



St Mary's Catholic Academy



Newsletter No.5 – Monday 6th January 2025

Happy New Year everyone!

Whole School Dates for your Diary

Lent Term – Half Term 1	
Tues 7 th Jan 2025	Parent Course 1-3:15pm
Thurs 9 th Jan 2025	Whole School Mass 10am in church
Tues 21 st Jan 2025	Trust Synod – a Trust meeting including an Eco focus
Wed 22 nd Jan 2025	St Mary's Jubilee Launch Day – Pilgrims of Hope (see overleaf)
11 th & 12 th Feb 2025	Parents' Evening Tues 1:30 – 4pm; Wed 2 – 5:30pm
Fri 14 th Feb 2025	School Closed – Trust INSET Day
Mon 17 th – 21 st Feb 2025	Half Term Holiday
Lent Term – Half Term 2	
Mon 5 th March 2025	Ash Wednesday and Reflection afternoon
Tues 18 th March 2025	Treasure Island – theatre production
Wed 26 th March 2025	Reconciliation and CAFOD Big Lent Walk – parent support needed
Wed 2 nd April 2025	2pm Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Performance
Thurs 3 rd April 2025	9:30am and 2pm EYFS Easter Bonnet Celebration
Fri 4 th April 2025	Break up for Easter Holidays
Mon 7 th – 21 st April 2025	Easter School Holiday
Pentecost / Summer Term	
Tues 22 nd Apr 2025	Return to school

Primary School Admissions to F2 / Reception

Will your child be 4 years old by 31st August?

For those families with children who will be 4 years old by 31st August this year, you must complete your local authority school admissions form by Wednesday 15th January 2025. There is just over a week to go. Every child needs their school preference submitting on line, **even if they attend St Mary's Nursery**. Please, if you are unsure about whether you need to apply for your child or not, come and speak to a member of the school office and we will help you.

Please also remember that you must complete and submit an additional form to each Catholic school you request a place for. Alongside this supplementary form, we must see an original baptism certificate or similar evidence if you have 'faith' ticked on the form. Supplementary forms must be submitted prior to the admission deadline also.

Family Learning

Before Christmas we advertised a workshop that we are holding in school for parents /carers to support you at home. This will be held for the next 4 weeks' starting tomorrow, Tuesday 7th January, 1-3:15pm

Discussions will include:

- Understanding feelings and managing emotions
- What it is to have good listening
- How to build self-esteem
- Stress management techniques

If you haven't already, and would like to join us please let the school office know by 3:30pm today, Monday 6th January 2025.



Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

The Jubilee Year is a landmark moment in the life of the global church. St Mary's are joining with school communities across the world, as we are invited to come together as Pilgrims of Hope. We are pledging to work together for God's kingdom of justice, peace and love.

Pope Francis has called the global Church to celebrate the Jubilee together, with **deep faith, lively hope, and active charity**. In the bible, Luke 4:14-21 tells of Jesus' return to Galilee, filled with God's Spirit. Jesus read the Scriptures in the synagogue and told everyone that He came to fulfil God's promise, to help and heal people. Inspired by Jesus' example, we can share in his mission to create a world of justice, peace and love. In this very special year, we are all invited to journey together as pilgrims of hope, putting faith into action to build a better world for everyone.

Please watch the official jubilee animation so you can find out more about the Jubilee 2025.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yia25rOML2Q&t=2s>



Upcoming Jubilee events:

- 22 Jan Launch day
- 27 Feb Pilgrims of Hope
Celebration of the Word
- 26 Mar Big Lent Walk
- 4 June A Day of Action in
the Community

Dates are subject to change,
for example, dependent on
the weather. Updates will be
provided when necessary.

A reminder about Attendance and Term Time Holidays

Attendance is monitored closely at school and your child must be in school when they are well.

Term time absences, including holidays, have a significant impact on your child's progress and achievement. Requests for term time absences will not be authorised (unless there are exceptional circumstances) and **will be** subject to a Nottingham City Council referral for a penalty notice to be considered.

Punctuality

There are a regular number of families who arrive at school after the school bell rings. If your child is not on the school playground when the bell rings, they are late. This term, I will send out correspondence to these families and will request meetings where there appears to be a persistent concern. Before then, please see the new year as an opportunity to make good choices and establish better routines.

Thank you.

Attendance Matters



IMPORTANT: School Engagement

Please read newsletters and Arbor messages; keep the dates on your fridge or somewhere you will see them often and take action, when necessary, e.g. paying for events.

We want to ensure no child misses out, so when we do set a deadline, please adhere to this, allowing us to be fully resourced and prepared for the events we organise.

Thank you for your on-going support. As a team at St Mary's, we work with determination and commitment to help your child/ren to grow and flourish. I look forward to all the success, joy and achievements we share in 2025.

Kind regards, Anne-Marie Bell