



In everything we do today, we're following Jesus and his way

School Newsletter Newsletter 3

Summer Term 2022
Thursday 5 May 2022

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Deputy Heads: Mrs B McCann
Mrs S Hukowski (PT)
Assistant Head: Mrs L Byfield
SENCo: Mrs J Burke

This Week's Merits

Each week, teachers nominate children in their class to receive a special merit. This could be in recognition for working hard, achieving something particular, being a good friend, or any number of reasons that show that they are living up to the school motto - 'In everything we do today, we are following Jesus and his way.' The following children have been chosen by their teachers:

Class	Name of children
RB	Ruth & Oliver
RG	Jack & Hazel
RW	Harrison & Avery
1A	Robson & Jude
1DS	Rafael & Rosie
1W	Olivia, CM
2B	Eva & Elena
2K	Victoria, CM
2NS	Diana & Claudia
3A	Year 3 were at Mass this week
3F	
3S	
4BC	Skye & Celeste
4OS	Toby & Luca
4S	Amelia & Obaa
5FM	Nicola & Tilly
5MA	Sammy & Amy
5MR	Ailish & Sorcha
6K	Isabelle, CM
6M	Emily, CM
6OT	Angelina & Nevina

Book Fair

Our latest school Book Fair starts today, **Thursday 5 May**. Our recent book fairs have required families to attend on specific days because of year group bubbles and distancing. I am pleased to confirm that we will no longer be operating this system, please come along any day of the week that the book fair is with us.

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Next Week in School

Friday 6 May
RW Stay and Play
Deadline for Parent Governor nominations
Book Fair continues

Monday 9 May
Year 6 Grammar Test

Tuesday 10 May
Year 6 English Reading Test

Wednesday 11 May
Year 6 Maths test Papers 1 & 2
Book Fair ends

Thursday 12 May
Year 6 Maths Test paper 3

It has been absolutely wonderful to be joined once more by parents for our daily Rosary. Please see the specific item in this newsletter to find out when to attend and where to go!

We thank Father Daniel for leading our May Procession on Wednesday this week. We hold this special devotion to Our Lady each May and we thank parents for helping their children find flowers to bring for this lovely liturgy.

Next week is SATs week and we wish all of our year 6 pupils taking the tests the very best of luck. They have worked so hard with their teachers!

Bon Courage!

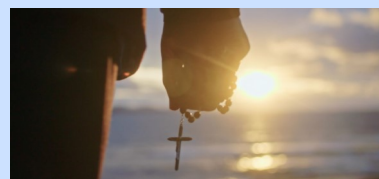
Parent Governor

A reminder that the deadline for nominations for the vacant Parent Governor role is tomorrow, **Friday 6 May**. There is still time to be nominated if you wish! Please look out for further correspondence next week informing all parents of the voting process.

Dates

Please be aware of the half term break dates as these include a teacher training day and a bank holiday this year. As there are two bank holidays this year at the end of May, and both fall in the half term break, the Department for Education are allowing schools to take advantage of one of these and nominate a day to be taken as an additional bank holiday. Term dates for the current year and the year ahead are on the 'parents information' section of the school website.

"You always leave the Rosary for later, and you end up not saying it at all because you are sleepy. If there is no other time, say it in the street without letting anybody notice it. It will, moreover, help you to have presence of God."
(St. Josemaria Escriva)



For those of you who drive your children to school, please:

- **Drive carefully** on the roads surrounding school
- **Park considerably** to our neighbours
- Turn your **engine off**, not leave it running while parked
- Make every effort to walk all or some of the way to school if possible. It's healthy and good for the environment



The weather is lovely at the moment - walk at least some or all of the way to school whenever you can.

The Rosary - Come and Join Us

May is the month of the Rosary and we invite parents to come and share a decade of the Rosary with their children after school. We will pray this special devotion in our Rosary Garden at the heart of our school.

