



St Mary's School

Summer Bulletin

St Mary's CE Primary
& Nursery School

Summer Term 2025

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

Summer Events

80th Anniversary of VE Day

As a school, we sang 1940's songs in worship and remembered and celebrated 80 years since VE Day – a moment of peace, hope, and new beginnings.



Year 1 and 2 were also lucky enough to have one of our fantastic parents bring in and talk about personal artefacts from their family, relating to WW2.

School Linking – Year 4

Year 4 have had an amazing term, developing relationships with students at Ladybridge Primary School in Cheadle Hulme. In May, Year 4 students from Ladybridge visited St Mary's and got to know the Year 4 class better. Later in the term, St Mary's students visited Ladybridge Primary School and took part in lots of great collaborative activities.



In order to demonstrate their commitment to the environment, Year 4 went out on a litter picking trip to Ashton Park in June.



'I enjoyed getting to know the Ladybridge students by playing games. It was fun to make new friends.' – Poppy
'I really enjoyed reading 'Hughie and the new jumper'. – Maddox

PTA Wine Tasting

The PTA hosted a successful event at our Wine Tasting Evening on Saturday 17th June.

We were thrilled to have Jayne Slim, our previous PTA Chair, back with us to lead this event. With her extensive knowledge she took us on a journey around Europe sampling wines from Portugal, France, Spain, Germany, Italy and England.



We are in discussions about the possibility of a festive Christmas dinner themed wine tasting with small bites representing each course of a Christmas lunch and wine pairings - if this is something that you would be interested in we would love to hear from you at stmarys.pta@hotmail.co.uk so we can gauge interest levels.

Year 5 Charity Craft Fair

In Early May Year 5 made objects to sell to the rest of the school in aid of 'The Donkey Sanctuary'. A big well done to our budding entrepreneurs and Mrs Reynolds!

'It was fun selling our products to the other children. We started selling custom bags as the fair went on.' – Martha G

'After 3 or 4 classes had visited the fair we sold out of bracelets so we had to make new ones using things from outside.' – Sienna



PTA Summer Fair

The PTA would like to thank everyone who attended our Summer Fair on Saturday 28th June. The sun was shining and we had a fun filled afternoon whilst raising money to fund new laptops for school.

Highlights of the day included a sports challenge set up by Sale F.C. and a visit from their mascot Tricky the Mutt, our sell out ice cream sundae creation station, a raffle draw sponsored by local businesses, Lucky Sixes game to win a Nintendo Switch Oled, fabulous face painting and lots of fun on the bouncy castle! A special mention must go out to the staff members who volunteered themselves for the sponge the teacher stall!

A huge thank you for all donations. We are so grateful to all staff and parent volunteers and those who helped with setting up and clearing up on the day. It's amazing what can be achieved when we all come together!



School Council Updates

Sports Council

Our Year 5 sports leaders had a fantastic time at Old Trafford Cricket Ground 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 – George L
Performance Award – Henry N
Positive Impact Award – Erin
Sports Personality of the Year – Verity

KS2 Participation Award – Gabriel
Performance Award – Layla
Positive Impact Award – Luke
Sports Personality of the Year – Elin
Outstanding Achievement Award – Simeon and Elsa



Sporting News

Dodgeball – Year 6

Our Year 6 Dodgeball Team took part in Trafford Representatives League. Mr Lang was very proud of the team, they all played with a smile on their face and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout which was noted by staff from other schools.



'I enjoyed playing Dodgeball with my friends outside of school.' – Isaac

'I enjoyed playing with my teammates.' – Holly

Orienteering – Year 5

The St Mary's eight-strong team had a fantastic time racing against teams from ten other schools. In pairs, the children set off on a series of four timed races, following a map of Ashton-on-Mersey School. They had to locate markers hidden around the school playing fields, which weren't easy to spot. Despite this challenge, the children did a superb job, coming fifth overall. Owen and Barney won Race 3 with the only fully correct list in the entire race! Well done to everyone for your perseverance and excellent orienteering skills.



'It was fun walking around and trying to find each of the markers' – Barney

Tag Rugby – Year 5

The team gave 100% effort, playing the game is good spirits. They had great fun and had an enjoyable experience playing against some older teams!

