



## Reflection

This Sunday, Jesus talks about how important it is to listen to him. And how he knows us and cares about each and every one of us, no matter who we are.

In the gospel reading, Jesus talks about sheep. Jesus didn't spend his time looking after sheep out in the fields, so who do you think Jesus' sheep are? Jesus is a shepherd of people. He shows us the way to live our lives. He looks after us and cares for us, just as a shepherd looks after their sheep.

We are all different from each other, but we are also very alike. We all need enough food and water to live. We all like to have fun with our friends. We are all part of the same global family and so we are all very special and important. Jesus loves and cares for us all.

Next week, let's try to listen to what Jesus is saying to us, and share the love that he has for us all with others.

Prayer: God of all, help us to listen to your voice and to care for each other as you care for all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Month of Mary

It was wonderful today to see all the children visit our Mary statues to present Mary with flowers in the Month of Mary.



## Skipping Competition

Year 4 took part in the skipping competition this week and came third! They were amazing both in their skipping ability as a group and individually

## School Carpark

Thank you to all those parents who have stopped using the school carpark, it is appreciated for the safety of the children and staff. A small number of parents are continuing to use the carpark impacting on the safety of our staff and children. Please be mindful of our request.

## NEWSLETTER – 6 May 2022

### National Bee Day

National Bee Day is celebrated on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. At St Mary's, we are celebrating it by welcoming some exciting buzzy visitors as well as asking the children to dress up as a bee (or their colours) or bright colours like flowers. And the beekeeper, will be talking to each class about the importance of bees; explaining how crucial they are to our ecosystem and learn about the role of a beekeeper. The children (safely) will also have the opportunity to see the bees and their hives in action. We are asking for a £1 donation to support the National Bees Association.

### Railway children

It was wonderful to have M&M productions in school for the whole school performance of the children's classic The Railway Children. The feedback from the children has been very positive and it also linked to our local area. We want to expose our children to theatre and culture as much as possible but we do appreciate rising living costs are impacting our families. Unfortunately, only 75% of parents were able to contribute to the cost which means that school has a shortfall of nearly £300 which we do not have the budget to cover. If you are able to make payment towards this, please do so through ParentPay as we simply cannot afford to supplement a high proportion of school trips and events. Thank you to all who were able to contribute.



### Awards

#### Headteacher Awards

Reception – Maya P & Luna Mc  
Year 1 – Joshua F & Jesse V  
Year 2 – Amelia S & Arthur D  
Year 3 – Clíodhna K-E & Lois Q  
Year 4 – Fabio Z & Rosie T  
Year 5 – Anna-Maria C & Allegra S  
Year 6 – Theo L & Ana T

#### Virtue Awards

Reception – Aida D-R  
Year 1 – Grace C  
Year 2 – George JG  
Year 3 – Thomas W  
Year 4 – Alice C  
Year 5 – Amos F  
Year 6 – Nancy S



## Diary Dates

\*denotes parents welcome

### May

Monday	2		Bank holiday
W/b	9		SATs week Year 6
Friday	13		Year 6 party day
Thursday	19	9.15am	Reception class assembly*
Thursday	19		Bee Man in school – R,1,2,3
Friday	20	11.00am	Year 2 and Year 5 class Mass*
Friday	20		Bee Man in school – 4,5,6
Friday	20		Non uniform – dress in bee colours or bright colours £1
Tuesday	24	2.00 – 3.00pm	Reception stay and play*
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>Reception class assembly*</b>
Thursday	26	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by School Council*
Thursday	26		Jubilee celebration
Thursday	26		Finish for half term

## Parish news

### OLK PARISH RETREAT DAY FOR

Eucharistic Ordinary ministers and Readers previously scheduled on 7th May will now take place on Saturday 11th June. Father Jude's day retreat will be held in the Assumption Church Hall is for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers or anyone interested. 10.30am until 3pm. If you are able to attend please let Amanda know as soon as possible. Please bring a packed lunch refreshments are available.

### APPLICATIONS FOR FIRST SACRAMENTS 2022

Those who wish to prepare and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation or Confirmation, please pick up the appropriate enrolment form from the back of church, complete it & return it to the parish office by 14th May. 1st Reconciliation - children in Y3 or above. There will be a parent's information meeting (date to be Confirmed soon). Confirmation - children in Y5 or above. There will be a parent's information meeting on Sunday 22nd May in St Mary's school hall following the 11am Mass.

### 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