



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

The Guiding Lights in Year 6 planned a craft day and lead a beautiful liturgy for all classes where they prayed with their rosary beads to celebrate May, the month of Mary. Everyone wore one blue item in addition to their uniform to mark this special month and donated a £1. We raised £119.00 for the Mary /Rainbow Trust.

Year One raised £61.95 for CAFOD by creating a coin mosaic of the CAFOD logo on the playground.

Three of our Year 6 pupils took the St Ralph Sherwin Wheel on to St Philip Howard Catholic Academy on Wednesday having added a school tie and stem of willow from our willow dome as a symbol of our love and passion for outdoor learning. We celebrated a short liturgy with Year 7 and passed the wheel on to continue its journey around the trust. It was great to link up with one of our partner high schools.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

We are trialling a school Twitter account to keep you updated on some aspects of school life. This is not intended to be a main line of communication, but rather a way to share photos and news of fun and interesting things that are happening in school. It is a bit sparse at the moment as it is in its infancy, but you can follow us @StMarysMB

NEWS FROM SCHOOL THIS WEEK ...

- Year Two attended a Cross Country event at Ludworth
- Year Five have been out on BIKEABILITY
- Monday Assembly included a visit from a Basketball Coach
- Brabyns Tennis Roadshow came to school for Reception, Years One, Two and Three
- Year Six are looking very smart in their 'hoodies' which they will wear as their uniform next half term

AIR POLLUTION AROUND SCHOOLS

Our enterprising pupils have been out and about this week, supported by their parents to promote the 'No Idling' message. Lots of parents were very supportive of this campaign that has been so eagerly promoted by our young pupils. **PARKING** Thank you to those of you that continue to park considerately and safely.

FAIR FUNDING FOR MARPLE SCHOOLS

If you want to know more ... your contact at St Mary's is Claire Vibert.

FACEBOOK: Fair Funding for Marple Schools.

A recent survey of headteachers in the Stockport area, including Marple revealed that:

- Nearly **half** of schools have **reduced their teaching staff** in the last two years.
- Almost **three quarters** have **lost support staff**.
- **Half** have **reduced specialist services**.

DON'T FORGET ...

- To pay school dinner money <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/>
- We are a completely NUT FREE school

FACEBOOK - PTA

The summer fair and other events *cannot* run without volunteers. There is a risk that these vital fundraising and fun activities will be *cancelled* if people do not volunteer to **help**. **Find out more on the St Mary's PTA Marple Bridge Group Facebook page.**

ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL

Our weekly target is 96%. Well done to Year 4 who are this week's attendance winners.

Reception	96.6%	Year 1	97.9%	Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	96.9%	Year 4	99.3%	Year 5	94.1%
				Year 6	97.1%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Mon 10 June	Return to school
Mon 10 & Tues 11 June	Bikeability Yr 6
Wed 26 June	Nursery sports day
Thurs 27 June	Reception – Yr6 Sports Day 13:15
Thurs 18 July	Y5/6 Production 13:30 and 19:00
Wed 24 July	Leavers Assembly and Disco – times to be confirmed
Fri 26 July	Finish for Summer Break – end of the Academic Year
w/c 29 July, 5 & 12 Aug	HOLIDAY CLUB AVAILABLE (subject to uptake)