



PRAYER TO END A SCHOOL YEAR

God of Wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

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Parish changes

We wish Father Henry good luck as he leaves our parish for his new parish in August and we look forward to welcoming Father Marc who has already been to visit the school and children this week.

There will be a family Mass on **Sunday 24 September at 11am** at St Mary's church. We hope all our families can join us for the first family Mass of the year.

What a year!

I can't believe another year is coming to a close but it has been a busy but brilliant year.

The children have, as always, been amazing, continuing to show superb behaviour, resilience and kindness to all. The children at St Mary's are always our biggest selling point. After every trip or visit, people comment on how fantastic

they are and we're very proud of them all.

It has been a busy year as always, with not only the day to day teaching but also Reconciliation for Year 3, First Holy Communion for Year 4, residential for Year 5 and Year 6, trips, pantomimes, theatre productions, health week, fundraisers, Advent and Easter parent workshops and much much more.

All these additional activities would not be possible without the teachers and teaching assistants who go the extra mile to make sure the children are learning but in a fun, exciting way, giving up plenty of their own time. I'm very pleased to see many of our parents recognise that in our parent survey. We simply could not be the school we are, without our brilliant and talented staff.

We also appreciate all the support we get from our families not only financially to make all the trips and events happen but with your attendance at parent meetings, masses and whole school events and support on trips.

A massive thank you to the PTA who have pulled out all the stops to get the PTA going again this year with a brilliant fire works display, disco, fun day and many other things. They have helped support the cost of trips this year in all classes and paid for the disco, gifts for Year 6 children and stationery for next year.

Lastly a big thank you to our new Academy Council who have hit the ground running since February and have been so proactive at supporting and challenging the school. We appreciate all your support and time.

I wish you all a very relaxing summer and hope the sun shines on you and your families. For those families leaving us this year, it has been a pleasure having you at St Mary's, you will always be part of the St Mary's family.

Best wishes, Mrs Hurley.



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Curriculum enrichment in summer term

	Educational Visits	Catholic Life	Events	In school visitors	Parental Involvement	Clubs
Summer term	Farm visits for all year groups Scarborough visit Y2 Harlow Carr visit Y1 Leeds City Museum Y4 Thornton Hall Farm Reception Bolton Abbey Year 6 Park buddy visit Y6 and Reception Sheffield Manor Lodge Y5	Whole school Mass led by Year 3 Y2 and Y5 class Mass Whole school Mass led by Year 5 Leavers Mass Priest Visits Bring a flower for Mary Pentecost Picnic Shared collective worships with SJP and SSS Whole school Mass led by Y6 First Holy Communion Good Shepherd Mass	School Disco Choir at Trinity school partnership concert Choir at LSMA event at Leeds Arena NSPCC – speak out stay safe assembly Alice in Wonderland Coronation Day picnic and party Music assembly x 2 Health week Y2 skipping festival Y4 athletics at SMM Transition visits Spelling Bee Y6 production Able maths day Y1 Able writers day Y1 and Y2 Science investigations Bambisanani athletics Y5 Bishop Roche netball Cross Country and fun run at CHHS	Author Cressida Cowell via Zoom Sikh visit via Zoom Y6 heart workshop NSPCC – speak out stay safe workshop Y5 and Y6 STEM specialist Y6 Open the Book Police visit Y6 Dentist Y4	Family Mass Family Fun Day PTA Reception stay and play Summer fundraiser Sports Day Reception new parent meeting New Reception stay and plays x 3 Meet the new class teacher Leavers Assembly Reception assembly Year 1 assembly Year 2 assembly Year 3 assembly Year 4 assembly	Mindful colouring Rounders Choir Chess Purple Mash Music classes Band Gymnastics Netball Coding Lego Multi sports Cosy Readers Lego Football



Year 6

What a wonderful last 2 weeks Year 6 have given us with their phenomenal SATs results, amazing production, leavers Mass, leavers assembly and buddy trip. We are so proud of the young people they have become and we wish them all the very best in their next steps at their respective high schools. We look forward to hearing all about your next steps. Good luck!

