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### **May 2025 Newsletter**

Through God's love and our Christian Values, we encourage each individual to love, respect and value God, themselves and others.

We encourage and nurture everyone to flourish and grow into the unique person God made them to be, ready to go out into the world to love others.

This is rooted in Jesus' words: Love one another as Jesus loved us.  
(John 13 v 34-35)

**Dear Parents, Children & Friends,**

#### **STAFFING:**

In September we welcome back Mrs Hepworth from her maternity leave. Mrs Hepworth will resume her role as Class Teacher, Assistant Headteacher and SENDco.

As we approach the next academic year, I want to take a moment to acknowledge some upcoming changes within our school community. I truly appreciate the dedication and commitment of all our staff and thank them for the contributions they make to St Mary's. This includes our teachers and support staff, whose hard work and care make a meaningful difference each and every day, ensuring a positive environment for our pupils to learn and grow.

One of these changes is welcoming back Mrs Hepworth from her maternity leave. She will resume her roles as Class Teacher, Assistant Headteacher, and SENDco, and we are pleased to have her back as part of our team

Many of you will be aware that Mr Chapman has been absent for some time following a minor accident. We remain hopeful that he will return shortly after the May half-term holiday. As planned, Mr Chapman will retire at the end of the summer term after 14 years of service to St Mary's School. He has been a valued member of our school community, and we appreciate his dedication and contributions over the years. While he will be missed, we wish him well as he begins his retirement.

Additionally, Mrs Booth, Class Teacher and RE Lead, will be stepping away from her teaching position after 13 years of dedicated service. While she has gradually reduced her working days, we are grateful that she will still be a familiar face in the school, taking on supply cover work. Mrs Booth has been a hardworking and passionate member of our teaching staff, and we sincerely thank her for her contributions, wishing her every success in this next chapter.

With these changes, Governors are currently in the process of recruiting a new site manager, and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Bell to our teaching team. We look forward to the new ideas and enthusiasm she will bring to our school community.

The class teachers for September will be as follows:

Reception: Miss Zylko

Year 1: Miss Hobson

Year 2: Mrs Thomas and Mrs Williams

Year 3: Mrs Hepworth ( Mrs Bell each Wednesday to cover SENDco release)

Year 4: Mr Amos

Year 5: Mrs Burke (Mon – Wed) Mrs Bell (Thurs – Fri)

Year 6 Mrs Larder and Mr Day (Deputy Headteacher)



Teaching Assistants roles are currently being finalised and allocated to classes.

## **ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS:**

### **END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS IN SCHOOL:**

Year 6 pupils have now completed their SAT's. We are so very proud of all of our Year 6 pupils who worked extremely hard and tried their very best. Well done Year 6 !

**Pupils in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children** have also completed most of their Summer Assessments.

### **YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING:**

Year 1 (and a small number of Year 2 pupils) will complete the statutory phonic screening check. The phonics screening is a short, light-touch assessment to confirm whether individual pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It comprises of a list of 40 words and non-words; which pupils will read one-to-one with their class teacher. Schools are required to administer the check during the week of the 9<sup>th</sup> June. Outcomes of the screening will be reported to parents on their annual school report. Should any child **not** meet the required standard set by the Government, then additional help and support will be given to those individuals and they will be given a further opportunity to be screened at the end of Year 2.

### **YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATIONS CHECK**

The statutory DFE Multiplication check for all Year 4 pupils will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

This is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question.

Pupils in Year 4 are already familiar with the check and have been able to practise using similar formats regularly. Additional support will be provided for any pupil who may require this.

We will share your child's score with you, in their end of year report. There is no pass mark for the check but it will allow school to identify any additional support which maybe required as pupils move into Year 5 and Year 6.

All pupils achievements will be reported to parents at the end of the academic year. The end of year reports will be emailed on 11<sup>th</sup> July, with an opportunity for a telephone appointment to be made, should you wish to discuss further with class teachers.



## WORSHIP:



Next Half Term: **Our Christian Value next half term is Hope**

Please see the link on our school website for more information and activities about Hope.

[https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/serve\\_file/25479670](https://www.stmaryscecrompton.oldham.sch.uk/serve_file/25479670)

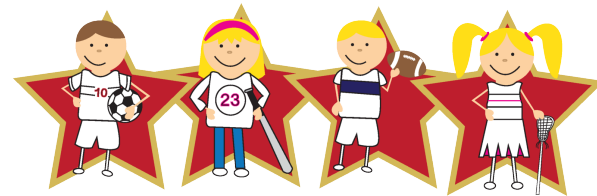
The Year 6 Leavers' Service will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am in St Mary's Church all are welcome.

Manchester Diocese Year 6 Leavers Service will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at Manchester Cathedral. This is for the Year 6 pupils and staff only due to limited space in the cathedral.

School Eucharist. Pupils in Key Stage 2 will take part in a school Eucharist. Year 6 pupils will be involved in leading and preparing for this service. All parents, grandparents and Governors are welcome to attend. It will take place on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July at 9:30 am.

## HEALTHY SCHOOL'S WEEK:

Healthy School's Week will take place from **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**, this coincides with National Schools Sports Week.



**Sports Days are scheduled for :**

### **KS 2 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9:45am**

Pupils should come to school in their school uniform and should have their PE kit and **team coloured tee shirts for sports day**. This will take a similar format to previous years whereby pupils take part in every activity, as a member of a team. We will also endeavour to recognise outstanding individual achievements but the emphasis remains a **team effort**. Parents are welcome to attend and stand on the paths and playground to view.

