

# St Marie's Catholic Primary School



*Headteacher's Weekly Newsround  
End of week 1, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024*



## *Welcome to the Summer Term*

The new term has started and the children have completed an amazing amount of work in their new topics. Visitors to school this week have been very proud of the exceptional talent and learning enthusiasm of all the children. The Year 3 enrichment trip to Quarry Bank Mill was a huge success with the museum staff reporting back to Miss Shaw how impressed they were with the children's prior knowledge and love of finding out new things. Thank you to the PTFA for supplementing the funding for this trip. It helps to keep the cost of trips lower for the parents to pay.

## *Take a look at our week in photographs*

We've had a wonderful first week back. On Thursday, we enjoyed taking part in Wigan Athletic in the sunshine. We developed our hand-eye coordination skills. We had lots of fun balancing the cones on our heads!





Year 5 at the Great Science Share at Standish High



Great to see St Marie's children taking part in local community activities.  
You are so creative.  
I hope you had a lovely time with your friends at the Tea Party

# WELLBEING THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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## Mrs O'Neill's Thought for the Week

"The beauty of the natural world lies in the details."

Natalie Angier

This weekend, it feels as though spring has finally sprung!  
Take in the details; every flower, every cloud, every birdsong is  
beautiful if you just allow yourself a moment to appreciate it.

"When we are more connected with nature, we tend to be happier and  
more likely to be flourishing and functioning well psychologically."

*(Mentalhealth.org.uk)*

Reap the rewards nature has to offer;  
Start by adding a nature break to the top of your daily to do list!



## Attendance and Punctuality

A wonderful, punctual start to the new term. Although the traffic on Pepper Lane has been challenging, thank you for your early arrivals; not letting the road works delay you. Your commitment and dedication to punctuality and attendance is very much appreciated and helps the children with a smooth daily start. The overall school attendance HAS BEEN HIGH THIS WEEK = 96.9%. Brilliant – Keep this up all term. I have sent out the termly Education Penalty Notice for your information. This highlights the importance of school attendance and the procedure to follow when more than 10 unauthorised sessions are missed.

We are coming to the time of year when families may start to think about planning holidays for the coming year. **I have attached the school holiday pattern for 2024 -2025 below.** Can I remind you that holidays in term time are unauthorised. The authority now issue Education Penalty fines, per child, per parent when 20 sessions unauthorised (10 days) are missed. In addition, when children miss school, they miss valuable learning. Teachers do not send home work 'holiday homework' for your child to complete. If an unauthorised holiday has been taken and then your child gets ill, this will decrease their attendance further than you may have anticipated.

Persistence Absence rate is recorded by the authority and monitored closely by school and the Education Welfare Officer assigned to school. Persistence absence is when your child's attendance falls below 90%. If you want to know your child's attendance to date, please contact the school office.

# St. Marie's Catholic Primary School

## 2024 - 2025 School Calendar

Autumn – 73 days

September '24						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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Spring – 59 days

October '24						
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Summer – 58 days

November '24						
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December '24						
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February '25						
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March '25						
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April '25						
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May '25						
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June '25						
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July '25						
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August '25						
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- School Closed/ Holidays
- Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)
- Easter
- SATS (Provisional)

*A new initiative for Before and After School Club.  
Everybody is invited to sign up and attend if interested*

### Before and After Club Activities Summer Term I

Have a look at the fun activities that are happening in 'The After School Club' Wednesdays at 3.15 - 4.30 pm this half term. Please sign up and pay for the session using Parent Pay.

Making Fruit kebabs – we will be making delicious rainbow kebabs

24<sup>th</sup> April



<p>Harry Potter Day – Dress up as a character from Harry Potter and make magical spells.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> May</p>
<p>Rice Krispy cakes/Biscuit Decorating- making delicious cakes</p>	<p>8<sup>th</sup> May</p>
<p>Hot Dog &amp; Movie night – enjoy chilling out eating a hot dog and watching a movie with your friends.</p>	<p>15<sup>th</sup> May</p>
<p>Making S'mores in the Outdoor classroom with Mr Keating – come and join us for a sing song and some yummy s'mores</p>	<p>22<sup>nd</sup> May</p>



## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME for next week is *“TRUST”*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B

KEY SCRIPTURE:

*“I know my sheep and they trust me”*

Pope Francis says: “It is important to have friends we can trust. But it is essential to trust the Lord, who never lets us down. This is the key to success in life.”