'We all worked hard, even though we were playing against Year 6 children!' – Yu Xin

'I enjoyed playing Tag Rugby outside of school' – Jayden



Sports Leadership Festival

Children in Year 1 and 2 and our Year 5 Sports Leaders had a fantastic morning at Woodheys Primary School. Children and Year 1 and 2 showed amazing energy and enthusiasm for all of the sporting activities and Year 5 demonstrated their customary supportiveness and encouragement.

'I enjoyed playing different games that we could all take part in' – Erin 1/2D

'I enjoyed playing the game where we were split into two teams and the team that got the most bibs won!'
– Alfie 1/20

Kick Rounders – Year 2

Our Year 2 Kick Rounders team, had a fantastic time, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout and working tactically which resulted in them winning every game and the tournament. Well done Year 2!

'I liked playing against other schools.' - Henry 1/2D

'I liked playing in defence. I stopped the ball and threw it to stop other teams scoring.' - Isabelle 1/2D



Girls Football, Kelly Cup– Year 5&6

After a close first round, four teams played in the finals day. It was a closely matched group with all games having low scores as the quality of football was so high. St Mary's Year 6 team made it through to the finals where the two best teams couldn't find a decider – even with extra time! St Mary's will share the Kelly Cup with Moor. It was 100% effort, talent and teamwork, as always from the Year 6 girls team, winning their second title of the year!

'I enjoying playing midfield in the matches.' - Rana, Year 6



Tri-Golf– Year 4&5

Year 5 did very well, learning a challenging new skill. They gained in confidence as the competition went on and finished 6th overall.



Year 4 were brilliant from the outset with the girls team showing particular talent. As a team, they scored highly on each hole ending with a fantastic score of 742 overall and winning the tournament.

'I learnt how to chip the ball. I

enjoyed the course.' – Isaac – Year 5

'I enjoyed learning how to get the ball in the air!' – Massil – Year 4



Dynamos Cricket

Our superb team of Year 5 cricketers gave their best at this event.

Demonstrating excellent teamwork and effort, growing into the competition. They ended with a victory in the last game.

'When we got there they explained the rules, we played with boundaries. I enjoyed fielding and bowling.' – Minnie



Sports Day

We were delighted to be able to hold sports days for all our classes.

The sun was (nearly) shining for us on our **Key Stage 2 Sports Day**. A special shout out to St George's who won the tug of war and St Patrick's who won the overall Sports Day. We are so proud of the teamwork, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm shown by every child

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. Mrs Grimley said it was her favourite KS1 Sports Day' and wanted to thank the fantastic focus and effort of the children as well as support from all the parents who were in attendance.

We made it a hat trick of sports days with our **Nursery** children enjoying activities set up by our Year 6 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 and Year 6

In the summer term, both Year 3 and Year 6 visited Victoria Park Mosque. Each 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 Muslims need to face Mecca when they pray.' – William, Year 3

'It was nice to visit the mosque that my grandad uses.' – Hana, Year 3

Pizza Express – Year 4

In May, a lucky Year 4 class made their way to Pizza Express in Hale, in order to design and make their own pizzas. It goes without saying that a fun (and very delicious!) time was had by all.

'I thought that making the pizza was really good, I also enjoyed eating the pizza!' - Jude, Year 4

'I liked the fact that we got to try the pizza we made and that we shared all of the ingredients.' – Ellie P, Year 4



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 as well as one of the class dressing up as a plant in the workshop!

'I liked dressing up as a plant, I was called the Freddie plant' - Freddie'

'I enjoyed going round the garden and seeing lots of plants.' – William,



Tree Walk – Year 1 and 2

As part of their science topic about plants, Year 1 and 2 visited Ashton Park to identify trees and flowers.



'We went to the park to find the trees. I also smelt the flowers on the tree.' – Lucas, 1G

'I saw a lime tree. We recognised the different types of trees.' – Tabitha, 1/2D

'We saw different trees, the first one was a Sycamore.' – Harry, 1/2O

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.

'It was amazing because they showed us all the ways that sound could be made, which I didn't know about before. We also got to make instruments.' – Ellie



'I thought it was cool because I got to hold a massive stick!' – Fraser

Smithills Farm - Reception

On 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!