A rota is available on the school website so that you will know when it is your child's turn. 'news & events > Rosary'. The schedule for next week is:

The Joyful Mysteries

Fri 6th The Presentation in the Temple 3A
Mon 9th The Agony in the Garden 3F

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Tues 10th The Agony in the Garden 3S
Weds 11th The Scourging at the Pillar 4OS
Thurs 12th Crowning with Thorns 4BC
Fri 13th Carrying of the Cross 4S

The Rosary takes place at 3.30pm each day. Please enter the main hall from the junior playground and go through the doors on the right to our Rosary Garden.

A huge thank you to Mrs Williams for organising our Rosary.

Vitality Mile

Thank you to the parents who sent the school photographs of the children at the Vitality Mile last Sunday. It looked a fantastic event and it was great to hear how much the children enjoyed being part of such a big event. You certainly looked more impressive than your headteacher did a day later at the adult 10k event! Thank you to Miss O'Toole for organising the participants who were all selected by a random draw and we are so delighted that you made the most of this wonderful opportunity.



Upcoming Dates

Advance warning of some key school dates...

May

Thurs 5th School Book Fair starts
Fri 6th RW Stay & Play
Deadline Parent Governor nominations
Mon 9th Y6 English Grammar SATs test
Tues 10th Y6 English Reading SATs test
Weds 11th Y6 Maths SATs test (Papers 1 & 2)
Thurs 12th Y6 Maths SATs test (Paper 3)
Weds 18th Year 5 to Herts Young Mariners Base
Thurs 19th Year 5 to Herts Young Mariners Base
Tues 24th Class photographs
Weds 25th Ranger Stu (Year 1)
Thurs 26th Spirituality Day
School closes for half term
Fri 27th School Closed - teacher training day

June

Mon 6th School closed - additional bank holiday
Tues 7th School reopens
Year 1 phonics screening (all week)
Year 6 parent meeting (online) 5:30pm
Fri 14th Year 4 at Mass 10am
Mon 20th New parents meeting
Mon 27th Music 'Showcase' performance 2:30pm
Weds 29th Year 6 performance (TBC)
Thurs 30th Year 6 performance (TBC)

July

Mon 4th Year 6 residential (until Fri 8th)
Mon 11th Teacher training day
Sat 16th School PTA Summer Fair
Tues 19th Year 6 Leavers Mass
Thurs 21st School closes for the summer break 2pm

Our Mission Statement

Following Jesus and His way, we

Aim to be the best we can be and to respect everyone. We

Inspire each other to learn, play and pray

Together as children, staff, home and Parish. We grow in

Holiness by putting Love into Action every day.

The Crowning of Mary, Queen of the May



Thanks from the Green Team

Our first project was a Treasure Hunt and we asked you to find some empty ink cartridges and bring them into school to turn them into gold! We're happy to say that we have sent off our first full collection box. The school will receive up to £2 per cartridge recycled so please continue to send in your old cartridges and your class teacher can show your child where the re-cycling box is. <https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/why-recycle.aspx>

To see if your cartridge is on the WANTED LIST, check on the following website:

<https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/InkjetCartridges>

Thank you for your support – The Green Team.



TTRockStars:

results for the last 7 days (updated 4th May).

Year 2: Oliver O (2B), Camil O (2NS) and Carissa S (2B)

Year 3: Petra T (3S), Aerin G (3A) and George M (3A).

Year 4: Samuel D (4BC), Caitlin L (4BC) and David P (4BC).

Year 5/6: Christian C-R (5MR), Gabriella C (6K) and Nicola D (6K)

Compared to other local schools we are now 14th (a slip from 13th place before Easter). Can we try and boost our position on the local league table for next week by playing everyday for about 5-10 minutes? Can you make a difference?

For Sale

Please see an attachment today for lovely two lovely school items currently on sale from the PTA.

Also, remember to add Saturday 16th July to your diary - the wonderful **Summer Fair!**



Cost £5 payable via ParentPay

Branded school hat

NOT TO SCALE.



Cost £7 via Parent Pay

Water bottle

Congratulations



We extend huge congratulations to Emma Rigby (Meghan's mum) who last week was awarded a Queens Honour (a British Empire Medal) for her work in the community. Brilliant and deserved.