

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I cannot believe we are at the May half term already. This year is flying past! Despite this half term being a shorter half term, we have still managed to fit a lot in as you will see below. There have been many highlights, but I cannot tell you how much joy it brings me when I see the children interacting together outside of the classroom, whether it be planned learning activities between classes, visiting the Wiggly Path or simply playing with their siblings or friends from other classes at break and lunchtimes. We are still not quite back to 'normal school' just yet, but we are getting there.

Congratulations Year 6!

National assessments had been paused for the last two years following interrupted learning from the pandemic, however, the Government decided to reinstate all national assessments this year.

I would like to congratulate our children in Year 6 for their diligence and exemplary attitude in response to their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). The tests have all been sent off for marking and we await the results with anticipation. However, I know that every child has worked so hard in the lead up to them. We are all so proud of you, Year 6 ~ your SATs, however, do not give the full story about you; most of your achievements over this past year and indeed your whole time with us cannot be tested or measured. I thank Year 6 for being such superstars!



A huge well done to our children in Year 2 for completing their Key Stage 1 SATs this half term. Once again, our children presented themselves incredibly well during the assessments and we are very proud of them. Later this term our children in Year 4 will be completing their Multiplication Times Tables Check and our Year 1 children will complete their phonics assessments.

First Holy Communion Celebrations

Congratulations to our children who celebrated their First Holy Communion this year. Well done to all the children and families for being so prepared for such a special Sacrament. We have some children who will be making their First Holy Communion later this term; please continue to keep them in your prayers. Our Year 3 children will be leading their own special First Holy Communion Mass next half term. As we are still in the process of 'getting back to normal' in terms of Masses, only Year 3 parents will be invited to this Mass. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience. Our Year 3 children will also be leading our Corpus Christi Procession in June (weather permitting). As this procession takes place outside, all parents are invited to attend. Please see important dates below for dates and times.



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PSFA

It was lovely to see some of you supporting our PSFA by attending their coffee morning last week. It is always great to see new parents offer help and ideas. Our hard-working PSFA are currently putting plans together for our upcoming Jubilee Summer Fair which will be held on the school field on Saturday 11th June 12pm – 3pm. As the saying goes, 'many hands make light work' and I am sure they will appreciate any offers of support. Please do help if you can.

Jubilee Day

Today has been a special day in school as we have been celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. A variety of activities have taken place and the children (and staff!) have had a great day!

Some highlights this half term:

- Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Stevenage Museum visits – our children enjoyed walking down to the museum.
- Nursery trip to Standalone Farm – our first official school trip in 2 years!
- Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony Camp – a dry trip for once!
- Year 4 to Bhaktivedanta Hindu Temple – a wonderful experience for children and staff too.
- Reception trip to Knebworth House – despite the thunder storms, a great time was had by all!
- Travel tracker (walk to school initiative) reintroduced and badges distributed – a request from our eco-committee.
- New parent talk for September 2022 families – it was lovely to meet our new families and finally allow them into the school building.
- Year 5 ultimate frisbee – they had great fun!
- Netball and football matches – great effort from our teams
- Whole school photo – finally happened after a 2 year wait following the pandemic and a weather cancellation
- Introduced a new art club for our children in Years 3-6 – an extremely successful club for our budding artists. This club will continue next half term, please see parentmail for further details.
- Active Maths session for Year 1 – they loved it!
- Book vending machine draw and books handed out – such a special achievement.



Free School Meals

If your situation has changed, or you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please visit <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx> The application takes a couple of minutes to complete. Please do notify the school if you are eligible. Even if your child is in a class (Reception – Year 2) that receives a Government funded free school meal, it is still worth making an application as the school receives additional funding.

Please follow us on twitter (@StMClitherow) to gain an insight into school life. Our twitter feed can also be accessed via our school website.

I hope you all have a peaceful and relaxing half term holiday.

Yours sincerely

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Important Dates this term

Monday 6 th June	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th June	Return to school for all pupils
Wednesday 8 th June – Friday 10 th June	Year 6 residential trip to PGL, Wiltshire
Saturday 11 th June (12pm-3pm)	PSFA Jubilee Summer Fair
Tuesday 14 th June	Year 5 Taster Day at St. John Henry Newman School
Tuesday 14 th June	Year 1 school trip – BuzzWorks
Thursday 16 th June (9:30am)	Corpus Christi Procession on the school field – all welcome
Friday 17 th June	PSFA Father's Day gift sale
Wednesday 22 nd June	Reception and Year 1 trip to St. Hilda's
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 5 school trip – Shrek Adventure, Sealife Centre and 10 Downing Street visit
Tuesday 28 th June	Languages Day
Thursday 30 th June	Year 2 school trip – Woburn Safari
Thursday 30 th June (9:30am)	First Holy Communion Mass – Year 3 parents only
Wednesday 6 th July	Sports Day (AM) – further details to follow
Thursday 7 th July (9:30am)	Year 6 Leavers' Mass – Year 6 parents only
Friday 8 th July	Year 6 at St. John Henry Newman School for Community Mass
Tuesday 12 th July (6:30pm)	Year 6 Leavers' Play
Thursday 14 th July	Secondary Transfer Day
Tuesday 19 th July (1:30pm)	Last day of term
Monday 5 th September	Children return to school (separate date for new Reception and Nursery children)



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