

Newsletter

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Attendance for week: 97.79%

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

"Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Life"



A message from Mrs Thorpe to all our families...

Well, this is the last of our weekly newsletters this term, and what a joyful way to celebrate the end of another amazingly successful school year. Our national attainment data has now been released and shows another outstandingly positive picture of progress and attainment for all children here at St Mary's. We are, once again, achieving attainment data significantly above national averages across the school. Whilst this does not define who we are, it does reflect positively, the hard work from children, staff and families as we all strive for excellence, in whatever form this takes. Next Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass as a school family to give thanks for the school year and pray especially for our Y6 children moving on to high school. The Mass will be at 9.15am in the school hall and I warmly invite parents, families, parishioners to come along to join us for this celebration. Fr Edmund has 5 schools to care for in his parish, and Masses celebrated in schools are just not possible as they were some time ago. Please do come along next Wednesday and celebrate the gift of the Eucharist with our whole school family if you possibly can.

SUMMER FAIR: Well done and thank you to everyone who helped make our summer fair a roaring success this week. Because of YOUR kindness and YOUR support, we raised a staggering... **£2,330** for our school. This has smashed all our previous fundraising records and we are utterly overwhelmed by the sheer generosity of our families. Thank you.



What will your fundraising money be used for?

You may remember that for some time, we have been concerned about the safety of families and children arriving/leaving our school site at our pedestrian entrance point that opens onto Rossall Grove. Thanks to generous support from Councillor Kenrick's office, we have successfully bid for a new pedestrian entrance to be built through the side hedge, adjacent to the current entrance. The money raised from this week's summer fair will pay for our school share of this cost. This will benefit ALL families and reduce risk to our children. This project would not be financially possible without your generosity. We hope for this building project to now be imminent!

This Week's Special Awards

Well done to you all!



Year 6: Billy J & Joe

Year 5: Sophia C & Ralph

Year 4: Kian & Olivia

Year 3: Esme & Charlie

Year 2: Marc & Piper

Year 1: Luke & Cillian

EYFS: Tommy M & Darci

Dates for your diary...



- **Monday 15th July:** Thanksgiving Tree Planting service in memory of Mrs Fields, lead by Year 6. Annual reports will be coming home for all classes.
- **Tuesday 16th July:** Annual Attendance Review Meeting at 9.15am, Year 6 Pizza and Quiz Party at 3.15pm
- **Wednesday 17th July:** Thanksgiving School Mass at 9.15am followed by 'Moving Up' visits to new classes.
- **Thursday 18th July:** Leavers' Assembly—families of Y6 children are welcome, 2pm
- **Friday 19th July**—school finishes at 1.15pm
- **Monday 2nd September**—INSET day, staff only
- **Tuesday 3rd September**—School re-opens for children at 8.40am

GOVERNORS: It's a busy time for our governors who are working hard to ensure that a range of strategic reviews of the school's performance are being diligently carried out. For example, Jo, our attendance governor will review our data and analysis system to ensure that all absences, including trends and patterns are diligently monitored with appropriate support in place to secure high attendance for all.



ATTENDANCE: Please remember that the government legislation regarding school attendance changes from August 19th. Our new policy will be published in due course, in line with CWAC guidance. Until then, please refer back to the letter sent home in June outlining the changes, particularly regarding the Fixed Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences, which include term time holidays. There are significant changes that parents need to be aware of.