



10th July 2026

**“Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28**

Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone for making our Summer Fair last week a real success. We hope that you enjoyed it and thank you for helping us raise valuable funds for school. We raised just over £700 which is fantastic and helps us to pay for transport for some trips next year.

Almost High School Musical

Huge congratulations to all of the KS2 children and especially our amazing Year 6 for their exceptional performance of 'Almost High School Musical' this week. The children were such a talent and despite the heat, the performances were enjoyed by all. I was really proud of the children.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Woods and Mrs McGrath for their continued dedication, hard work and talent at putting together such a big production! Last night I accidentally missed them out of the 'thank you' shout outs at the end despite intending to leave them to the end - ready for a big cheer! They really have been exceptional.

Pianist Concert

We had a lovely piano concert this afternoon with the children who have been learning the piano with Mr Janosko. The children were very professional, and I was very impressed with their talents.

EYFS Stay, Pray and Play

Our Nursery and Reception parents are invited to join us in a 'Stay, Pray and Play' on Monday 13th July at 1.30pm

Year 2 Animal Fundraiser

On Tuesday 14th July, the Year 2 children are invited to come 'dressed as an animal' to raise money for Bleakholt Animal shelter. A letter has gone out today from Mrs Green.

Year 1 trip on the East Lancashire Railway

On Wednesday 15th July the Year 1 children will be taking a journey on the East Lancashire Railway as part of their Holidays in the Past topic. All the information has been sent out.

Year 4 Fundraiser for Manchester Children's Hospital

On Wednesday 15th July after school, the Year 4 staff and some children will be selling refreshments to raise funds for Manchester Children's hospital. They will be on the main junior playground so please come and support this event.

Leavers Assembly and End of Year Mass

Our Year 6 leavers assembly takes place on Thursday 16th July at 9.00 am in the main hall. This is open to all Year 6 parents (please do all come!) and anyone else who would like to join us.

At 2.00 pm on this day our Leavers' mass will take place at St. Marie's church. Again, please do come and join us if you can.

School Uniform

Mrs Dandy has a number of good quality donated uniform items available. If any parents would like particular items please email into school – s.dandy@stmaries.stoccat.org.uk and we will get in contact with you regarding these.

Christmas Pantomime

Information regarding the upcoming Christmas Pantomime has been placed on Arbor. This is because we need to know numbers by the middle of September in order that the correct tickets are bought. Online payment for this is now open and we can also accept cash payments through the office. Any questions please contact Mrs Barber.

Dates for your Diary

Please find below upcoming events within school for the remainder of this school term.

Date	Event	Time
Monday 13 th July	Nursery & Reception Stay, Pray & Play	1.30 – 2.30 pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 1 trip to East Lancashire Railway & Museum	
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9.00 am
	End of School Mass at St. Marie's Church	2.00 pm
Friday 17 th July	School closes for the Summer holidays	3.05 pm

Celebration Assembly

Due to the hot weather, there was no celebration assembly today.

Attendance Matters

As a school, we have always had really good attendance compared to other schools in the local authority. Good attendance is everyone's responsibility, and we must maintain this and continue to improve. There is currently a renewed drive from the Department of Education and schools must be seen to promote excellent attendance. Whilst we appreciate there are times that children cannot come into school and individual children that we know about have medical conditions that impact on their health, we still need to do everything as a school to promote and celebrate excellent attendance.

Class attendances for this week.

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	92.7%
Year One	98.5%
Year Two	96.9%
Year Three	90.7%
Year Four	99.3%
Year Five	99.6%
Year Six	98.9%

Well done to Year 5 for having the best attendance this week!

The class with the best attendance will receive an extra playtime each week

A Final Note

Our performance of 'Almost High School' musical this week brought a very important message ringing in our ears... 'We're all in this together'. The children reminded us of the importance of unity and working together for the greater good. Our Trust motto is 'Making Christ known, Making Lives Better'. When everyone works together and focuses on what we have in common rather than how we are different, we all become stronger.

Wishing you a great week ahead

God bless

Mr McRae
Head Teacher



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