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NEWSLETTER

Week 30 Friday 8th May 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 11th – Friday 15th May – SATs Week
Monday 11th May – Asthma and Anaphylaxis Training for staff – 3.30pm
Thursday 14th May – Ascension Thursday – 10.00am Mass – Y2 – 5
Week beginning Monday 18th May – Walk to School Week
Tuesday 19th May – Year 1 Trip to Hogarth House
Tuesday 19th May – Governors' Visit and Learning Walk
Thursday 21st May – Year 5 and 6 TED Talk Finals
Half Term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th May
Monday 1st June – Other Faiths Week – Islam
Monday 1st June – Year 4 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church
Friday 5th June – World Environment Day
Monday 8th June – Year 3 First Holy Communion Celebration Mass – 10.00am at Church

Marian Liturgy

This Wednesday we were joined by Fr Jakub for a very special Marian Liturgy in the Hall. May is a month which is dedicated to Our Lady and we pray the rosary together. This is especially important for our school as Mary is our Patron Saint. This week we came together in scripture, prayer, reflection and hymn singing to honour Our Lady. We crowned the statue of Our Lady with roses and children presented flowers around the statue in the Hall. Thank you to you all for your contributions towards this. We have put some of the flowers we received on the Prayer Corners in our classrooms. Thank you also to Fr Jakub, our Gift Team and Miss Scannell for leading us in our beautiful and prayerful celebration.

Celebrating 100 Years of Sr David Attenborough

Today is Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday and we celebrated this in Assembly this morning by watching a short film dedicated to his life and work so far. He is truly extraordinary - an inspiration to us all - he has taught us so much about the beautiful world we live in and how we need to take care of it to preserve it for future generations. Children also took part in activities in classes to celebrate his landmark birthday. We will be creating a display in school celebrating his life and continue to be inspired by his message. We are working hard to reduce, reuse and recycle. During the week of 18th May it is Walk to School

Week and we are all going to try to make an effort to walk more in order to reduce pollution. If we all make small changes in our daily lives, we too can help to preserve our planet.

Year 6 SATs

Next week our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs papers in school. They will be sitting papers for SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar), Reading and Maths. We wish them well as they prepare for these. They have been working extremely hard over the past few months with Mr O'Reilly and Ms McLaughlin and are very well prepared. We are encouraging them to rest and take some time out this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sports News - Basketball Brilliance

On Tuesday, Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a basketball tournament, entering two teams and representing St Mary's with excellent effort and spirit. Team A: Gabriel, Massimo, Naya, Federico, Israel, Callum. Team B: Felipe, Leonardo, Sadie, Roman, Bianca, Santi

Both sides played six group matches. Team B finished 3rd in their group and progressed to a 3rd place final, while Team A finished 1st and reached the final. Both teams showed impressive skills in defending, dribbling, and shooting, improving throughout day.

Team B won 2–0 to take 3rd place in their group, and Team A won 6–4 to become champions, with both teams bringing home medals. Gabriel was Player of the Day for Team A for his defensive skill and fight, and Santi was Player of the Day for Team B for his determination and shooting. Leonardo explained: "My favourite thing about the day was being able to play with my friends and that we were able to show good teamwork by supporting the other team too." Israel explained: "I am really proud of myself for being able to score a free throw to help my team."

All pupils showed dedication and teamwork, supporting one another which resulted in a brilliant day of basketball.

May Rosary in the Prayer Garden

In this special month of May dedicated to Our Lady, we will be coming together in prayer to honour Mary, our school Patron Saint. Each Tuesday (5th, 12th and 19th May), we will be leading a decade of the Rosary in our prayer garden (weather permitting), or in the school hall if needed.

Parents are warmly invited to join us from 2:45pm as we gather as a school community in prayer. Children are encouraged to bring their rosary beads and take part in this peaceful and reflective time together. Fr Jakub is hoping to join us also. We look forward to sharing these moments of prayer with you.

Solemnity of The Ascension – Thursday 14th May

Years 2-5 will attend 10.00am Mass on this morning at Church. Parents are always welcome to join us at Mass. If you can accompany us walking to and from Church, that would be very helpful. You would need to be available from 9.30-11.0am. Please let the Office know if you can help with this. We will also need parents for our Year 4 Class Mass on Monday 1st June, when we return after Half Term. Thank you.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Amelia (YR), Samori (Y6)

Star of the Week

Lana (YR), Phoenix (Y1), Leavana (Y2), Marina (Y3), Harriet (Y4), Eloise (Y5) and Wesley (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Tomasso (YR), Sophie (Y1), Benjamin (Y2), Jude (Y3), Sebi (Y4), Nathan (Y5) and Lilly (Y6)

Reader Award

Ada (N), Killian (Y1), Elizabeth (Y2), Timur (Y3), Massimo (Y4), Cora (Y5) and Giuliano (Y6)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH

Headteacher