



**A small school with a big heart**

# NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY 21 APRIL 2023

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### Stars of the Week Class 1

Sam: for being so enthusiastic and hardworking especially with handwriting!

Dexter: for a great attitude towards all his work, especially in gymnastics!

### Stars of the Week Class 2

Nate: for an excellent start to life at St Mary's!

James M: for working hard at school and home in preparation for SATs. Keep it up!

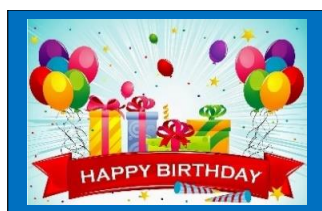


### Big Hearts are awarded to:

Bodhi: for his excellent attitude towards helping others, including helping build an amazing pirate ship with such care.

Ruby: for her positive and caring attitude towards others, and her aspirations in her work.

Maya: for always persevering and overcoming challenges that she faces.



**Happy Birthday!**  
**Congratulations to George, Layla,**  
**Arthur, Oscar C and Dexter**  
**who've all celebrated birthdays**  
**recently!**

## NOTICES

**Mrs Byrne:** we welcome Mrs Byrne back to school! Mrs Byrne is working with Reception class in the Caterpillar Room. Miss Salmon is working with Year 1 and 2 alongside Miss Hawkins.

**Changes to music lessons:** next week Mr Warren will be in on Friday instead of Tuesday so please send your child's instrument in on Friday 28 April. There will be no band practice next week. In week beginning Tuesday 9 May, there will be no music lessons or band practice due to the SATs tests taking place that week.

**Life Education visit:** on Tuesday this coming week, the Life Education visit will take place. These are fun, interactive and age-appropriate sessions covering a range of topics about taking care of yourself (including keeping physically and mentally healthy, and having positive friendships). If your child wishes to purchase a pack of scratch art bookmarks please send £1 into school with them on Tuesday.



**PE days:** please note the **change of PE days for Reception Class only**. On Thursdays please send your Reception child in their PE kit. On Fridays, please send your Reception child in uniform with their PE kit in a bag. For everyone else, please could children come to school on PE days dressed in their kit with their school jumper over the top. Many thanks.

**Miss Hawkins is running the Great North Run:** Miss Hawkins is training hard for the famous Great North Run in September and is raising money for a fabulous cause that's close to her heart. If you can, please sponsor her. Every little helps. You can read more about the event and Miss Hawkins' reasons for running, and add sponsorship [here](#).

**Extra bank holiday:** school will be closed on **Monday 8 May 2023** to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

**Term time holiday:** just a reminder that we cannot authorise holidays in term time unless the circumstances are deemed to be exceptional. LCC will issue penalty notices where unauthorised absences reach the necessary threshold.

**Packed lunch day:** As you are aware, the dinners are transported from the kitchen of another school. There is one remaining date this year when their kitchens will not be open due to inset days taking place. On 26 May 2023 we would ask that you send your children to school with a packed lunch. We will issue reminders nearer the time.

## The Week Ahead

Monday 24 April

Mass at Cloughton church 9.10am All welcome!

Tuesday 25 April

No music lessons. No band practice.

Class One PE

Class Two PE

Wednesday 26 April	Swimming for Yr 3 and 4  Class One Forest School 3.30–4.30 (wellies and waterproofs!)  Class Two Multi Skills 3.30–4.30
Thursday 27 April	Reception Class PE (come in kit)  Class One PE  Class Two PE  Years 2–6 Musical Theatre 3.30–4.30pm  Class One teacher-led club 3.30–4.30pm
Friday 28 April	Reception Class PE (come in uniform with kit bag)  Mr Warren in all day: please bring your instruments.  No band practice.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Monday 1 May	School closed for bank holiday
Monday 8 May	School closed for bank holiday
Tuesday 9 May	No music lessons or band practice
Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 May	SATs week Year 6
Sunday 14 May	First Holy Communion Mass
Friday 26 May	All children need a packed lunch  School closes for half term at 3.30pm
Monday 5 June	INSET DAY children at home
Tuesday 6 June	School reopens

**We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine...**

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

**Wishing you all a pleasant weekend. See you on Monday!**