



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents / Carers,

This newsletter brings news of upcoming events, student achievements, and important reminders as we approach the upcoming second Bank holiday in May and the half term holiday for the Pentecost Term.

Thank you for your fundraising for the Colour Dash and the Athlete event. A message from Nichola Moore from the LCH charity: "You should be incredibly proud of your whole school community.

St Mary's – Loughborough have raised an amazing £962 including Gift Aid – thank you so much!

That is a fantastic achievement, and a real reflection of how engaged and supportive the children and families of Saint Mary's are. The Colour Dash is always such a joy, and it's clear how much your community enjoys taking part while supporting our charity. More information on prizes, certificates and Epic Fundraisers will follow and will be given out after the half term holiday. By us working together it has enabled us to continue removing barriers for children and families who need us most — providing essentials, experiences and opportunities that genuinely make a difference. Thank you again for such an incredible effort — please pass on our thanks to your staff, pupils and families."

We look forward to the Holy Communion masses on the weekend of the 30th/ 31st of May and thank the children, families, Parish and School Catechists for their excellent spiritual preparation. We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday, filled with time for family, friends and some well-deserved rest, in the wonderful summer sunshine

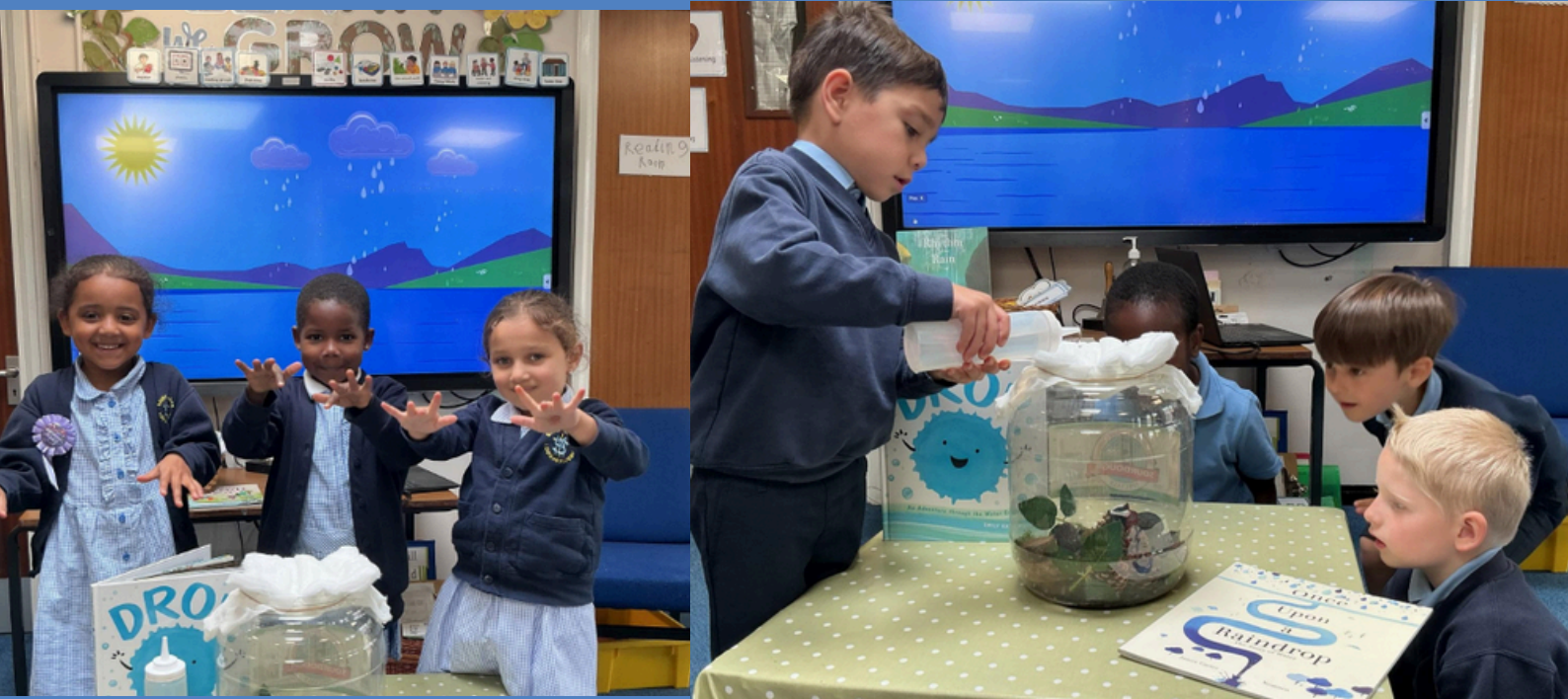
God Bless
Miss Jordan



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Dates for your diary

Half Term holiday: 25th of May to the 29th of May
30th and 31st of May: First Holy Communions



June

Pentecost 2 term: starts on the 1st of June

1st June week: Y4 multiplication Tests. Y1 and 2 trip to Manor Farm

8th June week: Y1 phonics screening

EYFS/ KS1 Sport's Day: 9.30a.m 16th June Cumberland Field

KS2 Sport's Day: 9.30a.m 17th June Cumberland Field

17th June 1p.m: Y6 Transition workshop

