



St Mary's School

Summer fruits

St Mary's CE Primary
& Nursery School

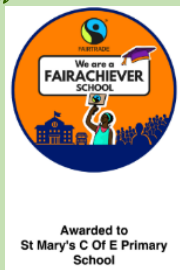
Summer Term 2026

'Growing Together in God's Love to Achieve Excellence'

Summer Events

Fair Achiever Award

We are delighted to announce that we have once again been awarded the title of 'Fair Achiever School'. Many thanks to all of the staff and children who have worked hard to achieve this award. Please find feedback from the Fairtrade Foundation who administer the award below:



Congratulations to everyone at St Mary's on achieving your FairAchiever Award. This is a fantastic achievement and a clear reflection of the enthusiasm, creativity and commitment shown by pupils, staff and school councils in promoting Fairtrade across the school community. From pupil-led competitions and engaging displays to practical use of Fairtrade products in lessons and events, your work shows real understanding and shared ownership of Fairtrade values.

Thank you for all the hard work you have put into this journey. Your thoughtful, inclusive approach and willingness to overcome challenges are truly commendable, and you should be very proud of the positive example you are setting for your pupils and wider community. Keep up the excellent work.

School Linking – Year 4

Year 4 have had an amazing term, developing relationships with students at Cheetham Hill CoE Community Academy.



In June, Year 4 students from both schools had a chance to visit each other and take part in lots of great collaborative activities.

'Cheetham Hall are a much bigger school than us. We had an hour to create an animal home using junk modelling. We also took part in a Kahoot about the World Cup.' - Phoebe

'I enjoyed playing in their big playground. I played football and other people playing infinity tig.' - Felix

World Cup Design Competition

To celebrate the World Cup our Sports Council ran a football kit design competition and the lucky winners were rewarded with football spinners.

Well done to everyone who took part.

The winners and their beautiful designs are shown here.



PTA Summer Fair

Thank you to all who attended the PTA Summer Fair this term and an especially huge thank you to all who volunteered on the day. An enormous amount of work goes on behind the scenes to organise and coordinate an event of this size and we are so grateful for the support we have received. Thank you also to all of our very generous prize donors, we had our most impressive prize haul ever!

It was a hot one, which made a nice change from the usual rain we so often have on summer fair day and it was wonderful to see so many St Mary's families enjoying the range of stalls we had available. We saw the return of some firm favourites including the Teddy Zipwire, Ice Cream Creation Station and Sponge the Teacher (Mrs Ashby, Mr Lang and Mr Hitchcock drew the short straw and all got absolutely soaked!) We saw a new addition this year with the Beyblades Tournament organised by a group of Year 6 boys who showed great initiative and commitment to our fundraising. We also welcomed members of Stagecoach who dazzled us with their performance of a Hamilton inspired medley and Trident Taekwondo who wowed us with their impressive skills demonstration.



School Council Updates

Sports Council

Our Year 5 sports leaders had a fantastic time at Altrincham FC attending their Sports Leadership Graduation in June.

Our Sports Leaders in Year 2 and Year 6 were also acknowledged in the Ashton on Mersey Sports Awards. Mr Doody presented the children with a variety of sports awards, from performance to participation, well done to everyone. As you can imagine, all the children enjoyed the awards presentation!

KS1 Participation Award – Hedy
Performance Award – Hollie
Positive Impact Award – Finlay
Sports Personality of the Year – Anna

KS2 Participation Award – Orla
Performance Award – Joseph
Positive Impact Award – Frankie
Sports Personality of the Year – Jayden
Outstanding Leadership Award – Ellie P, Ellie J, William L, George, William F, Jack, Orla and Megan



Sporting News

Dodgeball, GM Finals – Year 6

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 Dodgeball team who triumphed in the Trafford leg and earned a space at the Greater Manchester Finals at Oldham Leisure Centre. The team worked extremely well in the face of strong competition and both Mr Jordan and the rest of the school are very proud of them.