Summer fundraiser

A massive thank you to all who came to our summer fundraiser last week. It was lovely to see

so many families able to attend and we raised a massive £704.50 towards resources for the school.

Punctuality

We appreciate one off lates can happen but we still have a number of parents who come to school late every day. This impacts your child and their class but also impacts the office staff who spend the first 15 minutes of every day having to take children to their classes. Please try your best to be in the line for 8.50am.

PTA save the date

The PTA will have a welcome disco on **Friday 15th September 6.00 – 7.30pm**. Fireworks are also booked for **Monday 6th November**. Please save the date!

End of year results

Please see our end of year results for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 on the [school website](#). We are so proud of all our children as every single one has tried their very best over the year.

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Uniform

Please be reminded of school uniform at St Mary's, particularly regarding school shoes, boots are not permitted and hair accessories, these should be blue or white.

Uniform can now be purchased from Rawcliffes: www.rawcliffesleeds.co.uk, 0113 2494025 and PC Sports: www.pcsports.co.uk 01132507988.

<p>For boys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black shoes and dark coloured socks • Grey trousers • White button-up collared shirt (long or short-sleeved) • School navy blue jumper with logo • School tie (elasticated version for KS1 and self-tie version for KS2) 	<p>For girls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black shoes • White socks or grey tights • Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore (blue gingham dresses may be worn after Easter) • White button-up collared shirt (long or short-sleeved) • School navy blue jumper or cardigan with logo • School tie (elasticated version for KS1 and self-tie version for KS2)
<p>P.E. kit for both boys and girls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black pumps • Royal blue shorts • School white t-shirt with logo 	<p>Games kit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers • Plain blue or black jogging bottoms • School logo hoodie (outdoor) • School white t-shirt with logo

- Children may not wear jewellery to school. Anyone with pierced ears should wear **one pair** of studs during school time.
- Make-up or nail varnish is not allowed in school.
- Long hair should be tied back with either a discreet headband or clips. These should be of a single colour, **blue or white**, to complement the school uniform.
- Extreme haircuts, hairstyles and hair dye are not allowed.
- Jumpers and cardigans must have the school logo on.

Staffing

Mrs Pounder has hung up her whistle and will no longer be teaching PE at St Mary's after 23 years of working for schools in our trust. We thank her for all she has done for the children of St Mary's and the staff, not only her teaching but also her mini bus driving and netball coaching. Mrs Pounder will continue to run a netball club for us and drive the mini bus in September but we hope she enjoys her extra time with her family.

Mrs Moskalenko, our TA in Year 4, will be leaving the school in July due to a change in career. We thank her for all she has done to support the children in Year 4 and we wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Georghiou will be moving to another school in our trust, St Joseph's Otley, from September. We thank her for all she has done over her 5 years here, especially in science and we wish her all the best at St Joseph's.

PE days

PE will start from the second week of term, **w/c 11th September**. We are continuing to ask children to come dressed in their PE kit on their new year group's PE day. Please see below.

Year group	PE day/s
Reception	Monday and Thursday * From 18th September
Year 1	Monday and Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Tuesday (swimming – start date to be confirmed) and Thursday (PE)
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Friday

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Snacks

Please be reminded we are a nut free school due to a number of children with severe nut allergies.

Children are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit or healthy snack for playtimes. Healthy snacks do not include sweets, chocolate bars, biscuits, crisps, cheese strings. If you are unsure if a snack is suitable, please query with the class teacher or office.

Children should only bring water to school in September, no juice is allowed.

Unauthorised absence

Unfortunately our unauthorised absence percentages have risen this year due to a high number of families taking holiday in term time. Whilst we fully appreciate holidays are much cheaper in term time, requests for leave can only be granted by schools if there are exceptional circumstances and holidays are not considered exceptional. They must also be made to the school in advance, as the Department for Education has told schools that we cannot authorise any absences after they have been taken.

The leave form has been updated and can be found on the website [here](#) or via the school office.

