



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

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NOTICES

Year 6: we were sad today to say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 children. We wish them all the best as they move on to a new phase in their lives. We hope that a little bit of St Mary's will always be with them.

Summer social: thank you to all who made the summer social such a lovely evening! The sum of £866.60 was raised, an amazing achievement for such a small school.

Ordering uniform: the link for parents to order uniform directly from the suppliers is <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StMarysCatholicPrimarySchoolPR30PN>
The cut-off date for ordering for guaranteed delivery before September is **24 July 2023**. Please note that children will be provided with a PE hoodie and joggers in September. Please also note that for PE shorts are navy blue and can be ordered from School Trends.

Music concert: there is a video on YouTube of the recent collaborative music concert: <https://youtu.be/1XvwdMV9MCw>

Earrings in school: a polite reminder that small plain studs are the only earrings that are allowed in school. Please ensure they are not worn on PE days.

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: 5 days in one term or 7 days over two consecutive terms.

Enrichment Clubs in September: from September, Mr Warren will be conducting band practice as part of the school day and so there will be no band practice after school. On Wednesdays, there will be Forest School for years 1 to 6 for those who have already signed up. Places are now full. Enrichment clubs will be reviewed again in the spring.

Music lessons in school: if anyone would like keyboard or guitar lessons, these can be booked through Lancashire County Council, by registering at their music website, using this link: <https://uklancashire.speedadmin.dk/registration>

Lessons with Mr Warren: slots for lessons will be available with Mr Warren in September for cornet, flute, trombone and recorder. Please contact the office for further details. Please note that individual lessons are £7 and group lessons are now £3. If anyone would like to buy their child their own musical instrument, there are reputable sellers of pre-loved instruments (such as The

Music Cellar in Preston) and we are investigating an instrument purchase scheme that would save parents the VAT on the instrument. Further details to follow.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 4 September

School reopens for the autumn term

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 summer. See you in September!