



## St Mary's Catholic Academy

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Goodness knows where this year has gone! As we close the school for another academic year, I'd like to thank you and your families for all the support you have offered throughout the year. We have enjoyed some wonderful events and successes and I look forward to us coming together again as a community in September.

### Year 6 – We wish you well

We wish all of our Year 6 children the best of luck in your future, school journey.

Umer Jessica Sapphire Rocco Krystian Zachary Leo Emelia  
Wiktoría Martha Wiktor Chioma Samuel Antoni Azari  
Eric Philip Mohammed Antoni Aualet Victor Bethany Jasío  
Caleb Jenson Naomhan Blen Kay-Ce

St Mary's staff and children will keep you in our prayers. We hope you remember all that you have achieved at St Mary's and we pray that you achieve even greater success and happiness in the coming years.

### School Attendance – dates and timings

We return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The first few days at school are incredibly important. Children work together to set the tone for the year, decide class roles and responsibilities and learn the rules and expectations of the class. A child can feel a little lost if they return to school having missed the opening few days of the Autumn Term. Please ensure your child attends.

The school day has extended very slightly; starting in September. Foundation Stage 2 (Reception), Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2's day will begin at 8:45am. **This is 5 minutes earlier.** Please ensure your child/ren are on time. The school gate will open at 8:35am.

Important Date: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – children return to school

School time change: 8:45am – 3:15pm

Nursery times will remain the same.



### Thank you to Our Special Parent Painters

A group of parents kindly have given their time to paint our garden furniture, so it is preserved and remains safe for the children to use for future years. More importantly, it now looks beautiful. THANK YOU so much for your generosity and commitment, especially working so hard in the hot weather that we had!

### Nursery Full-Time Lunch Payments

We are changing our Nursery payment system as we are unfortunately finding that families are building up large sums of money owing. As of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Nursery children who attend full-time must pay for the lunch time session in advance. Where you wish for a child to have a school dinner, this also must be paid in advance. All payments should be made on Arbor. Where payment is not made, children should be collected at 11:30am and return at 12:30 for the afternoon session.

Session cost	£3.50
Dinner cost	£2.10
Total cost	£5.60

*A packed lunch can be provided, in which case the cost would only be £3.50 for the session.*

We are keeping our prices as low as possible. The £3.50 is to cover the cost of the staff member supervising your child. Prices will need to rise if this payment system is not adopted by everyone. Our office team have spent much time during the term encouraging families to stay on top of their balance and make regular payments. We do not want to get to the point where we state a child cannot attend. This is not a pleasure for us.

### Reading Challenge



Please consider signing up to the Nottingham City Library Reading Challenge over the Summer holidays. Reading is such an important life skill and a lovely habit for the children to develop and pursue into adulthood.

#### How to take part:

- Go to your library this summer to join the FREE Challenge!
- Sign up to receive your Ready, Set, Read collector folder
- Choose books to read over the holidays
- Collect stickers and other rewards for each book you read
- Add the stickers to your folder to complete the Challenge!



### Sensory Garden

Glenis and Val are two very special volunteers who come to work with a group of children each week in our school garden. We are very grateful to them for the wonderful food the school has grown this year. Glenis is currently designing a sensory garden and she would love the children's help. Please can you collect the items below over the Summer break, and bring them into school when we return.



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|--------|------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Items: | Wine corks | Buttons              | Beads                   |
|        | Old CDs    | Old keys             | Plastic bottle tops     |
|        | Ribbon     | Unwanted Hoola Hoops | Unwanted skipping ropes |

If anyone is going to the beach – palm sized pebbles would be appreciated.

## Staffing for September

Please see below the teachers and teaching assistants allocated to your child's class ready for September.

	Class Teacher	Teaching Assistant
F1 / Nursery	Ms Park Mrs Hayes	Mrs Neal Miss Canon
F2 / Reception	Mrs Mullen	Mrs Harrison Mrs Spray
Year 1	Mrs Szwej Mrs North	Mrs Smith Mrs Wilson
Year 2	Mrs Carberry Ms O'Neill	Mrs Hodgkinson Miss Francis Miss Duffus
Year 3	Miss Postolan Mrs Valencia	Mrs Daykin Miss Shevlane
Year 4	Mr Poole	Miss Brady
Year 5	Mrs Nicholson	Mrs Myles
Year 6	Mrs McDonald Mrs Caine	Mrs Moss

I hope you have an enjoyable Summer break. I look forward to welcoming you back in September **at the earlier time of 8:45am.**

Kind regards,

*Anne-Marie Bell*