'I thought it was really fun, we even had a great time on the journey home!' – Joseph

'We had a lot of fun and worked together. We were only one point away from being third.' – Yu Xin

Sports Leadership Festival

Children in 2 and our Year 5 Sports Leaders had a fantastic morning at Tyntesfield Primary School. The Sports leaders lead well and came up with a really interesting session that the Year 2 children enjoyed participating in.

'We got involved and I enjoyed joining in.'
– Ellie P.

'We learnt that it can be a challenge to get the attention of younger children!' – Ellie J.



Netball – Year 5 & 6

The St Mary's Netball team had a fantastic afternoon taking part in the High 5 tournament at Springfield Primary School. They showed excellent effort and perseverance throughout some challenging games – well done team!

'I really liked wearing the kit.' – Lyra

'It was really exciting to represent the school as part of a competition.' – Amelia



Basketball – Year 5

A great show from both our Year 5 Sports Leaders who organised a well-executed event and from our Year 5 Basketball team who took part.

'I learnt lots about teamwork and I enjoyed practising between the games. We came up with our own tactics.'
– Xavi

'We won both games that we played in. I enjoyed the competitive element. We worked well as a team and all had time with the ball.' – Jude

Tag Rugby – Year 5

The team won one game and drew another, and more than held their own when playing against Year 6 teams. Their sportsmanship and attitude were excellent throughout and they all demonstrated great teamwork.

'I learnt that I am good at sprinting.' – Tinashe
'I learnt that I am good at catching.' – Aubree



Tri-Golf– Year 5

Year 5 did very well, learning a challenging new skill. They gained in confidence as the competition went on.

'My favourite part was when we had to hit the ball into different zones.'

Green was worth 10 points, blue 5 points and yellow was 2 points.' – Freyja



Kick Rounders – Year 2

Our Year 2 Kick Rounders team, had a fantastic time, demonstrating a positive attitude to learning new skills and working well to support each other. Well done Year 2!

'I enjoyed kicking the ball.' – Anna 1/2D

'I learnt to kick the ball to one side to try and score a rounder.' – Dylan 1/2D

'I learnt how to play kick rounders!'
– Patrick 1/2 O



Dynamos Cricket

Our superb team of Year 4 and 5 cricketers gave their best at this event. Demonstrating excellent teamwork and effort, growing into the competition.

'I enjoyed playing, we had some good batters on our team. It was a challenge because we were playing against Year 6!' – Kabir



Sports Day

Sadly we were unable to run **Key Stage 2 Sports Day** due to some biblical weather (we were visited by floods followed by searing heat).

The **Key Stage 1 Sports Day**, was able to take place in sunshine. It was lovely to see the smiles on the children's faces, engaging in many different sporting activities. We would like to thank parents and family members who cheered on from the sidelines and who consistently support the children.

We made the double with of sports days, with our **Nursery and Reception** children enjoying activities set up by our Year 5 children. It was great to see them interacting with one another and even some parents got to have a go!



Trips and School Events

Victoria Park Mosque – Year 3

In the summer term, Year 3 visited Victoria Park Mosque. The class met the Imam who told them all about the 5 Pillars of Islam and took them on a tour which included the impressive prayer hall, the area where Muslims perform their wudu washing rituals. Each group also saw the teaching and community spaces used by Muslim children learning the Qu'ran.

'I learnt that the mosque faces Mecca.' – Alexi

'I enjoyed going outside of school to learn.'
– Halle



RHS Bridgewater – Year 3

Year 3 were lucky enough to visit the beautiful RHS Bridgewater and take part in a workshop 'Exploring Plants'. They got to enjoy getting their hands in the dirt and dealing first hand with plants and flowers.

'I enjoyed the beginning where we learnt about flowers (someone dressed up as one!) and we learnt that bees carry pollen.' – Aoife

'I learnt how plants work, I learnt some really interesting facts that I have never heard before. There is a seed that can move! It senses cracks so that it can grow into them.' – Penny I



Science of Sound – Year 4

Year 4 had a visit for 'Boffin Projects' who taught them all about sound. They then applied their knowledge to make their own instruments.

