



St. Mary's and St. Vincent's

Growing in faith: loving and learning together with Jesus



Upcoming dates

Monday 24th April

Staff training day – no children in school

Thursday 27th April & Tuesday 2nd May

NEU planned strike days

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday

w/b Monday 8th May

KS2 SATs week

Friday 26th May

End of Pentecost (1) half-term

Monday 5th June

Start of Pentecost (2) half-term

Message from Mrs Waldram

Welcome back for Pentecost Term! I hope you had a restful Easter break.

As you can see from the box on the left, we have a few Mondays when school is closed, as well as potential closures on strike days, so please make sure these are all on your calendars.

One of our Year 1 teachers at St Mary's, Mrs Daniels, is sadly unable to return to school this term, but we are very lucky that Miss Crawford has agreed to help us out for the rest of term. Thank you to Miss Azzopardi and Mrs Roddis for filling the gap in the meantime.

Many thanks to Miss Peacham for putting this new-style newsletter together. It will evolve as the term goes on and as we get more things to report. Hopefully, it can become a weekly fixture.

God bless,

Mrs Waldram

Things to note

On Monday the 24th April, our schools will be closed to pupils as the staff have a training day. This is an unusual time for this so please remember not to bring your child to school on that day. We look forward to seeing all the children back on Tuesday 25th April.

If you would like further information about free school meals, please contact the school office. It is a really good thing to apply for as there are many other advantages your child can have if they are eligible for free school meals. This includes things like, help with school trips, support in class and extra-curricular opportunities. Phone 0300 300 8306 and have your NI number and your child's Date of Birth ready.

Don't forget!

No, thank you!

Dogs and electric scooters

Please remember that dogs and electric scooters DO NOT belong anywhere on our school site. We need to be able to keep all of our children and visitors safe.

Tag Rugby

Sports section

Some of our Year 3 and 4 girls will be going to a Tag Rugby competition next week. We will let you know how they get on.

We are also making plans for swimming lessons next academic year so please keep your eyes out for a letter about this.

<https://www.stmarysprimary.org.uk/parents/extended-care/>

<https://www.stvincentshr.org/pupils/early-birds-and-late-owls/>

Breakfast and After School Club news

Our Breakfast and After School Clubs are becoming increasingly popular! Please make sure you book and pay for your child's place **in advance** to make sure there is space for them. Mrs Henshaw, Mrs Sheanon and the teams do a fantastic job at looking after all the children so thank you to them.

100%

Attendance attention

It is so important to ensure your child attends school every day. Our attendance for last term overall at St. Mary's was 90.8% and at St. Vincent's was 93.6%. We really need to get this to at least 96%. Please help us to do the best for your child by sending them into school every day.

It is also really important to get your child to school on time every day. School doors open at 8.45am. Your child should have gone into class by 9am.

So far this week, the class with the best attendance is Year 5 at St. Mary's and Year 2 at St. Vincent's – well done!

Please be aware

Strike days

There are two more strike days scheduled for Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. As has happened on previous occasions, we will let you know as soon as possible when we know whether or not this will affect your child's class.