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It has been lovely to welcome the children and school community back this week, along with the glorious weather that has accompanied us. I do hope that you all managed to have a restful and enjoyable break.

We now move together through this final summer term, with lots of exciting events and experiences to look forward to.

Gospel Reflection "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." John 20:29

This week we have reflected upon the joys of Easter and the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. We have reflected upon John's Gospel Reading describing the disciples gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" and he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. One of the disciples, Thomas, was not there when Jesus came and he refused to believe what had happened. One week later, they were in the room again, and Thomas was also there. Jesus came and stood among them saying, "Peace be with you!" He said to Thomas, "Here, touch the marks on my hands and feel the wound in my side. Doubt no longer, but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen me and yet believe!"



Pope Francis RIP

Over the Easter Holidays, we were saddened by the unexpected death of our beloved Pope Francis. He will be remembered for his compassion, his humility and his life of service to others. The leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis recognised, supported and loved the most vulnerable in our society.

Today we have prayed for him in assemblies across the school.



Science Fair

The children in KS1 and KS2 have taken part in an exciting Science Fair to showcase their science learning. The children were given an opportunity to share and present their learning to an audience and were able to ask and answer questions. The children shared their learning about the environment and how animals adapt to live in different habitats. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved and we hope to do many more in the future.



Playground Update

As I am sure you can see, we are pleased to have installed a range of equipment on both of our playgrounds, over the Easter holidays. These will provide our children with fun opportunities to experience during break and lunchtimes. We ask that children do not use or play on this equipment before and after school, as these are times when there is not staff supervision to ensure it is fair and safe.

Finally, I ask for your support with the matter of scooters and bikes on the playground. Just prior to the holidays and earlier this week, we have had a few incidents with pupils narrowly missing bumping into other pupils and adults whilst 'scootering' on the playground. Although, recognising the obvious benefits of travelling to school by bike or scooter, I ask that all pupils get off their scooter or bike when entering the playground and if not being stored at the front of the school, walk with it to their building, ready for the start of the day. Please support us in this important safety matter for all of our pupils. Thank you for your understanding.



Uniform Reminders

As we move into this final term a polite reminder of our school uniform rules and expectations. We ask that you please support us with ensuring that where applicable, your child wears sensible black school shoes and not trainers. It is not a choice between school shoes or trainers. We have a third of the school year remaining and ask that where pupils are regularly wearing trainers, these be replaced with the agreed school uniform [black school shoes]. As a school, we are very sympathetic and understanding of uniform cost and try to offer a simple, affordable uniform.

We will not place unrealistic time-scales upon when trainers are replaced. However, where this is the case, we ask that this is done as soon as possible and not in September. Our older pupils in particular, in Y5 and Y6 will very soon experience strict uniform rules as they move onto high school and further education.

Many thanks for your support with this.



Y4 Parent Meeting

On Thursday 8th May, we will be holding a meeting in the school hall for all Y4 parents. This will be held at 3pm and provide an important opportunity for staff to discuss the multiplication [times tables] assessment that all pupils will sit after the half-term break. This meeting will provide information and useful tips on how best to support your child.



After School Clubs

Our apologies for the misunderstanding in communicating the start of our after-school clubs this half term. Due to the short, four week half-term and upcoming bank holiday, we had always intended for them to start this week and as such, staff have been prepared for this. This was shared in our final newsletter but contradicted in the after-school club letter.

Once again our apologies for any misunderstanding and inconvenience caused by this.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

The Friends' of St Margaret Mary's are pleased to announce that over £700 was raised from our movie nights which were held before Easter.

This has contributed towards the cost of our Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies which are kindly bought from our PTA every year for each Year 6 child.

Thank you to Mrs Welch and The Friends' of St Margaret Mary's.



Easter Joy - Alleluia, Alleluia!

As we move through the season of Easter, in school children and staff are reflecting on the joy and celebration of this time of year. Through assemblies and lessons, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the events of him returning to the disciples to provide hope, strength, courage and heart to share the Good News.

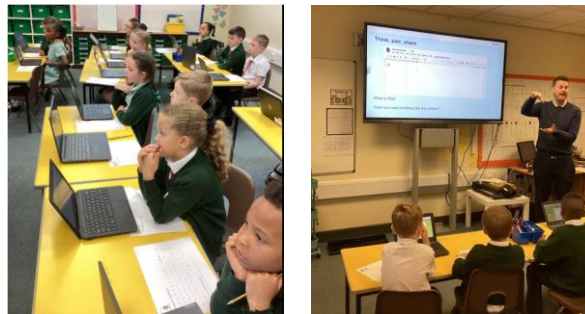




Nursery have been finding 3D shapes in their environment ...



The children in 2M working with a qwerty keyboard as part of their Digital Writing computing topic ...



3/4 are exploring how to record audio and identifying input and output devices ...



4C were recapping their knowledge of time, focusing on o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past ...



6W enjoyed playing tennis in their P.E lesson this week ...





Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week' ...

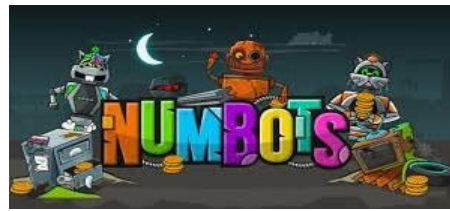


Eloquent and truthful



Well done to all of our pupils who demonstrated our school virtues – 'eloquent and truthful' this week ...





Congratulations to our Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots winners this week. Keep up the good work!





6G are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 99.5% attendance!

Nur W 99.3%	Nur/RecW 94%	RecK 98%	1T 90%	1/2H 98.6%	2M 94.3%
3S 94.2%	3/4D 94.1%	4C 93%	5C 96.8%	5J 98.3%	6G 99.5%
6W 90.9%					

Dates to remember

Monday 5th May 2025—May Bank Holiday (school closed)

Monday 12th May 2025 ~ Thursday 15th May KS2 SATS

Friday 23rd May 2025—School closes for half-term

Friday 13th June 2025—"Wear It Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis" Day

Friday 27th June 2025—Summer Fayre (from 3.15 p.m.)

Monday 30th June 2025—Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 22nd July 2025—School closes for summer at 1.00 p.m.

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dates to remember

Thank-you again for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton

Our Journey through Easter

"With Christ at the centre of our lives, we will never be disappointed."

Pope Francis