Jesus, the Good Shepherd wants us to trust and to follow Him. When we trust Jesus to lead us, just as a shepherd leads his sheep, then He helps us to make the right choices.

*REFLECTION TIME*

How will you follow Jesus’ way this week?  
 What will others see you doing?  
 How can you lead others to God?







## Special recognition achievements



Preschool	Ivy for always being so considerate of others- showing affection with her caring heart, warm hugs and lovely smile.
Reception	Aiden for growing in confidence and always joining in on the carpet discussion time, in maths, phonics and PSHE. Reeva for always being ready to learn, her enthusiasm on the carpet during discussion time and for always making excellent choices and being a great help to others.
Year 1	Reuben W for his excellent understanding and retelling of the Easter story and all about how to be a friend of Jesus. Victoria P for working hard with her writing – using her phonic knowledge and skills .
Year 2	Josh for working hard and getting on well with everyone. Josh is a great member of Class 2. Jake for always listening, joining in and working hard. He is a good role model in Class 2 , a very helpful friend and shares his learning and friendship with everybody.
Year 3	Anjaleena for her fantastic singing in the Easter play and for always smiling. Isaac C for extra hard work this week and an excellent attitude to new learning
Year 4	Jordyna for being a shining role model. Always speaking kindly to others and about others. She always gives 100% effort in all her work daily. James for always working hard and being enthusiastic in all lessons. He is always ready. Lily M for her hardwork this week in new topic learning. She has given lots of interesting facts – sharing her pre learning task information.
Year 5	Noah for excellent topic work in his double page spread. He is always kind and a great friend to everybody Kiera for trying her best this week in all areas of school life. Olivia for her creative topic work. She always puts extra effort into her school work, in the classroom and at home. Ruth for consistently doing her homework to a high standard and she is always kind and thoughtful to others.
Year 6	Aimee for her wonderful, consistent homework. She is very focused on improvements this term. Rachel C and Bethany F for working exceptionally hard in school and at home. You both are very focused on achieving great things.

The Parent Consultation sessions were very well attended and school was a hive of activity. I hope you enjoyed looking at your children's books to see the improvements made from September to now. If you were unable to make your booked session (due to the BUSY Standish traffic!!! Or work commitments) please contact the teachers directly using their email address.

Thank you for your continued support for school which helps us all achieve great things for your children.



## *Dates for your diaries Summer Term*

Just some of the dates already booked into the diary.

Will update when more Class events are planned

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Earth Day – Sustainability and Plastics
Wk of 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Preschool Parent Consultations
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Outdoor Classroom Learning with Kate Collins
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	More Earth Day activities - sustainability
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday Monday – no school today
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Football tournament
Wk of Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Year 6 National Statutory Tests
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Mass at St Joseph's Church Wrightington for Emma Scott at 5.00pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	BRIGHTSPARKS Year 6 Electricity Science Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5/6 Netball tournament
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	PTFA meeting in school and on TEAMS at 6.00pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Proposed Preschool and Key Stage 1 Sports Day tbc
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Proposed Key Stage 2 Sports Day tbc
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School breaks up for May Half term at 3.15pm.
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Return to school 8.45 am
Wk beg 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Tests
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30 am Year 4 First Holy Communion in St Marie's Church
Wk beg 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Tests
Wk beg 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Assessment week
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Rounders tournament
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Faith In Action Awards
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Just Join In</b> tournaments
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Town Sports
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	St Peter's OPEN EVENING - Year 4 and Year 5 families invited
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Town Sports
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> J	Year 4 Residential Trip to Anderton Centre
Wk bg 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Olympic Theme activities
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Town Sports Finals
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 5 Science Show at St Peter's High School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Dress rehearsal for Year 6 production. I wonder which play it will be this year?
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July tbc	Year 6 production
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July tbc	Year 6 production
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Freezy Friday PTFA
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	LEAVERS MASS at 6.00pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July tbc	Get Wet Wednesday PTFA Event and Summer Raffle
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School and Preschool finish at 2.00pm for SUMMER HOLIDAYS There will be no After School Club on this evening