### **KS 1 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9:45am**

This remains a traditional event and parents are welcome to attend and stand on the paths and playground to view. **Pupils should come to school in their PE KIT and colour-team tee-shirt**, with their school uniform in a bag to change into after the event.

## POLITE REMINDERS:

### **Snacks**

We actively encourage fresh fruit snacks to be brought for any snacks needed at breaktime.

### **Hair**

All long hair needs to be tied back due to health and safety reasons. Hair should be smart and appropriate for school and should be of a natural colour. Hairstyles, which are deemed to be extreme by the school, are not permitted. There must be no patterns/tramlines or extreme height. As guidance, **hair should be no shorter than 2 on the sides**.

No make-up or nail varnish is permitted.

## **Jewellery**

For safety reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school, with the exception of watches. Watches should be removed for physical education and games. (Fitbits/activity trackers, smart watches or other similar devices are not permitted in school) Earrings (including studs) are not allowed in school

Pupils who come to school wearing earrings **WILL** be asked to remove them, plasters or invisible studs are not acceptable to cover newly pierced ears

## **NEXT THEMED DAY LUNCH:**

Our themed lunch days continue to be very popular with pupils. The recent Roald Dahl day having a great take up.

Our final Themed Lunch for this academic year ....back by popular demand is the Hot Picnic day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Weather permitting, we hope this will be served and eaten outside.

Look for more information after half term on your School Spider App to book this lunch. All children can take part even if they are usually have packed lunches.

# **HOT PICNIC DAY**



**Thursday 10 July 2025**

**St Mary's Beef Burger in a Bun**  
**St Mary's Pork Sausage in a Finger Roll**  
**Cheese & Tomato Pizza**

**Served with Potato wedges, Carrot and Cucumber sticks**

**Shortbread**  
**Yoghurt**  
**Fruit**



**To eat outside (weather permitting)**

## **ST. MARY'S SUPPORT GROUP NEWS:**

### **150 Club Draw:**

The next draws for the 150 club are: Friday 23<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

[We still have spare numbers for the 150 club. If you would like a number please see the school office or any member of the Support Group.](#)

### **Leavers Disco:**

The Leavers disco will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

KS1 6:15 - 7:15pm

KS 2 7:30- 8:30pm

Weather permitting this will be outside.

Year 6 are invited to attend both discos so they can celebrate with their buddies. There is no charge for Year 6 at this event as part of our thank you and goodbye to the Year Group.



# SUMMER FAIR AND COLOUR RUN 2025

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 12- 4:00pm**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AMAZING EVENT RUN JOINTLY BY ST MARY'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL:**

*St Mary's Church and School present the perfect event for all the family! Bigger and better than ever, there is more entertainment, more colour and more fun!*

*Enjoy the traditional summer fair with fabulous fairground rides, stalls, inflatables, licensed bar, games, prizes, bottle stall, hot and cold food and much more for just £2 entry (pay on the door).*

*And, while you're there, why not take part in our family-friendly Colour Run! Walk, jog or run around the school field while being gently showered in clouds of coloured powder. By the end of the race, you'll look like you've danced through a rainbow!*

*A Colour Run/entry ticket costs just £10 (plus a small ticket admin fee). Each ticket includes a coloured entry wrist band along with a goody bag containing a medal, sunglasses, coloured powder and a cool t-shirt! Select your shirt size on booking. There are 6 runs during the day. Just select the time you would like to take part and purchase your desired number of tickets.*

**Ready to get your colour on?**

**Please see attached flyer and use the QR code to book your race !**



## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT HALF TERM:

Tuesday:	Infant Fun Club	12:00 - 12:30pm
	Junior Fun Club	12:30 - 1:00pm Yr3 - 4
	Football	3:30 - 4:30pm Y2, 3
Wednesday:	Choir	3:30 - 4:30 Y3 - Y6
Thursday:	School Band	8:30 - 9:00
	Anna's Dance	3:30 - 4:15 Rec, Y1, Y2 Y3, Y4
	Rounders	3:30 - 4:30pm Y5, Y6
Friday:	Gymnastics	3:30 - 5:00

***School Closes Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May and reopens Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June***

***PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL IS CLOSED MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE !***

***Dates for your Diary:***

***DON'T MISS AN EVENT - all dates are shown at the bottom of the home page on the school website and on your School Spider App***

4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 to visit Martin Mere
6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential visit to Robinwood
9 <sup>th</sup> June	SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket inter school Tournament Y6
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> June	PSG Meeting 7pm North Star All welcome
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Visits
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 visit to Broadfield
16 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Visits
W/c 16 <sup>th</sup> June	National Sports Week
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Manchester Cathedral
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day KS 2 (weather permitting) Year 5 and Year 6 Puberty Talks
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day KS 1 (weather permitting) Y6 - God and The Big Bang Day at St Mary's Church with Thornham St James
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Summer Fair and Colour Run</b>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders inter school Tournament
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> July	KS 2 School Eucharist 9:30 at St Mary's Church - all welcome Year 1 Gallery Oldham with Broadfield
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Music Festival
3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Secondary Transition Days
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y1 Quarry Bank Mill Y5 visit to Crosby Beach
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Meet you new class teacher afternoon</b>
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Multi skills competition at CHS
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Hot Picnic Day
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports
14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 Bikeability
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Disco -details to follow from the PSG
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Service - St Mary's Church 9:30am

***School closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July and re opens on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September***

**Kind Regards,**

P.A Hartley

**Headteacher**