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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

26th June 2026

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another wonderful week it has been at St Mary's! Despite the soaring temperatures, the children have been absolutely fantastic, showing great maturity by staying hydrated, wearing their sun hats and taking plenty of time in the shade.



Thank you so much for your support in sending children to school so well prepared with suncream, water bottles and hats – school has certainly had a lovely holiday feel this week!

There has still been lots of exciting learning taking place. We have received comments from the cathedral staff to say that Year 3 and Year 4 represented St Mary's brilliantly during their Sheffield Cathedral visit, while our younger children have been building confidence and developing new cycling skills through their balance bike sessions. It has been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, resilience and enjoyment across school over the last few weeks.

A huge thank you to everyone who has bought an ice pop after school. This has raised an additional £115 towards our class library sets, which will help us to put even more wonderful books into the hands of our children.

Miss Hancock delivered a very important water safety assembly. Please can you share the reminders in this newsletter with your child.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Burgess x



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 1st July - Transition Day; parents welcome to meet the new staff at the end of the day

Friday 3rd July - Sports Day

Thursday 9th July - Y5 Manor Lodge Trip

Thursday 14th July - Grimm and Co Y4 trip

Y6 Dates Monday 13th July Y6 Performance 1.30pm - All Welcome

Tuesday 14th July Y6 Performance 9.30am - All Welcome

Wednesday 15th July - Y6 Leaver's Service 9.30am - All Welcome

Friday 17th July - Y6 Leaver's Assembly 2pm - Y6 Parents and Carers Welcome

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Year 3&4

A Joyous Celebration at the Cathedral

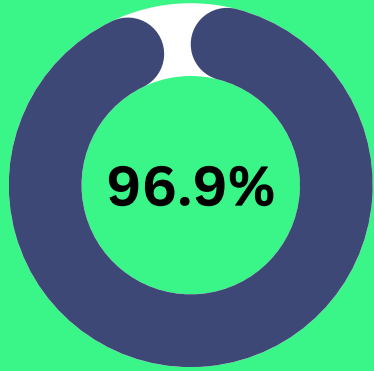
On Monday 22nd June, Year 3 and Year 4 took part in the Schools Singing Programme Celebration Eucharist at Sheffield Cathedral. Over the last year, the classes have been enjoying singing lessons with musical leader Jonathan Pinto, and it was lovely to see all their hard work come together.

The children sang hymns beautifully and played their part in the service, which was led by the Bishop of Sheffield, Pete Wilcox. Some children watched, some took Holy Communion, and others received a Blessing during the service. With seven local schools involved and more than 300 children taking part, it was a truly joyous occasion.





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

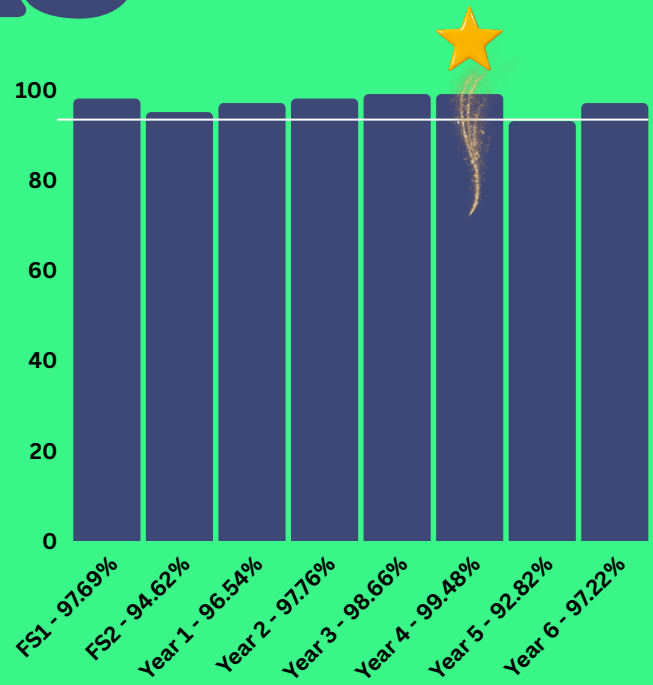


Our whole school attendance for the week is 96.9

All classes that achieved 97% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.

Y4 are class winners with an amazing 99.48%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE Y4



Ticket to Ride

Foundation



The children in FS2 have been working with staff from Arches to develop their riding skills. They have been learning to balance, steer around obstacles and ride up and down ramps.

Feeling hot, hot, hot!

Children in FS have been exploring ways to keep cool. We have been playing with ice and talking about how it makes our hands feel compared to the rest of our body.



Keeping cool!

We have also been pretending that we are at the beach, keeping cool by paddling in the sea.



Year 1

Balance Bike Session

Year 1 had a fantastic time taking part in their balance bike sessions this week! The children showed great enthusiasm and excitement as they practised their riding skills.

Throughout the sessions, the children developed their balance, coordination, and confidence while learning how to safely control their bikes. They enjoyed taking part in a variety of fun activities and challenges that encouraged them to improve their steering, stopping, and manoeuvring skills.

It was wonderful to see the children supporting one another, showing resilience, and celebrating each other's successes. Many of the children grew in confidence as the session progressed and were proud of the progress they made.

Well done, Year 1, for your excellent effort, positive attitudes, and fantastic listening skills. We look forward to seeing these skills continue to develop in future sessions!



Be Water Safe!

★ Know the Water Safety Code ★



1 Stop and Think

Before going near water, take a moment to look for any dangers.



2 Stay Together

Always stay with adults when you're near water.



3 Float

If you fall into water, stay calm, float on your back and control your breathing.



4 Call for Help

If someone is in trouble, tell an adult or call 999 or 112.

♥ Stay alert, stay safe, and enjoy water the smart way! ♥