



"Grow together in Christ"

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## Head Teacher's Newsletter 33 – 7.6.23

**Virtue to live by:**  
**COURAGE**  
**I ask for help.**  
**I make the right choices.**

"You get in life  
what you have the  
courage to ask for."  
- Oprah Winfrey

**Welcome back to Summer 2:** We return to the final 7 weeks of the school year – where has it gone?? I look forward to this half term, seeing children ready for their next class and being eager for transition week. We still have Year 4 to complete their multiplication times tables check (this week) and Year 1 to complete their phonic screening checks (12<sup>th</sup> June). I hope that this half term will be an enjoyable with lots of sunshine and fun! Please remember sun hats and sun cream each day.

**Attendance:** Let us work together to build our attendance over the next 7 weeks. I have received an abundance of holiday requests forms – please note that school cannot authorise any holidays in term time. The children will be working up to the final day of term!



**Year 5/6 Sleepover:** This will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. You should now have received information for this and able to pay on School Money. It will be lovely to see the majority of pupils taking part. Thanks to the members of FOSM for organising this. Miss Leonard and Mrs Sweeney will be giving their time to be sleeping in school too but this is FOSM event. Please note that Miss Leonard will have the final say for pupils attending – excellent behaviour and trust will be essential.

**Catenian Cup 23.5.23:** This is a football tournament held at St Theresa's each year. Our children did amazingly well, coming third. There was a special mention and a prize for Eliza for showing a good work ethic throughout the day. Congratulations, Eliza!



The  
Good Shepherd  
Celebration  
24 May 2023

### **Good Shepherd Mass 24.5.23:**

Each year we present our money to +Bishop Marcus at a special service at St Anne's Cathedral. Our children presented a cheque for £150. All monies raised go towards the provisions made across the

diocese from Catholic Care. This is an amazing organisation – many of our own families benefit from this.

### **Important days and dates for this half term**

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Y1 Trip to Yorkshire  
Wildlife Park

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Reception trip to Born in  
the Forest.

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

D:side Drug education  
for Rec – Y6

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Dance Spectacular at  
Headingley

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

#### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Mini Vinnie's at parish  
masses this weekend.  
Please let me know if you  
can attend.

#### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Rothwell St Mary's  
SUMMER FAIR

#### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Reception Class  
Assembly

#### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**Transition Week in School**  
**Reception home visits  
and visits to school**

#### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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!!

## Staffing for September 2023

Reception – Miss Cohen  
Year 1 – Miss Stephens  
Year 2 – Miss Drury  
Year 3 – Mrs Collins / Miss Horan  
Year 4 – Mrs Poole  
Year 5 – Mr Murtagh  
Year 6 – Miss Nicholson + Mrs Hallos (4 mornings)

We are delighted to be able to keep Mrs Hallos for a while longer, but she will be reducing her time in school. Governors appointed Mr Murtagh before half term, and he joins our team in September. I am sure you will give him a Rothwell St Mary's welcome.

## Assemblies- We have two assemblies still to enjoy!

Term	Sum 2	Sum 2
Year	Year 6	Rec
Date	16/6/23	7/7/23 Note change of date!

Poetry Recitals: Only one poetry recital to see now - Year 3 – 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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. Keep an eye out for our latest news.

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](mailto:yourfosm@gmail.com). Thank you all in advance.

## 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.

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](mailto:head@rothwellstmarys.org.uk)

## Future Dates:

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

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

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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/>

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