



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Diocese of Plymouth

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St Mary's School News

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week this has been! We have had our first collaboration pupil project with Christ the King School in Bournemouth and had our first open assembly since the pandemic begun. Our Year 5 pupils loved meeting the Year 5 pupils and staff from our sister school and cannot wait to be invited over to CTK! The staff were immensely proud of all our pupils. Another first this week...our first parent assembly since 2019-2020. Well done again to Year1 for leading and welcoming the parents to our special Mary Liturgy.

Parent Survey

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/F5YGqeY5zChtV4D58>

BSO concert

Key Stage 2 enjoyed a fabulous afternoon at the Lighthouse Theatre on Wednesday, listening to a concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Thank you, Mrs Wilson, for organising the event and thank you to all the parent helpers who accompanied us.

A recording of the BSO concert that Year 5 attended on Wednesday is now available to view for the next 30 days. Go to the link <https://bsolive.com/events/explore-the-orchestra-midnight-magic/> . It is necessary to create an account to watch it, but it is all free.

Year 5 Collaboration Morning



Year 5 pupils from Christ the King School joined our Year 5 pupils on Wednesday for a fun-filled music and sport activity morning. It was an opportunity to build community and friendships. We were immensely proud of our pupils and how they welcomed our visitors and worked together with kindness and humility. Thank you to our staff in Year 5 for organising the event and to all involved.

Jubilee Celebration Day

On Thursday 26th of May, we will be holding our Jubilee celebrations here at St Mary's. The children will take part in lessons themed around the reign of Her Majesty the Queen with year groups using art to explore the decades of her reign. The children will all eat outside together and at the end of the day, parents are welcome to come into school, have a piece of cake and celebrate with the children.

Parking

Please would all parents and carers be mindful of our neighbours when driving to school, please? There have been many instances of cars being driven up the road at speed, parking across driveways and even some cases of members of our school community parking in people's driveways. In one case, the driver was challenged by a homeowner who was answered in an aggressive way. Pavements are also often blocked and this is causing problems for some residents with mobility issues.

Dog mess and the school lane

One of our parents in EYFS has been incredibly proactive in pressing the council to act over the provision of dog bins and sweeping of paths near school. She has been asked to provide a sign for the lane. We would like to open this to the children. We would like to offer the children the chance to design a sign which would encourage dog owners to be responsible and clear up after their pets. If your child would like to design a sign, please send the completed version, named, to the office by Friday 10th of June.

Reading volunteers

We are now ready to train our first batch of reading volunteers. Thank you to those parents who have agreed to join us. We would still love to welcome more of you into school. If you have an hour or more that you could spare, we would love to welcome you as a reading volunteer in school. Please contact the office if you might be able to help. Volunteers will need to have a valid DBS which we will be happy to arrange.

Celebration of Learning



The children in Foundation have enjoyed observing the tadpoles turning into frogs.



Year 4 have had the exciting opportunity to see quails hatch. Thank you to Mrs Mundy for arranging this.



End of Day Routines

Thank you to everyone for working with us to improve our home time routines. This week the drop off and pick up has been much calmer and less congested, especially at the front of the school.

Summer Term Dates

Year 1 Mass in school - parents welcome 20th May
Year 6 PGL Information Evening 24th May
School closed on 27th May (Jubilee Bank Holiday in Lieu)
Year 5 Scaplen's Court trip 14th/16th June
Year 2 Mass in school- parents welcome 17th June
Year 6 residential at PGL 24th-27th June
Transition Day for all BCP schools 1st July
Year 6 trip to Bovington Tank Museum 6th July
School sports day (KS 1/EYFS a.m. KS 2 p.m.) 13th July
Year 6 Leavers' Mass at church 15th July
School sports reserve day 19th July
Whole school Mass at church 20th July
School concert at Church – 20th July

Catholic Life

Our prayer intention this month is for peace. On Tuesday, the whole school prayed one decade of the rosary together and brought flowers in to decorate our Lady's statue. As we reflect on our heavenly mother we thank God for all mothers, fathers, carers and those looking after the children within our community and around the world.

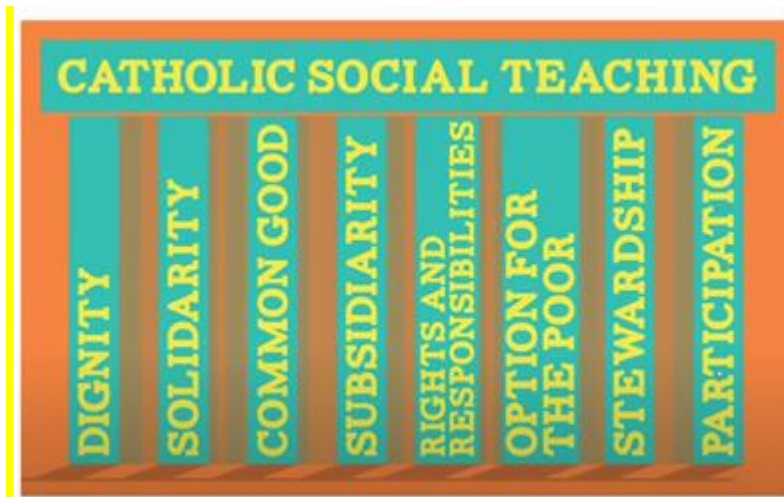
Thank you to Year 1 for leading their special Mary Liturgy today in honour of Our Lady. How wonderful that so many Year 1 parents were able to join us – thank you.



Catholic Social Teaching

The diagram below details the 8 principles of *Catholic Social Teaching*, the principles that we thread throughout our life as a Catholic school. Each week we will focus on a different principle so that parents and carers have an insight into the importance of these and how we can all strive to reflect these in our daily lives.

The Catholic social teaching principle of human **dignity** is about **understanding that each of us is made in God's image**. Every person has an innate human dignity no one can take away. Human dignity is given freely to all human beings; whether saint or sinner, imprisoned or freed, powerful or marginalised.



Let Us Pray

Hail Mary
Full of Grace
The Lord is with thee
Blessed are you amongst all women
And blessed is the fruit of your womb
Holy Mary
Mother of God
Pray for us sinners now
And at the hour of our death
Amen

We give thanks for:

- The wonderful way that our Year 5 pupils collaborated with the Year 5 pupils from Christ the King School.
- The opportunity for KS2 pupils to watch the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday.
- Year 2 pupils who have begun their end of Key Stage one Assessments.
- Queen Elizabeth and her years of service to our nation.

We pray for:

- The gift of 'Integrity'
- Our Queen and the Royal family that they continue to serve our country with integrity and compassion.
- Fr John and all our priests and local clergy.

And finally, we wish you and your family a wonderful weekend. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel
Executive Headteacher

faith
hope
love

Simon Thomas
Head of School



"Inspiring each other to learn, in the light of Christ"