We are the only school in Horsforth to not fine for holidays and our attendance officer has asked us to start to fine due to the increase in unauthorised holidays. The money does not come to our school. The fine is £60 per parent and £60 per child (for example a family of 4 with 2 parents and 2 children will be fined a total of £240).

Awards

Headteacher Awards

Reception – Jacob C & Maeve P
Year 1 – Harrison S & Owen C
Year 2 – Hattie E & Iris H
Year 3 – William S & Malachy G
Year 4 – Ruby M & Henry B
Year 5 – Oscar E & Mehrsam M
Year 6 – Sienna S & Amelia D

Virtue Awards - Wisdom

Reception – Ernie E
Year 1 – Kayla NG
Year 2 – Olive S
Year 3 – Amelia S
Year 4 – Will R
Year 5 – Fabio Z
Year 6 – Oliver L

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Diary Dates

*denotes parents welcome

September

Monday	4		Training Day
Tuesday	5		Year 6 Saint's Day - St Teresa of Calcutta
Tuesday	5	8.50am	School opens for Autumn term
Wednesday	6		Mission Statement Day
Wednesday	6		Intake 1 Reception
Friday	8	9.30am	Whole school Mass*
Monday	11		Intake 2 Reception
Monday	11	4.00pm	Year 3 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Tuesday	12	4.00pm	Year 6 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	13		Year 4 trip
Wednesday	13		Intake 3 Reception
Friday	15	6.00pm	PTA Welcome disco*
Monday	18	3.30pm	Year 6 residential meeting*
Monday	18		Science dome for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5
Wednesday	20	4.00pm	Year 4 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Thursday	21		Open the Book
Thursday	21		Individual photographs
Sunday	24	11.00am	Family Mass in church*
Tuesday	26		Year 1 class trip
Wednesday	27	4.00pm	Year 2 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Thursday	28	4.00pm	Year 1 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Friday	29	9.30am	Year 3 and Year 6 Mass in church*
Friday	29	2.30pm	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon*

October

Tuesday	3	4.00pm	Year 5 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	4		Reception Class Saint Day – St Francis of Assisi
Thursday	5		Rosary Day
Friday	6	2.30pm	Harvest Festival*
Monday	9		Year 6 Residential
Thursday	12	3.30pm	Reception phonics workshop for parents*
Friday	13	9.30am	Year 4 and Year 1 Mass in church*
Wednesday	18	9.30am	Year 6 Leeds United Primary Choices
Thursday	19	9.15am	Year 3 class assembly*
Tuesday	24	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Wednesday	25	9.15am	Year 4 class assembly*
Wednesday	25	2.00pm	Reception stay and play session*
Thursday	26	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Thursday	26		School closes
Friday	27		Training Day



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Parish news

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

At the back of Church there is a letter explaining a new process in preparing our children for the sacraments of reconciliation, eucharist and confirmation. It is no longer going to mean a program of sessions with a fixed date for receiving the sacrament but rather a process designed to encourage children and families to take a fuller part in the life of the parish and receive the sacraments when they are ready and can be fruitful in their lives. Parents, please come and speak to either Fr Michael or Fr Henry (and Fr Marc when he arrives) if your children wish to receive any of these sacraments.

OLK CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS

Last Sunday, 16th July was the last meeting of Holy Name Gospel Class and St Mary's & the Assumptions children's liturgy before the summer break. Many thanks to all the helpers for their dedication and enthusiasm over the past year. Many thanks also to parents for bringing their children to the groups and to the children themselves for always taking part wholeheartedly and for always being willing to volunteer for a job! You are a blessing to us all. We hope you have a lovely summer, and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

FATHER HENRY'S LEAVING COLLECTION

Please could any donations be in by Friday the 28th of July at the latest. There is an option to donate via our DONA machines or on-line to: Sort Code: 402715 Acc. No: 21017888. Please reference the donation "Fr Henry". As the 11.15am Sunday Mass on the 13th August will be Father Henry's last Sunday Mass with us, we will be having coffee & cake in the Holy Name hall from 12.15pm. All are welcome.

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