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**Mr M Sutton, Headteacher**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear, Children, Parents and Carers,

### **The Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul:**

Once again, last Sunday, we celebrated another of the Church's great feast days, the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. In assemblies today, we have reflected on their importance to us, to our faith and to the formation of the church that we are a part of today.

As leaders of the early Christian community, Peter and Paul were wonderful teachers and witnesses to the Gospel. They instructed people by their words, by their actions and love for God. Today they offer us some essential lessons too and can be our guiding example.

Peter and Paul teach us about humility, imperfection and redemption. Their lives are a clear example of mistakes and wrong choices. Both Peter and Paul had many moments of despair and hitting 'rock bottom'. Peter, the tempestuous apostle, who denied even knowing Jesus and deserted Him in His hour of need. Paul, who had persecuted, arrested and killed the early Christians, wanting to destroy the Church and wipe out the early followers of Christ.

Yet, through faith, humility and acknowledging their errors, they found a new path in life. A path that led them to building the early Church and laying the foundations upon which it is built today. Saint Peter and Paul trusted in God's mercy and love. Having experienced God's forgiveness, they were transformed.

Today, their extraordinary lives teach us about the transformative power of forgiveness that is always offered by God. He is always ready to forgive us. Just like Saint Peter and Saint Paul, we need to believe in this and be willing to accept it.



**"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church ... I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."**

**Matthew 16:13-19**

### Emmaus End of Year Mass

Yesterday a small group of pupils and staff attended a special celebration Mass at St Patrick's RC Church in Collyhurst. We came together with twenty-six other, primary and secondary schools, who are also part of the Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust. It was a wonderful celebration and inspiring to see these Catholic communities from different parts of Greater Manchester, come together in collaboration and commitment in faith. As part of this commemoration, a special cross has been decorated to uniquely represent our school community. This was brought to the altar during Mass and blessed. We will find a special space for this to be displayed in school.



### Oldham Music Schools Festival

A special well done to our school choir and clarinet orchestra who performed alongside many schools at Monday's festival.



### Summer Fayre : Thank You

On behalf of the Friends' of St Margaret Mary's we would like to say a massive thank you for your generosity supporting our Summer Fayre last Friday. We raised an amazing £2.401!

Thank you so very much ... we look forward to our Summer Fayre in Summer 2026!



### **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: Amended Time**

As per our letter sent earlier in the week, our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will now take place at the amended time of 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This will be followed by a celebration in the hall for all pupils.



### **School Messages and Communication**

We would like to inform all parents/carers that we send all our messages, emails and communication via our school app, School Gateway. We know that the vast majority of parents/carers are signed up to the app or at least one parent per family is, but we ask that you ensure you are signed up as we will no longer be sending text messages. We will only be sending messages via the School Gateway app and so it is extremely important that you are signed up to make sure you receive all our methods of communication.

Thank you for your continued support.





## Reception Trip to The Sea Life Centre





## Year 6 Residential







Reception explored 3D shape further, investigating which shapes stack and also which shapes roll ...



1/2H enjoyed competing in their teams to practice their balance and coordination...



3/4D are preparing for the European Women's Championship 2025 by designing a football kit for the women's team to wear ...



4C raced their cars that they have worked really hard to build over the last few weeks despite losing a few wheels and roofs we had a lot of fun ...



A huge thank you to United Utilities and Mad Science North West for teaching the children about where our water comes from, the water cycle and how to reduce water waste ...





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



**Curious and Active**



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





**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

3/4D are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 98.6% attendance!

<b>Nur W</b> 97%	<b>Nur/RecW</b> 95%	<b>RecK</b> 97.7%	<b>1T</b> 96.9%	<b>1/2H</b> 96.2%	<b>2M</b> 94.3%
<b>3S</b> 95.8%	<b>3/4D</b> 98.6%	<b>4C</b> 98%	<b>5C</b> 95.5%	<b>5J</b> 98.3%	<b>6G</b> 98%
<b>6W</b> 83.6%					

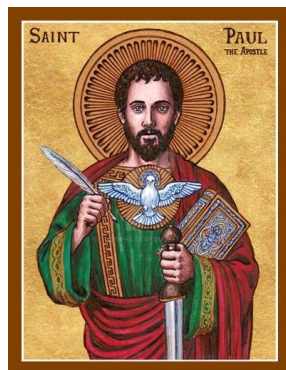
**Dates to remember**

Thursday 17th July 2025—Transition Morning in school Thursday 17th July 2025 at 2.30 p.m.—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Tuesday 22nd July 2025—School closes for summer at 1.00 p.m. Wednesday 3rd September 2025—School re-opens for children

Thank-you for your continued support this week. I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton



**"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith..."**

**The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it."**

**A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-18**