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SATs

It is that time of the year again where pupils all over the country are getting ready to take the SAT tests during May. The dates for our Year 6 pupils' tests are Monday 14th to Friday 18th May with our Year 2 pupils taking their tests over a two week period between the 14th and the 24th May. I am sure that all of our pupils will do brilliantly and we wish them lots of luck.

Attendance Update from September 17 to date

Whole School Attendance: 94.1% Class with highest attendance this year: **Year 2 = 95.9%**



As part of our participation in the Big Pedal, St Mary's has purchased a small set of scooters that the pupils will be able to use in school during Golden Time and at other times. These have been supplied by Sustrans. Year 3 and 4 will be having lessons on ways to use them safely in school next week.

These lessons will be rolled out across other year groups too. Happy Scooting!

Forest School Year 1

Year 1 are really enjoying Forest School on Monday afternoons. This week they made a big nest for everyone to sit in and listen to a story.



Look out for the **St Mary's Challenge!**



Attendance in St Mary's is below the national average. If we don't improve our attendance, Ofsted will be unable to promote our school to a 'Good' status, regardless of how great our school really is!

So, the challenge is set to improve attendance and we will be rewarding the class with the highest attendance with an extra 10 minutes Golden Time every Friday this term.

We really appreciate your support in helping us achieve this.



Please be aware that St Mary's is a no smoking school. It is unlawful to smoke anywhere on or near to the premises, including the layby in front of the school as this is our boundary to Barn Lane. If anyone has any concerns please report to PCSO Knowlden on 101. Thank you.



DROP OFF

Thank you to all parents /carers for working with us to drop off children quickly in the lay-by. This is important to keep our children safe and avoid congestion. It is also important to avoid parking on the pavement.

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Getting Active this term; Year 6 enjoying Tennis and Year 3 enjoying Hockey.

Parent Helpers

Reading daily with children improves their learning, understanding and fluency enormously. Every little helps but with such a busy curriculum it isn't always possible to achieve this in school. We would welcome any parents or grandparents who maybe able to spare a few hours a week to come in and hear pupils read. Please contact the school office, or see any member of staff after school to find out more.



PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a PE kit kept in school all week.



Extra sporting activities during the summer term mean children often need their PE kits over and above scheduled PE lessons. Trainers can be worn.

Remember to name all PE equipment.

Thank you



Thank you for supporting the book fair, we hope your children are enjoying reading! The school earned £318 commission from sales which will be used to purchase books for our library.

Headteacher's special mention to:

All those pupils taking part in The Big Pedal this week and next. Well done!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 Forest School Yr R (am) Yr 1 (pm) Drum & Guitar Lessons	1 May	2 10.30am Mass in Church, Yr 3	3 Yr 3 Scooter Challenge RNLI—Beach Safety Assembly	4	5	6
7 May Bank Holiday School Closed	8 Cricket Assembly	9	10 Easter Topic Liturgy Yr 4	11	12	13