

The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Philippians 4: 13

Respect Compassion Resilier

Quiz Kids

5 Y5 children, accompanied by Mrs Heaton, represented St Mary's at Hope Academy's Annual Quiz Kids competition and we are very pleased to announce that they came 3rd overall. Only a few marks separated the teams and as Mrs Heaton said, we couldn't be prouder of their smiles and success.

Governors

Our governors met for the first time this term this week. Our governors have such an important role in our school and we thank them for their service.

Coronation

We will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles with a picnic/school lunch on the field (weather permitting) on Friday 5th May. All children will be invited to wear red, white and blue to celebrate this special occasion. We would appreciate the loan of any picnic blankets on the day.

A design a crown competition has been sent out earlier this week.

Dojo Shop

Our Dojo Shop opened its doors for the first time this week. Thank you to our school council for organising this so well. We have continued to trial our behaviour policy this week and we have had positive feedback from the children and staff as well as some suggestions to improve it further.

Fundraising

Biscuits have gone down well today with all money going towards school fund.

Lily in Year 6 has been selling bracelets for Cancer Research and has made £20 in just a week. What a wonderful example of our school values. Well done Lily.

The PTFA survey regarding the Summer Fair is still running: https://forms.gle/FZLji1Ng2tfb4AnW8 Please take the time to give us your feedback.









Award Winners











	Star of the Week	Bee Award
3Ri	Jacob	Lewis
3Ro	Isaac	Evelyn
4W	Molly	Tomas
4M	Dylan	Isobel
5R	Yva-Mae	Miss Hodkinson
5HQ	Leo	Jake
6W	Zak	Hollie
6D	Brody	Rosie











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School

Values

Matilda F

Award

Millionaire Reader

Ava W

Leo W



Rock

Hero











Dates for your diary

Summer 1

St Mary's Catholic Junior School

Every Friday	Biscuits for school funds. 50p
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday—school closed
Friday 5 th May	Coronation Celebration – dress in red, white and blue. Design a crown competition.
Monday 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May	Y6 SATs week. All Y6 children are invited to school from 8.30 for toast and a drink.
Thursday 11 th May	Y4 Apple of my Eye DT food day
Friday 12 th May	PTFA Family Fun Night @ St Patrick's Club
Monday 22 nd May	PTFA coffee and cake afternoon at the Juniors. Everyone welcome.
Wednesday 24 th May – Friday 26 th May	Y6 Residential
Tuesday 20th June	Sports Day (weather permitting) Y3&4 in the morning; Y5&6 in the afternoon

PE days		
Y3	Thursday	
Y4	Wednesday	
Y5	Tuesday	
Y6	Monday	

Book donations

We are appealing for children's book donations:

Very good condition books (read just once) to add to our school library.

Good and well-loved books to sell for CAFOD fundraising.

Please send any donations into school with your child and our librarians and house captains will do the rest. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

JOURNEY OF HOPE



Information session for Hope Academy Parents Time: 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Supporting Students with Disabilities & Special Educational Needs

Tuesday 9th May 2023 (On site Event) Aimed at all Year groups (also Year 6 students transitioning to Hope)

The workshop will focus on the following:

- Hope Academy Local Offer
- The Four Broad Areas of Need
- Support for students with EHCP and ESS Funded students
- Support for students with a diagnosis of a condition/syndrome
- The St. Helens Local Offer / What if needs cannot be met? / What if my child struggles to attend school?
- When to involve multi-agencies
- Who do I contact if my child is unable to access work in lessons?
- When do I contact the Pastoral team / SENDCO
- Early Help / Placements in Alternative Education

To book a place, please sign up here: https://forms.gle/BPrtxn5ZSRQsbma26

Phillippa Hible, SENDCO

HOPE

RESPECT

COURAGE

AMBITION



Hope Academy Transition – Polite reminder

You will have recently received important documents from Hope Academy please ensure they are completed and returned in the reply-paid envelope provided by Friday 26th May. If you did not receive the documents, please email lesley.white@hopeacademy.org.uk



Y6 pupils follow the below link for you to order your free Outwood Academy bundles. The cut off date is the 14th May

https://www.haydock.outwood.com/transition.







Sharing the Gospel

Joining the dots

In this week's gospel, Luke 24:13-35, we see Two disciples walk back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. They are in despair about the death of Jesus. Jesus appears and walks beside them, but they do not recognise him. He teaches them from the Scriptures, and they see who he is when he breaks bread with them. It had all been happening during the past few days in Jerusalem; how could the stranger on the road not even be aware of it?





Lord Jesus, this week, help us to keep seeking you. Reveal to us where you are at work in our ordinary lives. Amen.

Song of the week: I can do all things through him who strengths me

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uIt9cnLJGQE&t=83s



This week's British Value we have been boking at is:



Rule of Law

Different countries have different rules and laws about school and education. In the UK, all children must be provided with an education from age 5 to 18. The story it links to in the news is:

An educational television programme for young people in Afghanistan has been launched by the BBC. The TV show has been created to help children, who have been banned from going to school in the country, and is aimed at children aged 11 to 16. The Taliban group, who took overthe country in 2021, have stopped girts over the age of 11 from attending school. The weekly programme is

called Dars, which means 'lesson' in Afghanistan's official languages.







6 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTFA

FOR THE CHILDREN

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.



BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.



FOR YOU

VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.



FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY
OURSELVES IN ALL OUR
ROLES.

FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!



KEEP THE PTFA GOING!

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL
WE NEED TO KEEP THE
COMMITTEE GOING.

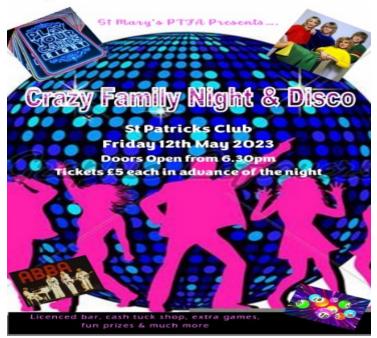
COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



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"I really enjoy seeing my
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at at events how rewarding
grown up help out at events would be
grown up help out at events
"I didn't realise how rewarding
"I've made life long friends"



Attendance Matters





FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world.
Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation (through the instant message feature; otherwise they, swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

INTIMATE IMAGES

OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can full them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The Al only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: It would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to snap' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

NO PARENTAL

SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details the this person or connected with them on other social media afforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that in arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to insider using a similar app with more robust safety features.

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BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they're already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.

KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.



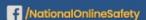
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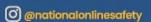




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This is our game.

os Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all



School years - Reception and Year 1 School years - Year 2 and Year 3 School years - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Dear percents, Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Friday at St Edm School, starting 19th May, which is open to both boys and girls.

The cost of the coarse is just over £5 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due booking your child on and the second payment of £45 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the session are welcome to leave children, as every section is fully supervised.

NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Every four weeks we have a fournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals and trophies awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.



TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE

0161 302 2510 or 07514 316 534













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