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Rothwell St. Mary's
Catholic Primary School Leeds

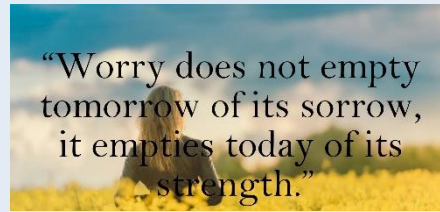
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Virtue to live by:

TRUST

I try not to worry about things before they happen.



Attendance: Last week the class with the best attendance was Year 6 with 100%. Well done to Year 6. Please ensure that your child is on time to school. The gate opens at 8.20am each morning and pupils should be in classes by 8.30am.



15 to 21 May 2023

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Foundation #ToHelpMyAnxiety



National Mental Health Awareness Week: This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. We began the week with an assembly. Mrs Collins has relaunched our Mindmate Ambassadors and each class has continued to work on this important part of our well-being. The focus of the week is anxiety. This is such an important area of well being for children and adults. It is essential that we understand what this means for us, how we feel and where we can get support. If you want to know more or find more out, please follow the link.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week>

Year 6: Year 6 did amazingly well last week. They showed how hard they can work and demonstrated the virtues of perseverance and determination – So proud of each of you!

Year 6 will have their fun day tomorrow Thursday 18th May. I have booked a team building company to come in and work with them to solve challenges. Mrs Sweeney and I will also cook a BBQ lunch for them – no need for pack ups that day! This is a way to say Well Done to each and everyone of them for their hard work, determination, and resilience!

Statutory Tests still to come:

KS1- Year 2 will be completing tests for the last time, these have begun this week and they have approached them brilliantly. Keep up the good work.

Year 1 – Phonics screening tests will take place in the week beginning 12th June. The children are already on track to do brilliantly!

Year 4 - Multiplication Times Table check will take place in the two weeks beginning 5th June. Again, Mrs Poole has been preparing the Year 4 children and they are experts on TT Rockstars! Keep up the daily practice.

We all know that tests do not determine the destiny of any child, the richness of a child's character and their outward qualities and their ability to be a good citizen are far more important. However, we do want children to feel a sense of success in life and we need to prepare them for the next stages of their education too.

Important days and dates for this half term

Thursday 18th/ Friday 19th May

This Green Moon for Year 5

Sunday 21st May
First Holy Communion
Year 4 @9.15am Mass

Thursday 25th May
Break up for half term

Friday 26th May
Training Day
Staff CPD with Educational Psychologist

Monday 5th June
Training Day (Assessment CPD for staff)
New Parents Meeting
5.30pm

Thursday 15th Friday 16th
D:side Drug education for Rec – Y6

Friday 23rd June
Dance Spectacular at Headingley

Sleepover for Year 5 & 6
- more details to follow.

Saturday 1st July
Rothwell St Mary's
SUMMER FAIR

Friday 7th July
Reception Class
Assembly

Monday 10th July
Transition Week in School
Reception home visits and visits to school

Good Shepherd Mass: You may recall your child colouring in a cross during Lent and brining £1 into school. We did have a lot of crosses and two children from each class were chosen to win an Easter Egg supplied by Catholic Care. Each year, we are asked to present the monies raised at a special Mass. This year, unfortunately, we had lots of crosses but not many £1 coins were sent in. School will have to contribute to the donation this year (from school funds). The Mass is on Wednesday 24th May and we have chosen three pupils to represent school. Mrs Sheldon Price will take the children to this event. We will share photos after the Mass. Catholic Care are such a valuable resource and we are lucky to still be able to afford to pay for this service.

Holidays in term time and attendance: We are seeing a drastic increase in the number of holiday request forms. The total number of days taken as unauthorised holiday since September 2022 now stands at **151.5 days**. School is open for 190 days per year, so we are not far off the equivalent of one full year's worth of unauthorised days. We appreciate that holidays cost a lot of money, but every school day missed is a lost day of learning. Attendance in school is well below what we saw before the pandemic, and I hope that we can work together to bring back a belief that education is important for our young people.

Description	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 Days	0	0
	99%	188 Days	2	10
Good	98%	186 Days	4	20
	97%	184 Days	6	30
Satisfactory	96%	182.5 Days	7.5	37.5
Cause for Concern	95%	180.5 Days	9.5	47.5
	94%	178.5 Days	11.5	57.5
	93%	176.5 Days	13.5	67.5
	92%	174.5 Days	15.5	77.5
Unsatisfactory	91%	173 Days	17	85
Serious Cause for Concern	90%	171 Days	19	95
	89%	169 Days	21	105
	88%	167 Days	23	115
	87%	165.5 Days	25	125
Critical	86%	163.5 Days	26.5	132.5
	85%	161.5 Days	28.5	142.5

These are based on a normal 9-3 school day- we actually do 5.5 hours per day.

