



The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

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

Philippians 4: 13

16th June 2023

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

Year 4 First Holy Communion

Tomorrow is a very special day for our Year 4 children. They will make their First Holy Communion with their class at church, celebrating with their families and our church community. Please remember the children in your prayers.

Y3 Gulliver's World Residential

What a fabulous time Year 3 have had at Gulliver's. They enjoyed time at RAF Burtonwood, den building in the woods before tea and a disco and film evening. Today they have enjoyed being on the park. We think they'll sleep well tonight!. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to stay with the children.



Sports Day—part of National Sports Week

Next Tuesday will be sports day at the Junior school. Y3/4 will be in the morning from 10am. Y5/6 will be in the afternoon from 2pm. We will make a decision as soon as possible on Tuesday morning if there is poor weather. Please ensure the children have sun cream, sun hats and water bottles. The PTFA will be selling water for £1 at this event.

Y3 children will wear their PE kits on Monday and Tuesday next week. Trainers on Friday for a very short session.

Y4 children will wear their PE kits on Tuesday next week. Trainers on Friday for a very short session.

Y5 children will wear their PE kits on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Trainers on Friday for a very short session.

Y6 children will wear their PE kits on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Trainers on Friday for a very short session.

Y6 end of term arrangements

Our provisional dates have changed! A separate letter has been sent out to Y6 confirming these.

Volunteer Readers




We would love to welcome parents/grandparents/carers into school to hear readers on a regular basis. Training will be provided. Please contact the office if you could spare some time for this.

Warm weather

Please make sure that children are ready for the warm weather with sun cream, sun hats and water bottles.

Award Winners

	Star of the Week	Bee Award
3Ri		
3Ro		
4W	Cassius	Cassius, Morgan, Ethan, Tomas & Jacob
4M	Madeleine	Bruce, Patrick, Jacob, Olly, Dylan & Guy
5R	Chrystal	Amy B
5HQ	Jude	Jake
6W	Riley G	Harriet P
6D	Devun	Niamh

	School Values Award	Cassius
	Millionaire Reader	Alejandra Joseph S
	Rock Hero	Joseph S

Sharing the Gospel

Love in action

In this week's bible reading, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26, we hear that after calling Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him, Jesus is criticised for his association with 'tax collectors and sinners'. He responds that he was sent to those who are sick. The gathering is interrupted by a synagogue leader whose daughter has died and a woman who had been ill for 12 years. Jesus restores the girl to life and heals the woman. News of this spread quickly!



Loving Jesus, you told your disciples to be kind.
Teach us to be kind to ourselves,
kind to our friends,
and kind to strangers.
May this week see us spread an outpouring of kindness.
Amen.



Please may you keep Father Vincent Fedigan, our Parish Priest for a number of years, in your prayers. He is currently poorly and all prayers would be very welcomed.



BRITISH VALUES

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



Individual Liberty

We all have the right and freedom to raise awareness of the things that are important to us. We should consider how we choose to do this and the impact it may have on others. We can all make a positive difference!

The story it links to in the news is:

13-year-old Max Woosey - also known as the 'Boy in the Tent' - has recently set a Guinness World Record for the most money raised by camping. Inspired by a family friend, the young teenager has raised over £750,000 for North Devon Hospice. Max spent every night in a tent since he began his challenge three years ago in the garden of his home in Branton, Devon. 'It's been the best three years of my life,' he said, describing the challenge.



Dates for your diary

Dates for your diary – Summer 3 – St Mary's Catholic Junior School	
Saturday 17th June	Y4 First Holy Communion 9:30 – 4M / 11:00 – 4W
Tuesday 20th June	Y3/4 Sports day 10am Y5/6 Sports day 2pm
Thursday 29th – Friday 30th June	Y5 Residential - London
Tuesday 4th July	Millionaire reader's tea party – Parents / carers invited. 5.30—Y2 transition evening at the Junior school
Wednesday 5th July	Moving up morning
Thursday 6th July	KS2 Poetry buzz event at Queens Park 6pm
Wednesday 12th July	Spanish Day
Monday 17th July	Y6 Production 2pm/6pm
Tuesday 18th July	Y6 Leavers Mass 10am (provisional) Y6 Leavers Party 5.30—7.00pm
Wednesday 19th July	Y6 Leavers assembly 2.00pm - Parents/carers welcome Finish for Summer

PE days	
Y3	Monday
Y4	Tuesday
Y5	Wednesday
Y6	Thursday



Hope Academy Transition Week

Letters have been posted to the home addresses of parents/carers this week which contains important information about transition week. If you have not received your letter, please email lesley.white@hopeacademy.org.uk

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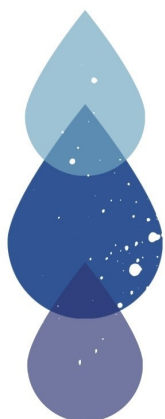
St Helens Colour Run

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Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ANIME

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.



Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as *Cyberpunk: Edgerunners*, an anime web series based on the popular video game, *Cyberpunk 2077*. The most common interest, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. *Death Note*, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

MATURE MANGA

The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

ADULT THEMES

Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as *Fortnite* and *Call of Duty*, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the RPG *Genshin Impact* may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. *Yandere Simulator*, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.



Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. *Pokémon* and *One Piece* are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: *Grave of the Fireflies*, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in *Fortnite*, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as *Fortnite*, *Apex Legends*, *Valorant*, *Roblox* and *Minecraft*. With work published by the likes of *PC Gamer*, *Kotaku*, *Pocket Gamer* and *VG247*, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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Session dates:
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