (£2.60).
- Uniform orders - A4J Designs have asked if orders can be placed by 11th August to receive them by 1st September.

Parking - We are incredibly fortunate to have access to the Church car park to use at drop off and collection time and we very much value our relationship with the Parish. However, it has come to our attention that there have been instances of unsafe and disrespectful behaviour on the Church grounds. In particular, children have been observed running through areas and damaging flowers, plants and relics. Memorial ashes have also been scattered in these sacred areas. These spaces hold deep significance for many members of the Church community and must be treated with the utmost care and respect.

We kindly ask that all parents closely supervise their children while on the Church premises. The car park and gardens are not intended as play areas, and children should not be running or playing in these spaces.

Let us work together to ensure that we continue to be respectful guests on the Church grounds and uphold the values of our school community. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Events

Monday 6th July - Y3 educational visit

- Y5 at St Francis of Assisi (arrival and dismissal as normal from here at SMA)
- Y4 Animation workshop in school

Wednesday 8th July 1:45pm and Thursday 9th July 6:30pm
Y6 Production (tickets to follow on Monday)

Friday 10th July - YN Graduation 2pm

Reports will be sent home on Monday 13th July.
On Wednesday 15th July 3:30-4pm, your child's new teacher will be available in their classroom for you to pop in and meet.

Friday 17th July 9:10am Leavers' Mass

1:30pm End of term

Please see our website for 2026-27 term dates.

September:

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September are inset days.

Year 1-6 start back on Thursday 3rd September

YR start on Monday 7th September

YN start on Wednesday 9th September

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us the importance of having a 'childlike heart'. We realise the importance of being trusting, honest, loving, innocent and content with the simple things in life.

Jesus was telling us he wanted us to keep the childlike qualities of goodness when we are adults.

Jesus welcome us to come to him and rest when our worries are weighing us down. When we hand over our burdens and rest with Jesus we also have a chance to get ready to make a fresh start with Jesus.

Dear Jesus,

When I am busy, with so much to do, you say,

"Come to me and rest."

When I am worried, with thoughts running around my head, you say,

"Come to me and rest."

When I am tired from trying so hard, you say,

"Come to me and rest."

Jesus, I come to you now and rest in your loving arms."

Amen.