Boffin Projects Ltd
Fun stuff in science and the arts

'My favourite part was when the man running the workshop blew the shell. We saw the sound waves get bigger on the screen.' – Charlie

'I really enjoyed learning about instruments and how to make them. We learnt about vibrations, it was really interesting and fun.' – Isabelle

'I found it really funny when I was asked to hold a box and he hit it with a tuning fork which made it shake.' – Hana

Staircase House – Year 1 and 2

Children in year 1 and 2 had a fantastic trip to Staircase House in Stockport to learn about the Great Fire of London and a host of other historical facts!

'I acted as Samuel Pepys, I wore a wig and a nightgown! I pretended to go to sleep and snore!' – Edward, 1/20

'I really like learning about how people used 'wattle and daub' to make houses. They used animal poo to stick it together!' – Everly, 1/20



Smithills Farm - Reception

One of our most loved trips is this visit with our Reception students to Smithills Farm in Bolton. It turned out to be a lovely day and students had a fantastic time enjoying cuddles with farm animals, riding donkeys and learning about the working areas of farm. A great day out for everyone!

'We saw rabbits and one nibbled me!' – Maggie

'I really liked seeing the owl.'
– Jonah

'We got to stroke a baby goat!' – Evelyn



Performing Arts Festival

It was Mrs Taylor's debut year as Creative Director and we were not disappointed! We had a fantastic Arts festival showcasing performance talent from Year 3 to Year 6.

It was great to see the progress made by our Year 3 flute players in their mini concert to start the evening. Then we had amazing musicians, dancers, and of course our wonderful choir! A lovely evening was had by all.

'It was really fun because it was a chance to perform in front of an audience.' – Lyra, Year 6



Keystings

Students from Reception to year 6 were treated to an interactive performance from 'Keystings'. Many thanks to the PTA who paid for this event.

'I liked it when they played funky music at the start. Some people got a chance to go and play, the musicians taught them how to play the instruments.' – Hannah, Year 4



Synagogue – Year 5

Our Year 5 children had an extremely informative afternoon at the Hesketh Road Synagogue, learning about Judaism.

'I learnt that Judaism is 2000 years old. I enjoyed learning about what Jewish people can and can't eat.' – Fraser

'I learnt that Jewish people eat kosher food and that they can't eat meat and dairy in the same meal. Also, Jewish men wear a Kippur to show respect to the lord above them.'
– Alice



Stockport Air Raid Shelter – Year 6

Year 6 had a memorable day at Stockport Air raid Shelters. They went dressed as WW2 evacuees and even brought their own 1940s lunches!

'I learnt that during World War two that people had to ration clothes.' – William

'I learnt that in the 1940's that children had to do housework.'
– Martha G



Sale Waterside Singing Festival - Year 5

In June, Year 5 performed as part of a singing festival at Sale Waterside Theatre, organised by Trafford Music. As I'm sure you can appreciate, many hours of hard work went into rehearsing the songs and creating a beautiful performance – well done Year 5 and a massive thank you to Mrs Ashby, Mr Lang and Mrs Smith and the parents that came to support and watch the performance.

'We rehearsed in the theatre and then visited the dressing rooms. We sung with the other schools and then came to front and sang our songs. I really enjoyed it.'
– Isabelle



Year 6 Hoedown & Lion King

It is that bittersweet time again, where as a community we say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 children.



But first we got to enjoy their amazing teamwork and performance skills in the dramatic production of 'The Lion King', directed to perfection by Mrs Setterfield, musical and choral support from Mrs Ashby with fabulous costumes provided by parents. Year 6 worked hard during rehearsals and the final performance to create a memorable show and St Mary's is very proud of them.

'I really enjoyed taking part in work outside of the classroom. I also enjoyed telling jokes.' – Jack

'I really enjoyed singing on the balcony.' – Frankie

And yee-haw! The weather was kind(er) to us this year, so the Hoedown fun and celebrations took place outside as planned.

