



# St. Mary's Newsletter

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## Summer 19<sup>th</sup> July 16

Dear parents,

A big thank you to all the pupils, staff, governors and parents for their hard work during this academic year. Congratulations to all the pupils for their fantastic achievements.

Our **KS2 SATs** read well with the following meeting the expected standard:

	School	National
Reading	75%	66%
SPAG (spelling, grammar and punctuation)	86%	72%
Maths	89%	70%
Writing (teacher assessment)	96%	74%

**KS1 SATs** also show the hard work involved to achieve age related expectations:

Reading	73%
Writing	63%
Maths	73%

EYFS profile shows 70% of pupils are at a good level of development. Y1 phonics test resulted in 80% of pupils reaching the expected score.

Once again there were a number of exciting learning opportunities this half term, which involved Y6 Robinwood outdoor activity trip and maths challenge, Y5 Watersports at Salford Quays and Build a Bridge project, some of our KS2 attending Manchester University science projects, and visits to Whitworth art Gallery. There were also trips to Southport, Manchester Museum and The

Battle of the Somme commemorative event at Heaton Park.

Our Creative Arts Week was a huge success running alongside our summer fair. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Many thanks for all your support in making this a successful community event. We finished the academic year with our traditional Year 5 and Year 6 performance of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits and the EYFS Summer spectacular. Today we will say a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they move on to high school and wish them the best of luck for the future. Many thanks for all you have contributed to St. Mary's school community. We also say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Watson and wish her best of luck in her new job as Headteacher of St Gregory's RC Primary School. We welcome Miss Wilkinson and Miss Sackfield as our new teachers in Y1 and Y4 from September. Congratulations to Mrs Kinman who has been appointed our new Assistant Headteacher, she will assist both myself and Mrs Brown in the leadership of the school.

**Holiday Homework** - Children to write about Roald Dahl, a favourite Roald Dahl story or character as this year's Summer Reading Challenge is based around Roald Dahl books-visit Swinton library to sign up to the challenge! Children will then present their homework to their new teacher and class in September.

**After School Club provision** - Premier Sports will be providing this service for pupils in Reception to Year 6. Please visit

<http://sport.premier-education.com/> to register your child.

**School Debt policy** – Please see letter attached regarding this. The new School Debt Policy is available on our website and will be emailed to parents.

If on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September your child's account is not in credit please make sure you send your child with a packed lunch, as food won't be provided.

Also, if you have signed up for breakfast club and your child's account is not in credit, your child will be refused admission to breakfast club.

**School uniform** - the following details regarding school uniform, hair styles, jewellery are as follows and also available on the school website. If pupils are having their ears pierced during the summer holidays, this needs to be done at the very start of the summer holidays as earrings are not allowed in school. If your child comes to school wearing earrings from September you will be asked to come to school and remove the earrings. Earrings covered in plasters will not be allowed. All items of uniform must be labelled. Any incorrect pieces of clothing, footwear and wearing of jewellery and nail polish will not be permitted. Please can you also ensure your child has a spare hair bobble in their bag in case their bobble snaps and remember extreme haircuts including closely shaven styles are not permitted.

Many thanks for your continued support over this academic year. I wish you all a pleasant, restful and relaxing summer holiday with your delightful children, who are a credit to you all.

God bless

Mrs D. Raynor and staff.