



# St. Mary's and St. Vincent's

*Growing in faith: loving and learning together with Jesus*



## Upcoming dates

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
NEU planned strike day

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> (St Vincent's)**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May (St Mary's)**  
PTAs hosting Coronation tea parties for our school children

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
KS2 SATs week

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
End of Pentecost (1) half-term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
Start of Pentecost (2) half-term

## Message from Mrs Waldram

This half-term's focus value, **Hard working**, has certainly been in evidence this week. I have been visited in my office by so many children, eager to show me examples of their written work, of which they are, quite rightly, very proud. (The teachers were just as proud!) I can see that the children are still maintaining high standards in their handwriting in all of their subjects, after the special focus this was given at the start of the year.

The school staff deserve a mention for their hard work too, as both schools joined together on Monday for some very useful training. Some teachers were in Slough with the other teachers from our Trust, learning about the science of learning and literacy from inspirational educator and author, Doug Lemov. The remaining staff received 'Team Teach' training, learning about positive behaviour management. We all learnt a great deal and are looking forward to applying our new knowledge in school.

At 9am on the 4<sup>th</sup> May at SMPS and the 5<sup>th</sup> May at SVPS, we have a mass at school for Years 2-6. All parents and carers are very welcome to join us. God bless,

*Mrs Waldram*

## Things to note

If you would like some second-hand uniform as spare or because you don't have enough for your child, please come to the school office and we will find some for you. We keep a lot of spares in school and would love to give it away to a good home! We have jumpers, cardigans, skirts, trousers and summer dresses.

**Coronation  
celebration!**

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May – at St. Vincent's

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, the children are invited to dress in red, white and blue to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. There will also be a tea party from 3-4pm for adults and children, hosted by the PTA. £1 per pupil and 50p per adult. Please see separate letter from SVPS, detailing how to pay.

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – at St. Mary's

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, the children are invited to dress in red, white and blue to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. There will also be a tea party for them in the afternoon, hosted by the SMSA.

Our thanks to the PTA and SMSA for organising these events.

At both schools, there is also a special Coronation themed lunch on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## Tag Rugby result

### Sports section

I know you've all been waiting to find out how the tag rugby competition went – St. Mary's came **fourth overall!** Well done girls – you lost two, drew two and won two!

Miss Azzopardi and Mrs Vassallo were **SO** impressed with your skilful play and your fantastic behaviour – great school representatives.

## Attention Y5 parents and carers

### Taken from the St. Mary's parish newsletter:

#### Admission to Catholic Schools in the Diocese for 2023 sign-up card

Commencing Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, on given Sundays, in the coming months, your priest will stamp this card if you are at Mass with the children involved.

100%

### Attendance attention

So far this week, the class with the best attendance is:

Year **5** at St. Mary's with 97.4% and

Year **2** at St. Vincent's with 99.1% – well done!

**See if you can help your class achieve this next week!**

## Please be aware

### Strike days

There is another strike day scheduled for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Please note the letter that was sent out on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April on ClassDojo and ParentMail which gives you all the details you need.

### Certificates this week for hard work

Congratulations to all of our children who won the certificate in their class this week for particularly standing out as being hard-working!

**SMPS:** N – Maaran, R – David, 1 – Miruna, 2 – Rojish, 3 – Rennaya, 4 – Zara, 5 – Oliver and 6 – Brandon.

**SVPS:** N – Lena, R – Kian, 1 – Olivia, 2 – Hugo, 3 – Trevor, 4 – Max, 5 – Riley and 6 – Bartosz.