"I liked the horses best." – Vienna

'I liked the pigs.' – Astrid

'My favourite part was riding the donkey.' – Joshua



Travelling by Tuba

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

'We really liked it, it was so fun and the performance was really amazing.'
– Martha W and Lottie



Performing Arts Festival

We had a fantastic Arts festival showcasing musical and artistic 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, a poet and of course our wonderful choir! A lovely evening was had by all. A special thank you to Mrs Ball for organising such a memorable evening.



'I liked that we got to see the different skills that people have. Even if you don't want to perform you can watch!' – Isabelle, Year 6

Halle and Beach Trip – Year 1&2

Our Year 1 and 2 children enjoying visiting the Halle and seeing a live orchestra playing a range of fun and interactive songs!.

'I enjoyed the music, it was great to see all the different instruments.' – Ralphie, 1G

'I liked singing the 'Deep Blue Sea' song' Tilly, 1/2D

'enjoyed the final song because they played 'Under the Sea.'– Marnie, 1/2D

Our prayers were answered and the weather held! Year 1 and 2 children loved visiting Lytham St Anne's. There was sun, sandcastles, ice cream and a walk along the pier – heaven!

'We ate our lunch on the beach, the seagulls came to join us!' – Anna, 1G

'I was very exciting, I enjoyed the ice cream.' Daniel, 1/2O

'I enjoyed making sandcastles.'– Sophie, 1/2O



Year 6 Families to Lunch, Hoedown & 'There'll be Bluebirds Over the Gasworks'

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

But first, we had a fabulous turnout from our Year 6 parents attending the last 'parents to lunch' event with our leavers. Mrs Da Silva, her team, Mrs Wallis and Mrs O'Kell made sure that it was one to remember!



But first we got to enjoy the performance skills in the hilarious production of 'There'll be bluebirds over... the gasworks', directed to perfection by Mrs Taylor and Mrs Smith, 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.

'It was a really good opportunity to do more acting and I got to do it with a good friend.' – Elin

'I liked doing the duet with Elin and I learned that the Germans send spies to England in WW2' – Charlie

And gee now. The weather was not co-operating so after relocating to the hall, 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:

- 'The Donkey Sanctuary' – Year 5 Craft Fair - £196.15
- PTA Summer Fair - £2272

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

St Mary's Summer Talent Show

Our fabulous students did it again, we had rousing renditions of, 'Revolting Children', as well as solo singers, cheerleaders, stand-up comedians and rock guitar.

The event was won by Joshua in Year 5 who won with his guitar rendition of 'Smells Like Teen Spirit' that impressed everyone. St Mary's really does have so much talent!



Nursery News



Summer Term Summary

The summer term always whizzes by, and before you know it, it's time nearly to say goodbye. This term sees the children consolidating the skills they have learnt and using these to explore the resources around them. There are far too many learning through play experiences to mention, but here is one! The children spent a large amount of time in outdoor play, focusing on the investigation of the world around them. The children have driven fire engines, planes and boats to support their imagination. This interest has followed on from phase 1 phonics environmental sounds, to interests and holidays.

During the most recent half term, we investigated different art techniques. Some of the children's favourite tasks included making paper aeroplanes (where we measured the distances flown). We also looked at mixing colours using water and paints to create our own potions. The children followed the primary and secondary mixing chart to learn more about what colours can be made. The nursery children are very fond at building towers and models, with the introduction of modelling straws the children rose to the STEM challenge and made some beautiful, thoughtful, balanced models, getting taller each time. Through the interactions and collaborations, the grownups glowed with pride, as we observed how the children have grown, in their social and thinking skills, and their descriptive and mathematical language. You did us proud! On reflection, looking at the children's starting point in September to now, I can genuinely state that each child has made great efforts and made progress in all areas, especially in how they interact act and approach each other. **Well done Nursery children 2024-25! It's been a blast!**

As I write this, we have had our Sport's Day which we hope you agree was amazing and the turn out to watch was exceptional, thank you for attending! Our Teddy Bear's Picnic took place inside this year but fun was had by all! As we draw to the end of term, the children are all excited for the next chapter in Reception and our continuing Nursery children are looking forward to making friends with new students come September. Go nursery, go! For those not staying, we wish you lots more fun and please remember the good times we've had this year!

I sincerely give you a massive thank you, to you and your children for sharing this year with us, wishing you all a wonderful, 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.