23rd June: Y5 Air quality workshop in the hall.

25th June: 2.15p.m Rock Steady and class music performances

30th June: 2p.m Y6 Performance

July

1st July: Y6 Performance 6p.m

1st July: Transition Morning- children spend time in their new classes

2nd July- After school FOSM Summer Fayre

3rd July: Y6 Leaver's disco. End of year reports to take home.

6th July: 3.15p.m: drop ins for parents to meet next class teachers/ discuss reports

9th July: Leaver's mass 9.15a.m in church Achievement Assembly 1p.m

10th July: Leaver's Assembly

Last day of term: 10th of July

Start of 26/27 Academic year: Wednesday 26th of August

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Catholic life and Mission-May at St Mary's

Parish Links: Our school serves: St Mary of the Annunciation Parish. Please see the website below for more information.

<https://www.stmarysloughborough.org.uk/>

The month of May is especially dedicated to Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and it is the occasion when Catholics from every part of the world pay a moving tribute of love for Mary. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore our guide and inspiration for devotion to Jesus and the Patron Saint of our school. The children had in May, the opportunity to pray the Rosary and learn the prayers of the Rosary, including the Hail Holy Queen. Year Two led the school beautifully on our Annual May celebration of the Word, as we honoured Mary and year One crowned the statue on the KS1 playground.

In their RE lessons, the children have been learning about the Ascension and Pentecost. We were so proud of the Year 5 children, who read and led the singing so well at the Ascension Mass at church. Year One shared an inspirational Celebration of the Word on Thursday the 21st on Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday is this Sunday the 24th of May.

Please keep the children in your prayers, who will be receiving the very special sacrament of Holy Communion in the weekend of the 30th/31st of May.

PENTECOST SUNDAY (24 May)

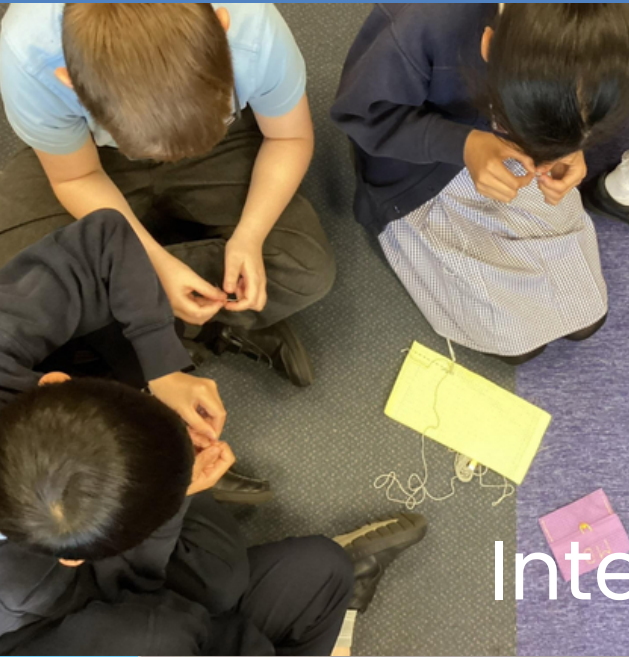
This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (31 May)

celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: The Father and the Holy Spirit.

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Internet Safety

Keeping Our Children Safe Online: A Note on WhatsApp & Messenger

WhatsApp is a popular messaging app that allows friends to connect. While it can be a great way to stay in touch, it's important to be aware of the potential downsides, especially for primary school children.

Here's what to consider:

Age restrictions: WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of 16. Younger children may not have the maturity to navigate online interactions safely.

Cyberbullying: Group chats can become breeding grounds for unkind messages or rumors that spread quickly.

Inappropriate content: Children may be exposed to inappropriate language, unsuitable images or videos, even if unintentionally shared.

Screen Time: Constant messaging can interfere with sleep, social interaction, and schoolwork.

How We Can Help:

Open Communication: Talk to your child about online safety and responsible communication.

Set Ground Rules: Discuss age-appropriate apps and screen time limits.

Monitor Activity: Consider parental controls and open conversations about what they see online.

Be a Safe Space: Encourage them to come to you if they encounter anything upsetting or confusing.

Working Together:

We understand the importance of staying connected with friends. By working together, we can ensure our children use technology safely and responsibly.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our children safe online!

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A few reminders...



- **Arbor:** Thank you for clearing payments promptly- please ensure it is clear for the start of the next term.
- **School uniform:** Hair styles should not have tram lines. Any hair longer than shoulder length should be put in a ponytail, plait or bun.
- **Behaviour:** the school always works on a positive behaviour strategy. If we call parents to discuss a negative behaviour incident, we will have listened to all children and also asked other children who may have seen the incident. The school works on a restorative justice model, developing relationships between children. Please support the school with the rewards and sanctions. The behaviour policy is on the website.

Sun protections

As we enter the season of summer, please remember to apply sun cream to your child before they come to school, as well as providing them with a sun hat and a water bottle each day. The sunscreen in school should only be used when there are prolonged outside activities and the sunscreen from home may need 'topping up.'



Attendance and Punctuality

Excellent attendance and punctuality to school are very important to ensure children achieve their very best. Please ensure that children are in school every day and on time unless they are ill. I am aware that the vast majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly but, as it is the beginning of a new term, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Holidays in term time will not be authorised, (unless in exceptional circumstances), and parents may receive a fixed term penalty notice for unauthorised absences.

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May 26 Highlights: Well-done to our Year 6 on completing their SAT's tests. Have a look at the photos from their fantastic week's residential to the Briars



Pentecost 2 Term: Breakfast Club and After school clubs

Gardening club and drama club can be booked on Arbor for Thursdays. Please book the sport's clubs on the JM football Academy website.

Cereal and Toast is served in the breakfast club from 8.00- 8.15a.m only.

All extra- curricular clubs finish on the 3rd of July.

Breakfast club continues until the 10th of July.

Wrap around club will finish on Thursday the 9th of July- no wrap around care club on the last Friday of the term.

REGISTER NOW

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
MONDAY 1ST JUNE - FRIDAY 3RD JULY
JOIN THE SPORTING ACTION

SCAN ME

MONDAY **KS2 FOOTBALL**

TUESDAY **KS1/KS2 ATHLETICS CLUB**

WEDNESDAY **EYFS - YR1&2 FOOTBALL**

THURSDAY **KS2 ROUNDERS & CRICKET CLUB**

FRIDAY **KS1/KS2 MULTI-SPORTS CLUB**

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