



# St. Mary's

# Catholic Primary School

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*In God's light, we love, learn and grow together.*

**You who are young, be happy while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see (Ecclesiastes 11:7)**

## SPORT'S DAY

We will be holding sport's day on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** at 1:30pm this year. Parents will be invited to watch but we ask you to follow these rules in order for us to allow the event to proceed.

- Park carefully on the road and not to block traffic.
  - **No dogs allowed**
- The only toilet facility will be in the sport's hall
- You can bring your own chairs and refreshments but we ask you to take all rubbish and items home with you
- You will not be able to cross the field to see your child / pass anything to your child or apply sun cream
- You are unable to take photographs or videos of the children. These will be done by the class teacher and put on the website and Instagram.

You will be able to take your child home afterwards.

I understand these rules may seem explicit but we are doing all we can to make sure that everyone can have a nice time.



**Parents park at their own risk in the car park. The car park belongs to the Church**

## Dates to Note

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Holy Communion Breakfast 9-10am. New Reception intake parent's meeting 4:30pm.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – 9:30-10:30am New Reception intake Stay & Play

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**- Netball game after school V Ursuline

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**- Y6 High school transition day and school class transition. / New Reception intake in 1:15-2:30pm

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**- Y6 High school transition day

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**- Sport's Day 1:30

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**-Netball game after school V St Johns

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Rewards Trip. 1pm Library visit

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – St Mary's Got Talent

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July**- **SUMMER FAIR 12-3PM**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** –PM Whole school disco and class parties

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - 2pm Rec-Y5 whole school summer assembly

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** - 2pm Y6 leavers assembly

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – 1:15pm finish

**Wednesday Word-** The latest Wednesday Word is **Faith**. Please use family time to read it & do some activities by visiting: <https://www.stmaryscatholicps.co.uk/catholiclife>

## Lateness

A reminder that the school gates will be closed at 9am sharp. If you arrive after this time, you will need to bring your child to the front door. From September, an adult will need to sign a late book and give a reason. Children can be anxious and miss morning work if they arrive late.

## School Uniform



Can I ask you to make sure children are wearing the correct school uniform?

Leggings, cycling shorts, colourful socks and under garments are not PE uniform. Children should be wearing school shoes or dark trainers. Lots of girls are coming to school in Jelly shoes, Crocs or Converse. These are not part of the school uniform.

## Term Dates 2024-2025

### Autumn 2024

**Term starts** – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**½ term ends** – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm

**Half Term** – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Term re-starts** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

**Term ends** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1:15pm

### Spring 2025

**Term starts** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

**½ term ends** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2:30pm

**Half Term** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Term re-starts** – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Term ends** – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1:15pm

### Summer 2025

**Term starts** – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**½ term ends** – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2:30pm

**Half Term** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**Term re-starts** – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Term ends** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1:15pm

## Family and Friend's PTA

A massive thank you to those who attended the first meeting. It was a really positive response and all have begun planning and organising the school's first summer fair. Please send in any bottle or prizes for the fair.

## Year 5&6 Crosby Hall Visit

A thank you to Lord Lieutenant Blundell for showing the children round Crosby Hall grounds and house. The children enjoyed the trip and were able to find out a little more about the village.



## ACADEMY & GOVERNOR SECTION

A huge thank you to Pope Francis Academy for purchasing a blazer, tie and book bag for the new Reception intake for September 2024. Thank you to Ms. Shiels and Mrs. Blanchard for joining the 'Family and Friends of St. Mary's PTA'. They are keen to play an active part in the summer fair.

## ATTENDANCE SUMMARY: 2023-24

Sefton council class any child below **90% as persistently absent**. Our whole school target is **96%**, which tends to be in line with national averages. It is so important that children attend school as much as possible. We understand that this cannot be the case with genuine illnesses. Thank you to all for all the effort on getting the children into school and reducing the term time holidays.

*Please can we ask that children are in school as much as possible? This level of attendance is much lower than other local schools. Congratulations to Year 3!!!*

DARK GREEN– Very Good (96%+)	GREEN – Good (95-95.9%)	AMBER- Slight Concern (94.9-90.1%)	RED- Below the acceptable level- Classed as persistently absence level (below 90%)			
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL - 94.4%</b>						
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
93.9%	93.3%	94.8%	97.3%	93.2%	93.7%	94.5%

