



The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

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

Philippians 4: 13

9th June 2023

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

You are unique day

The children dressed in whatever made them feel special today. We celebrated our individuality, uniqueness and being made in the image of God. Our assembly this morning focused on ADHD, ASC and dyslexia and children had the opportunity to discuss this further in their classrooms.

Y5 Girls' Football Tournament

Our Y5 girls represented St Mary's at the very first Newton girls' football tournament on a very hot Thursday afternoon. Thank you to St Peter's school who hosted this event. It was lovely to walk there too!

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.

Ice-pops

Next Friday, our 50p biscuit sale at break time will be changing to an ice pop sale. There will be a limit of 1 ice pop per child. We will do this for the rest of the term as long as the litter goes in the bins!




PTFA colour run

The very first PTFA colour run will take place on Sunday 9th July on the Junior school field. Look out for more information in the coming weeks.



Award Winners

	Star of the Week	Bee Award
3Ri	Saffron	Oakley
3Ro	Orla B	Gracie
4W	Bentley	Morgan
4M	Patrick	Matthew B
5R	Elizabeth	Charlie H
5HQ	Oliver T	Alex K
6W	Zak	Freya
6D	Reece	Matthew N

	School Values Award	Kiera T
	Millionaire Reader	Ava W
	Rock Hero	

Sharing the Gospel

We can do this

In this week's bible reading, Matthew 28:16-20, we hear Jesus has summoned his disciples to a mountain in Galilee. He tells them that all authority is his and that they should make disciples all over the world, baptizing them and teaching them to obey his commandments. He promises to be with them always.



Jesus, you told us to GO!
Give us the determination!
You told us to make disciples.
Give us the courage!
Help us to remember your promise
to be with us always so we can do
this.
Thank you, Jesus.
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:



Rule of Law

In some countries, there are laws that ban certain single-use plastics. This is to help care for and protect our environment.

The story it links to in the news is:

Ahead of World Environment Day on 5th June, a new report from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has announced that countries could cut plastic pollution by 80% in fewer than 20 years. The last few decades have seen plastic production levels increase dramatically, especially single-use plastic, and waste management systems are struggling to cope. The report offers a plan of action for governments and businesses to significantly cut levels of plastic pollution.



Dates for your diary

Dates for your diary – Summer 3 – St Mary's Catholic Junior School	
Friday 9 th June	Celebrating difference day
Thursday 15 th – Friday 16 th June	Y3 Residential – Gulliver's world
Saturday 17 th June	Y4 First Holy Communion 9:30 – 4M / 11:00 – 4W
Tuesday 20 th June	Y3/4 Sports day 10am Y5/6 Sports day 2pm
Thursday 29 th – Friday 30 th June	Y5 Residential - London
Tuesday 4 th July	Millionaire reader's tea party – Parents / carers invited.
Wednesday 5 th July	Moving up morning
Thursday 6 th July	KS2 Poetry buzz event at Queens Park 6pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Spanish Day
Thursday 13 th July	Y6 Production 2pm/6pm (provisional)
Monday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers party 5:30 – 7pm
Tuesday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers Mass 10am (provisional)
Wednesday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly 2.00pm - Parents/carers welcome Finish for Summer

PE days	
Y3	Monday
Y4	Tuesday
Y5	Wednesday
Y6	Thursday

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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.

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.

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.

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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DYNAMOS CRICKET



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Join us at:
Newton - le - Willows Cricket Club, WA12 9XE

Session dates:
Friday evenings, 19th May - 7th July 2023, for all children aged 8-11

Session timings:
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Contact:
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Wigan Football Development

St Edmund Arrowsmith High School (AstroTurf Pitch), Rookery Avenue, Wigan, WN4 9PF
Starting on Friday 19th May 2023

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception and Year 1	6:00pm - 6:45pm
School years - Year 2 and Year 3	6:45pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

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

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football', building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held on the fantastic AstroTurf pitch so trainers or AstroTurf boots should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a will drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

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

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament 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.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY & A MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including: Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

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
Kaden
0161 302 2510 or 07514 316 534

We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks.
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked.

JOIN THE STORM!

Newton Storm, your local community Rugby League club, are currently on the look out for new players and volunteers.

With age groups from Reception to Open Age, and continued success both on and off the field, it's a great time to get involved.

If you'd like to know more find us on Facebook or Twitter.

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U8S

COME ALONG & JOIN THE STORM!

Calling Y3 boys & girls to join our U8s team.

Training:
Mon 6-7pm
Wed 6-7pm
Newton Sports Club

For more details, contact:
Matt 07827 921707
Jacob 07780 435526

Big Moments of summer fun!

ALL STARS

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre

Join us at: Earlestown Cricket Club, Earle Street, Earlestown WA12 9NU


Session dates: Monday evenings, starting 8 May 2023 for all children aged 5-8

Session timings: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Contact: earlestowncc@hotmail.co.uk



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