

St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

Welcome back to school.

It was brilliant for me to see all the smiling, happy children of St. Mary's coming back to school this week. Also welcome to all the new children that have come to join this fantastic school. I hope that you have had a happy and restful summer, and have recharged your batteries in time for all the changes that the new school year will bring. Whether your child is new to the school or already attended, I hope you and they will enjoy this year at St. Mary's.

Our Catholic Reflection

During our Collective Worship on Monday, the children gathered and heard the Gospel:

Jesus once told something to open up...

'A deaf man who also had a speech impediment was brought to Jesus, and they asked Him to lay His hand on him.

Jesus took him away from the crowd and put His fingers on the man's ears and on his tongue.

Then looking up to heaven He said to him, "Ephphatha", which means, 'Be opened.'

Immediately, the man's ears were opened: he could hear! And his mouth was opened: he could talk!

Jesus told them not to tell anyone, but the man and his friends couldn't keep quiet, telling more and more people about how amazing Jesus was.'

Paraphrased from Mark 7: 31 - 37

Children heard how 'Ephphatha' is not a magic word: it's just an ordinary word in the language Jesus spoke - Aramaic. But Jesus spoke this ordinary word with extraordinary power - because He is the Son of God. It is His command which is special, not the word itself. The man was healed because he allowed Jesus to open his ears and mouth. If we allow Him, Jesus will do the same for us, so we can hear and share the Good News.

Children learned that when we allow Jesus to open our ears, we can tune in to God's voice guiding us. Our ears become opened to hearing and understanding the Good News: the truth about who Jesus is and how He died to save us.

Likewise, they learned that when we allow Jesus to open our mouths, like the man in the Gospel, we will not be able to stop telling everyone else about how amazing Jesus is.

Wishing everyone a brilliant Advent term, where all the children can continue to "Believe, Succeed and Soar"

As ever you all remain in my thoughts and prayers,

Take care

Mrs R Wheatley

CALENDAR EVENTS

Friday 24th September -
Macmillan Coffee
Morning

Thursday 14th October -
Harvest Thanksgiving

Thursday 21st October -
Last day of Term

Monday 1st November -
First Day of Term
Flu Vaccinations for
children with consent

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be aware we are a
NO NUT school due to
allergies throughout the
school.

Please can you make sure
you are checking any
snacks brought in and
packed lunches.





PE DAY REMINDERS

Year 1: Monday & Friday

Year 2: Tuesday & Friday

Year 3: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 4: Tuesday & Friday

Year 5: Monday & Wednesday

Year 6: Tuesday & Thursday



FOOD & DRINK

If your child is having a school dinner please make sure you have ordered the meals via the website www.schoolmealsonline.com

Please can you ensure your child brings a water bottle with them daily.

Dear Pupils, Teachers and Governors,

I am Fr Jonathan Jonathan Rose, the new Parish Priest at St. Marys church here in Grantham, and I have recently come to live and minister amongst you.

Previously I was the Private Secretary to our Bishop, Bishop Patrick McKinney, for the past five years, and also Catholic Chaplain to the University of Nottingham. Before this I ministered at the Cathedral of St. Barnabas in Nottingham and St. Augustine's Parish, Nottingham. I trained for the Priesthood at the Royal English College in Valladolid, Spain and at the Pontifical Beda College in Rome. Before this I was a Hotelier for many years, living and working in the UK and across the world, in the luxury sector of the Hotel Industry. I am very much a peoples person with a keen sense of humour and a love of life and as such I am looking forward greatly to working pastorally with you all and playing my part in building upon the strong links between your School and our Parish community, working with your Head Teacher and her staff in finding new and creative ways in which we can support you all and as we help to up the Catholic life in your school.

At present I am just finding my feet in the parish, sometimes I do so by the seat of my pants! But I have been amazed by the warm and welcoming Catholic community that I have found here in Grantham, and I know I shall be very happy ministering here.

In the next few months I hope you will see a lot more of me at School, as I come to visit and come to attend many of the exciting events you have already planned for this coming term. I look forward greatly to getting to know you better.

Please be assured that daily in the Parish we pray for each of you, for your School and for each of you in your studies, and in all you seek to be and to do. I hope and pray that this new term will be a time of great joy for you personally and for the whole School community.

Warmest Best Wishes,
Your parish priest and friend,

Father Jonathan Rose
Parish Priest of the Immaculate Conception Parish
Grantham

UNIFORM

SCHOOL CALENDAR

On our school website, under the news and events tab there is a school calendar. You are able to link your phone calendar to this. This way you will stay up to date with any notifications on the school website.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception Class: 100%

Year 1: 97.64%

Year 2: 99.29%

Year 3: 99.05%

Year 4: 97.33%

Year 5: 98.53%

Year 6: 95.58%

COVID

If your child is showing Covid symptoms please arrange for them to have a PCR test. We would also ask that you let the office know if your child tests positive.

Good luck to those children in Year 6 taking the 11+ next weekend, we know you will do your best.

Please can we ask that uniform is labelled, we have already had a few children who have misplaced items. Please can you regularly check your child's clothes to make sure they have brought their own uniform home.

Please see the uniform for St Mary's, while most of our students are wearing the correct uniform there are a few who are not.

School Uniform:

White shirt (with collar)
 School tie (must be worn at all times)
 Grey Shorts (for boys only in the Summer Term)
 Navy School jumper (with or without logo)
 Navy School Cardigan (with or without logo)
 Navy skirt or pinafore or grey trousers (girls)
 Grey trousers (boys)
 Black shoes
 White/Grey Socks

PE Kit:

School PE bag
 Light blue school T Shirt (with or without logo)
 Trainers
 Navy Tracksuit in colder months
 Navy Shorts

Hair:

If your child has long hair, please can you make sure it is tied up.

No dyed hair colours

Hair Styles to be business like, no extreme styles e.g. Mohawk

The school office have no ties in stock currently, as soon as we do we will contact parents via parentmail.