Year 6 children and their families were invited to attend our annual, Leavers Hoedown, partially funded by the PTA. We squared danced, do-ce-do-ed and laughed. It was a fabulous evening and we hope that many memories were made.



Summer Term Fundraising

We have had a fantastic term for fundraising and have raised the following for various good causes:

- PTA Summer Fair - £2000

Thank you for your support, we couldn't do it without you!

St Mary's Summer Talent Show

Another fantastic year of talent! Our winning group from Year 5 was made up of Mia, Poppy, Libby and Freyja.

'At first we were going to choreograph a cheer routine but we decided to choose 'Ex-wives' from Six the musical because we thought people would enjoy it more.' – Mia



Nursery News

Summer Term Summary

What a special Summer Term we have had in Nursery. It feels as though the weeks have flown by and it is now almost time to say goodbye to our children as they begin their exciting new journey into Reception.

This final term has been a special one as we have watched the children consolidate so many of the skills they have developed throughout their time in Nursery. It has been a joy to see their confidence grow and to watch them truly sparkle. Whether they have been creating, exploring, problem solving, sharing ideas or challenging themselves to try something new, the children have shown just how much they have grown.

In maths, the children have been developing their understanding of patterns and have enjoyed creating their own repeated patterns using objects around them, drawings and beautiful collages in the art area. They have also been making marks to represent numbers, playing games outside such as throwing beanbags into hoops and recording their scores. This term we have seen a huge growth in the children's confidence with mark making. It has been wonderful to see them wanting to practise forming marks that have meaning, especially as they begin to recognise and write letters from their own names.

Our mini topic of exploring the world has taken us on many exciting journeys. We have explored Antarctica and learnt about this very cold place, before travelling to the opposite environment and discovering hot places such as deserts. The children's curiosity led us to explore Egypt and find out more about pyramids. We have also learnt about Japan, where the children enjoyed creating their own origami creatures, and Australia, where we were lucky enough to explore a boomerang!

Our Christian value of peace has been a lovely focus this term. Through stories such as *Five Minutes Peace* by Jill Murphy and the Bible story of Jesus calming the storm, the children have explored what peace means and how we can create calm around us. The children particularly enjoyed bringing the story to life outside using our large parachute. They created a storm by moving it together and then worked as a team to bring the storm to peace by gently placing their hands on the parachute and watching it become still.

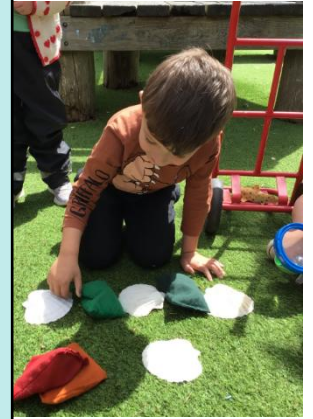
Recently, we have watched our caterpillar grow and transform into a butterfly before having the wonderful experience of releasing him into the Nursery garden.

Sports Day was another highlight of the term. It was fantastic to see our Nursery and Reception children come together, working as teams and showing such enthusiasm, determination and kindness towards each other. It was a wonderful celebration of everything the children have achieved.

As we reach the end of the year, our children who are moving on to Reception are excited for their next chapter, while our continuing Nursery children are looking forward to welcoming new friends and creating new memories in September.

A huge thank you to all of our children and families for sharing this year with us. It has been an absolute joy and privilege to watch the children grow in confidence, creativity and independence. We are so proud of the wonderful little people they have become and we know they are ready for all the adventures that Reception will bring.

We wish all of our families a wonderful, restful and peaceful summer break.



Thank you.

Once again we should like to thank all the parents who ferry the children to and from the various matches and to all those who accompany the children on school trips, we couldn't do it without them! We should also like to thank all the teachers of after school activities for their hard work and dedication, especially for the outdoor activities, battling the rain this term.