



Reflection

This Sunday, we hear about how God takes care of us no matter who we are. We are reminded that God is with us in every part of our lives so we should not be afraid. Jesus' friends are afraid and don't know what to do. They feel that they aren't very important and that God may not look after them.

Jesus looks at the world around him and sees that God is watching over everything, even tiny birds like sparrows. Jesus tells his friends that they are worth more than many sparrows. If we ever feel afraid, we can remember those sparrows in the gospel, or some of the other things we have mentioned, and be reminded that God loves us even more.

Jesus says that, because God is looking after them, his friends need not be afraid to speak up and tell everybody about Jesus and the things he said.

God loves us all and so we are called to take care of one another, to love one another, no matter where in the world that we are. We are also called to protect and care for the earth, so that everyone can share in the good things that God has given us.

This can be hard sometimes. We might need to be brave and to speak out for what we know is right when we see others treating people or the earth badly.

Prayer

God of all, you watch over us all with so much care. Help us to feel that you are near in all that we do. Help us to remember that everyone is precious in your sight. Amen

Trinity Concert



Mrs Ellis has had a very busy and musical half term so far with the Trinity concert last week at Trinity and then the Leeds Youth Music Festival at Leeds Arena this week. Both were amazing experiences for our children to sing at and participate in. At Leeds Arena, we even got to take some additional children to be part of the audience because the children had entered a competition to be part of a video and won. All the children who attended these musical extravaganzas were impeccably behaved and sang their hearts out. We are a very musical school!

These activities cannot take part without Mrs Ellis planning, organising and preparing the children so brilliantly and staff spending their free time at the events so we thank Mrs Ellis particularly but also Mrs Wood, Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Robertshaw for attending the concerts.

Online Safety

Please find attached a guide about what parents and carers need to know about AI Virtual Friends to keep your children safe online.

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Sporting wins



Not only are we brilliant musicians this week but also fantastic netballers and footballers. The U9s team won their matches and were working on developing their team work skills and the netball team came third overall in the Bishop Roche Cup. Amazing work and again exemplary behaviour and team work.

Parent Survey



Each year, we ask parents to complete a 2 minute survey which can then be used to continue to improve our school. We would be very grateful if you would complete the survey using this link **for each of your children** that attend St Mary's. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KXMGX2P> The survey will close on Friday 7th July 2023.

Industrial action



Please ensure you have read the letter about planned industrial action on **Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July** that will impact Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5. **Due to the strike action we have had to rearrange our summer fundraiser and will instead do this on Friday 14th July at 2.30pm. We hope you can come!**

Health week



We hope you have had chance to look at our Twitter feed this week as it's overflowing with health week photos. A big thank you to Miss M Roberts for organising so many brilliant activities and thank you to all those who were able to contribute to the cost of the activities. First aid, farm visits, cricket, sports carousel, multi sports, mindfulness, orienteering, dance, yoga and of course the inflatable, culminating in a brilliant sports day.



We do appreciate all our curriculum enrichment cannot happen without parents being able to make contributions, so we thank you for supporting the school to be able to continue to give the children such a range of opportunities.

School Disco

The PTA have kindly funded the school disco on **Wednesday 19th July** this year so there will be no cost to parents. Children should come to school in party clothes/non uniform.

We thank the PTA for all their continuing fundraising which has supported the school this year with the cost of trips therefore reducing the cost for parents and allowing school to enrich the curriculum at a time of significant cost of living issues for parents but also a funding crisis for schools.

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New arrivals

The stork has paid another visit to St Mary's! Miss Emma Roberts in Reception is due to have a baby in November, Mrs Bartolotta in Year 3 is due to have a baby in December and Mrs Brooke is due to have a baby in December. We wish them and their families all the best as they prepare for their new arrivals.

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 at a state funded school or academy, automatically get free school meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

If you receive benefits and your child already gets Universal Infant Free School Meals, you should still register for free school meals. This is so school can claim funding to support your child at school. This is called Pupil Premium. This money is used to fund additional support in school for your child,

Children in Year 3 or above, are only eligible for free school meals if their parents or carers are entitled to benefits, and they make an application for free school meals.

Children who receive free school meals in primary school will still get them when they move to secondary school.

You can apply for free school meals [here](#).

Changes to diary dates

Please see below, changes in red.

Headteacher Awards

Reception – Ruby T & Maeve P
Year 1 – Maya P & Aamir S
Year 2 – Laurel B & Jesse V
Year 3 – Florence D & George JG
Year 4 – Arthur T & Evie C
Year 5 – Phoebe B & Zachary J
Year 6 – Erin B & Allegra S

Virtue Awards – Courage

Reception – Imogen H
Year 1 – Owen C
Year 2 – Alexander TF
Year 3 – Ursula P
Year 4 – Genevieve D'A
Year 5 – Robin B
Year 6 – Summer H

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Diary Dates

Please note changes or additions in red. *denotes parents welcome

June

Monday	26		Year 4 farm visit
Tuesday	27	9.15am	Year 3 class assembly*
Wednesday	28		Year 2 farm visit
Thursday	29		Year 1 class trip
Thursday	29		Year 2 Class Saint Day – St Peter
Thursday	29	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by Year 6*
Friday	30	9.15am	Year 4 class assembly*
Friday	30		Bring a chocolate bar for the summer fundraiser
Friday	30		Year 6 Bun sale after school

July

Tuesday	4		Year 2 class trip
Wednesday	5		Strike day – Year 1
Thursday	6	9.15am	Year 2 class assembly*
Friday	7		Strike day – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5
Monday	10		Year 5 class trip
Wednesday	12		Moving up morning
Wednesday	12	2.00pm	Year 6 production*
Thursday	13		Moving up morning
Friday	14	2.30pm	Summer fundraiser – new date
Friday	14		Reports to parents
Monday	17	9.15am	Meet the new class teacher (Current Reception to Year 4)
Tuesday	18	9.15am	Meet the new class teacher for Y6 for current Year 5s.
Wednesday	19		School disco – non uniform
Tuesday	18	2.00pm	Leavers' Mass*
Thursday	20	9.15am	Leavers' assembly*
Friday	21	9.30am	Whole school Mass*
Friday	21		School closes

Parish News

PARISH CELEBRATION OF GOD'S CREATION

Don't miss this fun event in Holy Name Hall this Sunday, 25th June, 2-5 pm. Fun activities; cake, scones and strawberries; a chance to handle birds of prey. A great chance for a get together. Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards the display. If you've left it to the last minute, don't worry bring it along when you come.

FATHER HENRY'S LEAVING COLLECTION

As you are aware Fr Henry is sadly leaving us in August to take up his post as Parish Priest in Garforth. There will be envelopes marked "Fr Henry's Leaving Collection" in all 3 churches from this weekend. These can be placed into the offertory collection baskets. I would be grateful if all envelopes could be returned by 21st July. Thank you.

SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday Vigil)

Holy Name	6.30pm
St. Mary's	8.15am
Holy Name	9.00am
Assumption	9.45am
St Mary's	11.00am
Holy Name	11.15am