

# ● NEWSLETTER

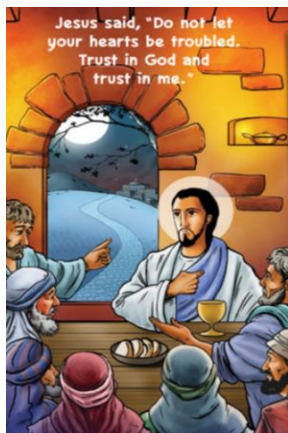
## Prayer Focus

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=7&v=89.2>

Sunday's Gospel reading is from St John's Gospel. Jesus prepares his disciples for his return to heaven. Jesus asks them to trust him, to believe that one day they will be together again in heaven. They, like us, were asked to carry on Jesus' work on earth, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' Think about how you might need to put your trust in God today. How can you show others that they can trust you?

*Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for teaching us the truth and showing us the way to eternal life. Please help us to always put our trust in you. Amen.*



## SATS week

Next week, our Year 6 pupils take their SATs tests in school. They have worked very hard in the lead up to these assessments and so we wish them all the very best next week. Parents/carers may be interested in seeing which tests are taken on which day:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Grammar and spelling  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Reading  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Maths (arithmetic and reasoning paper 1)  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Maths (reasoning paper 2)

## Census day lunches

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May** is school census day. Our Academy Trust has asked that schools order a lunch from Chartwells for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. You are still welcome to send your child in with a packed lunch on this day, but there will be a school lunch available to try if they wish.

## Congratulations!

Tottiford  
Meldon  
Venford  
Avon  
Fernworthy  
Burrator

**WOW**  
Rogue  
Freya  
Eric  
Archie H  
Grace  
Sebastian

**BLP**  
Caleb  
Wilfred  
Oliver  
Braxton  
Marcus  
Theo C

Sheep handling awards - Becky  
Golf medals - Harrison G

Swimming Certificate - Hazel  
Dart Trophy - Jack

## Diary Dates

**Bank holiday for King's Coronation** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**SATS week for Year 6** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> May

**May Half term** – 29<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June (children return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June)

**Fernworthy and Burrator Swimming sessions** – weekly on Wednesdays from 14<sup>th</sup> June (see separate letter)

**Induction days for new Reception children** – starting on Thursdays from 6<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm (see separate letter)

**Sports day (AM) for KS1 and Reception children**- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15

**Sports day (AM) for KS2** - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am

**Reserve sports day** – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Leavers' Mass (Year 6)** – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 9.30am

**Last day of term** – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

A full list of dates for the can also be found on the school website:

<https://stmarysrc.devon.sch.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2023/03/Term-dates-2022-2024.pdf>

## King's Coronation

We welcomed Councillor Erin Kohler-Ockmore, Deputy Mayor of Buckfastleigh and Councillor Sylvee Phillips to school today, who kindly presented Coronation mugs to our children. Thank you to Buckfastleigh Town Council, for their gift to the children who attend St Mary's.

In addition, the school celebrated the coronation with a special lunch menu yesterday. FOSMS paid for kites for the children to make and fly, in celebration of the coronation of Charles III. Although the weather has been mixed this week, Meldon children managed to fly the kites they had made.



## RE curriculum information

Please see attached to this newsletter, information about our RE curriculum for this term. I know parents/ carers have previously found this useful, as it gives a clear overview of what the children are learning about in their RE lessons.

This term, we shall be taking part in a pilot RE inspection on behalf of Plymouth Diocese. It is hoped that this will help St Mary's and other schools, in their preparation for inspection under the new National Framework for the Inspection of Catholic Schools, produced by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate.