



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

First Holy Communions for children in the parish of St Mary's take place this weekend. We are looking forward to celebrating with all of our pupils celebrating that special day.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Year 6 started the week with Bikeability sessions, for which they have been waiting patiently for quite some time! They were a great success and I'm sure they'll all be badgering their parents to get out on the bikes more often over the summer. Between Y6 and Y5, who recently completed Bikeability sessions too, we might have some entires for the Tour of Britain, which sweeps through Marple Bridge in September.

Year 5 and Year 6 Book Detectives visited Bredbury Library for special book craft activities relating to the Stockport Book Award this week. They had lots of fun.

Thanks once again to our PTA volunteers who ran a craft day to prepare for the Marple Carnival this Saturday. We're looking forward to seeing you at the parade. Meet at the Oldknow Recreation Ground in time for 1 o'clock start.

SPONSOR THE BISHOP! AND MRS BOUCHER! – As part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rodsley (23 June) representatives from every school in the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT will be doing a 5 mile sponsored walk to Rodsley with Bishop Patrick. Our representative will be Mrs Boucher. The money will go to Rainbows and Bluebell Wood Children's Hospices. If you would like to sponsor them please do so here: <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/SRSBishopswalk>

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

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

SPORTS DAY

This year Sports Day will be on Wednesday 26 June for Nursery and Thursday 27 June for Years Reception to Year 6 at 1.15 pm. Also on the Thursday there will be a sale of 'good as new school

uniform' and of plants grown by the school gardening group. We hope you will be able to join us, weather dependant of course.

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.**

200 CLUB

The May winners of the 200 Club are : Helen Jennison £92; Lucy Roberts £59 and Jane Coupes £33, with £184 towards PTA funds. Congratulations to you all, happy spending. If you would like to know more about the 200 Club please see a member of the PTA – you could be one of the lucky winners.

2019 FAMILY CAMP

ROWTER FARM Campsite, Castleton, Hope Valley, S33 8WA

2 nights - Friday 5th and Saturday 6th July 2019

The same campsite as last year has been booked for the 2019 family camp. Please register by filling in this google form (totally paperless this year) and sending your payment before Monday 24th June.

<https://forms.gle/Dc8VdQzdoktiCSUj6> Search for "St Mary's Family Camp 2019" on Facebook and join the closed group if interested.

CHANGE OF BANK HOLIDAY 2020

Please follow the link below for an update on the change of a bank holiday in 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/2020-may-bank-holiday-will-be-moved-to-mark-75th-anniversary-of-ve-day>

ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL

Our weekly target is 96%. Well done to Year 5 who are this week's attendance winners.

Reception	97.8%	Year 1	97.9%	Year 2	90.0%
Year 3	92.8%	Year 4	97.1%	Year 5	99.0%
		Year 6	96.8%		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 26 June	Nursery sports day
Thurs 27 June	Reception – Yr6 Sports Day 13:15
Thurs 4 July	Y6 Transition day to High School and our own move up day
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)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Torkington Park, Hazel Grove have a funpacked weekend of inflatables on Sat 15 and Sun 16 June from 11 am til late. Suitable for age 2 upwards, there is also face painting and sand art. Visit www.jkevents.co.uk or info@jkevents.co.uk . Wrist bands £7.99, or pay as you go from £1.50 per go.