Home learning: As a school we do not set long pieces of homework on a regular basis, but we do expect that you support your child to complete reading every night and to improve their fluency in maths by going on TT Rockstars of Numbots. There has been a significant negative attitude towards home learning, and this is having an impact on some pupils learning in school. A partnership must be alive and working for each child to succeed! Little and often is not too much to ask!

Assemblies- We have two assemblies still to enjoy!

Term	Sum 2	Sum 2
Year	Year 6	Rec

Future Dates:

Monday 17th July

School Sports Day
KS2 am at 9am
Rec + KS1 pm at 1.15pm
Please bring your own chair or picnic blanket and pray for good weather!!

Thursday 20th July

Leaver's assembly 9am
Y6 Play for parents
1.30pm

Friday 21st July

Mass 9am
Breakfast roll, tea, coffee for parents

Please can you let the school office know if you are going to attend.

Brunch Lunch
Break up 1pm

Collective Worship Times

Parents are invited to attend in person.

Year 6 – Thursday
8.30am

Year 5 – Thursday
2.40pm

**Year 4 – Tuesday
2.45pm**

Year 3- **Monday
2.40pm**

**Year 2 – Thursday
8.40pm**

Year 1 – Thursday
8.30am

**Reception – Thursday
8.40 am (new time)**

Church Bulletin

Please use the link below to access St Mary's Church weekly bulletin.

<https://www.stmaryrothwell.org.uk/bulletin/>

Telephone: 0113 8242819

Email: pp.stmary.rothwell@dioces eofleeds.org.uk

Date	16/6/23	7/7/23 Note change of date!
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Poetry Recitals: Only one poetry recital to see now - Year 3 – 16th June 2023

Communicating with staff members: Please can I remind parents that the correct email address to use for any communication to staff is head@rothwellstmarys.org.uk. Please can I ask parents not to use staff personal emails as this can add to excessive workload or undue anxiety outside of the school working day.

Provision beyond the school day for Summer 1:

Day	Provision	Year Groups	Staff
Monday	Reading Fluency Tag Rugby	Selected pupils All	Mrs Sweeney Ace Club
Tuesday	Reading Fluency Booster Woodland Art Club	Selected pupils Y6 KS2 KS1	Mrs Sweeney Miss Nicholson Mrs Sheldon-Price Miss Cohen
Wednesday	Reading Fluency Racquet Sports Booster Food Ambassadors (once per half term) Art Club Tasty Treats	Selected pupils All Y6 KS2 KS1 KS1	Mrs Sweeney Ace Club Miss Nicholson, Mrs Hallos, Mrs Poole Mrs Sheldon Price Miss Cohen Miss Stephens
Thursday	Reading Fluency Y4 TT Rockstars (before school) Choir (temporary) Football Gardening	Selected pupils Y4 Y2 upwards Y2 Upwards All	Mrs Sweeney Mrs Poole Dionne & Miss Leonard Ace Club Mrs Sheldon -Price / Mrs Penchion
Friday	Netball	Y5/ Y6	Mrs Sweeney

Twitter: All our teacher now keep our Twitter page updated. Please follow us @rothwellstmarys to find out what has been happening in school each day.



Reception have been celebrating the month of May by making flowers for Mary!

And we're done! Well done to Year 6 for an absolutely amazing week of hard work, resilience and great attitude. We are so proud of you!



FOSM: Can you help us please? Do you have a spare gazebo that FOSM can borrow on the 1st of July for the Summer Fair? If you do, please email yourfosm@gmail.com. Thank you all in advance.



School Lottery:

Safeguarding:

Our safeguarding policy for 2022/23 is available on the school website

<https://www.rothwellstmarys.co.uk/school-info/safeguarding/> . Our safeguarding team is below.

Miss Leonard, Mrs Sweeney, Ms MacPherson, Mrs Sheldon-Price should you wish to contact us, please use the usual address. We have a duty of care to protect all our children and families.

Safeguarding Support for Parents: This week's safeguarding support is all about well being Please follow the Mental Health Awareness week link for more support <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week>

Always remember that the door is open, and your first port of call should be your child's class teacher. If you need to speak further, then please see Mrs Sweeney or failing that myself. It is always better to nip things in the bud and get a resolution quickly with your child's teacher. **Remember – working together achieves more!**

God Bless Miss S Leonard –head teacher head@rothwellstmarys.org.uk

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- £1 per week
- Weekly cash prizes
- £25,000 jackpot

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

£1 TICKET

Splitting the £1.00

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Rothwell St Mary's Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Rothwell St Mary's Primary School

40p goes to our school
36p goes to cash prizes
20p goes to admin costs
4p goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= £30 weekly cash prize
= £2,080 a year for our school

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yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Rothwell St Mary's