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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the summer term and our preparations for our annual May Day celebrations began with Y6 ceremoniously unplaiting the may pole following last year's event. There has been lots of skipping and singing in school which has been wonderful.

Staffing news:

- Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to one of our part time teachers, Mr Sturgess, who will be taking on a full-time role with leadership responsibilities at another school in September.
- We are also looking to appoint a part-time Higher-Level Teaching Assistant.
- We have started to advertise for these role, and ask that you support our recruitment effort by sharing the news with your networks. Both adverts can be found on [our website here](#).
- We are also sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Colletta at the end of this term.
- We'd like to thank both of our colleagues every success for the next chapter of their careers.

Boreham Wood FC

Luke Garrard, who is one of our St. Mary's parents, is the Boreham Wood Football Club manager. His team has reached the National League play-off final at Wembley Stadium this Sunday, 10th May, against Rochdale at 3pm. This is an incredible achievement and we are so proud of Luke and team. We wanted to wish Luke and the squad lots of luck for Sunday's game! [Tickets are available here](#) for a chance to experience a major final, support a local team on a huge stage, and create memories that will stay with the children for life.



Safety in school:

At St. Mary's, we take pupil and staff safety very seriously, and with that in mind, we have been talking again this week about times when he might need to remain in our classrooms as opposed to times when we have to evacuate the building. This 'lockdown' procedure is a standard health and safety precaution to be used when it is deemed that there is a threat to the school community and remaining inside is safer than evacuating. We have had these discussions very sensitively and, in an age-appropriate way. We have talked to the children about the 'out' bell and the 'in' bell. Do ask them what they remember.



Road Safety:

This is a plea to remind all parents and carers who need to drive to school to strictly observe speed limits and be very careful on the road during drop off and pick up times.

Remember that stopping on zig-zags or yellow lines poses a **big risk** to children and families on foot.

SATS: Good luck Y6!

We would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they begin their SATs next week. They have worked incredibly hard and shown great determination and resilience. We are very proud of everything they have achieved—this is their chance to show what they can do. Y6 - *Remember to stay calm, do your best, and believe in yourselves.*



Big school workout - Thursday 14 May

We are excited to join Joe Wicks live from a Picture News school as he leads a high-energy workout for children to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week. We will be joining schools across the country who will be taking part together, discovering how moving our bodies can boost our mood, build resilience, and support our mental wellbeing.

School Council:

We are so pleased with our school council's leadership and contribution toward school life at St. Mary's. We are looking forward to them sharing a presentation with the rest of the school in coming weeks with a focus on 'little things which have a big impact'. They will be reminding everyone of the importance of turning off lights and taps among many other things.



Parent survey 2026:

Thank you for all of your responses to the recent parent survey. Once we have collated the data, we will be sure to share this with you and upload a summary to our website.

World Bee Day in Reception:

This half term, the children in Reception will be celebrating 'World Bee Day' on Wednesday 20th May. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the crucial role bees and other pollinators play in our ecosystem.

On World Bee Day, Miss Christou invites the children **in Reception** to come dressed in yellow or black. Please ensure the children are in appropriate footwear, as they will still have PE that Wednesday. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the YR team via the school office or speak to her in the playground.



May Day: Friday 22nd May

We are really looking forward to May Day in just over 2 weeks' time.

Traditionally, girls have worn white dresses on May Day. As we have done in recent years, we would like to offer girls the option of wearing something colourful instead if it means that they can wear a dress that they already own. Please don't feel that you need to purchase a new dress.

- Please note that the children need to be able to skip and kneel, so dresses should not be too long or too short. If you would like to borrow a dress for the day, please give us a ring. We have a small stock of white dresses that have been donated to the school.
- If for any reason, your daughter prefers not to wear a dress, for cultural or personal reasons, please do get in touch me or with your child's teacher.

Boys will need to wear a white shirt or polo shirt and dark grey school trousers or shorts. They can also wear a school tie if they'd like to, which can be purchased on School Money.

All children will need to wear suitable footwear for skipping; no sandals please. Plimsolls or canvas shoes are most ideal.

WE WILL SEND A LETTER NEXT WEEK WITH FINAL REMINDERS AND TIMINGS FOR MAY DAY

Collective worship focus: Friendship

So far this half term, we have been thinking about what the Bible says about friendship. We have learned to sing and sign a memory verse inspired by Thessalonians 5:11.

In class, we have displayed things that we could say to one another to 'build each other up' examples include

- 'You're a great friend'
- Thank you for listening
- Keep trying – you've got this!



We are busy learning a song all about friendship, which we will perform as a whole school on May Day!



Dates for your diaries: this half term

- Y6 SATs: w/c 11th May
- Y2 trip: Tuesday 12th May
- Y5 residential visit 13th- 15th May
- Friends of St. Mary's Y2 cake sale: Friday 15th May
- World Bee Day in YR: Wednesday 20th May (YR wear black and yellow)
- May Day: Friday 22nd May – more details to follow
- HALF TERM – Monday 25th to Friday 29th May



Coming up next half term: LOTS HAPPENING!

- INSET day: Monday 1st June
- Children back to school: Tuesday 2nd June
- Class Photos Wednesday 3rd June
- New Reception parents' open evening: Wednesday 3rd June 6-7pm
- Safer Screens workshops in school for junior classes: Monday 8th June
- Y1 Phonics Screening: w/c 8th June
- Financial education workshops for junior classes: Wednesday 10th June
- Music festival – St. Mary's School Choir: Thursday 11th June
- YR and Y1 Disco: Friday 12th June
- Y6 residential visit: Monday 15th to Friday 19th June
- Summer Fayre: Saturday 20th June
- YR trip: Monday 22nd June
- Sports Day: afternoon of 23rd June in Oak Hill Park
- Friends of St. Mary's Y1 and YR cake sale: Friday 26th June
- Church service in school: 4pm Sunday 28th June (choir singing – more info to follow!)
- Y3 trip: Wednesday 1st July
- Y1 trip: Thursday 2nd July
- Communion service in school: Thursday 2nd July
- Summer music concert: evening of Friday 3rd July
- Pet Blessing Service at St. Mary's Church: 10am Sunday 5th July
- Y5/Y6 production: Tuesday 14th July 7pm
- Leavers' service: Friday 17th July and **3pm** finish for last day of term

*Thank you as always for your continued support,
Maria Constantinou*

