

St Mary's RC Primary School, Sabden

Although it is always busy, the summer term is always very enjoyable. Many exciting events are planned including an FSA Family Bingo Night on 29th June and an FSA Disco on 13th July.

KS2 are busy rehearsing for their Summer performance of Olivia! which takes place on 12th July. The music is very memorable and catchy and spectators are promised a really enjoyable performance. Also this half term we have trips for each class. Class 1 are going to The World of Beatrix Potter in Bowness, Class 2 are visiting the World of Glass Museum at St Helen's and Class 3 have a traditional seaside day at St Anne's - complete with paddling, beach games, ice cream, and time on the pier.

We say a sad goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 class and wish them much love as they move to their Secondary Schools. We know that God will be with them every step of their journey and we will hold them all in our hearts and prayers.

This September we will be welcoming Mrs Andria Tomlinson to our staff as one of the teachers in our KS1 class. Andria is taking over from Mrs Wendy Collins who is retiring. A big thank you to Wendy for her love and commitment to our school over the past years. From all at St Mary's, have a beautiful Summer.

Claire Halstead

Thorneyholme RC Primary School

Shortly before the Easter holidays, we celebrated the International Day of Forests. Our children not only learnt about global forests - both the decline and the need to protect them (Laudato Si') - but they appreciated our local forest through forest sporting activities, which included a flag tag tree game. We also filled our school hall with children, parents, carers and governors during our health & food topic afternoon. Activities included milking a cow, tasting smoothies and butter made by the infants, creating a balanced meal, guessing the amount of sugar in drinks, tasting skittles to identify their flavours, watching a dissection of the main organs and having a tour of the school poly-tunnel. A 'Skittles Prayer' drew our fun-filled afternoon to a conclusion, when all our individual prayers were joined together and offered to God.

When our "Gift of Books" collection came ended on 31st May, we were able to hand over a wonderful selection of books and memories which had been donated. Thank you to all who contributed! We currently have many exciting extra-curricular activities which include a Polish Club where children not only learn the Polish language through fun activities but where they also get to taste the delights of Polish food; a sports club and a gardening club where a market garden is currently being developed.

Judith Metcalfe

Please contact us or look on our school websites should you have any comments or questions.

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Welcome

How soon this has come around again – the final Parish Newsletter of 2017/18.

At this time of year we reflect on the past months and all the lovely achievements they have brought but we also think about our Year 6 children as they embark on the next stage of their education in their move to Secondary schools. We all wish them well and thank them for the contributions they have made to our schools over the years.

This summer break is poignant for the Parish as Judith is retiring from her role. We wish Judith a very happy, restful and fun-filled retirement. I remember the welcome that Judith gave me 11 years ago when I was a new Head, not to mention the friendship and good advice that has followed over the years. Judith we will all miss you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Enjoy the rest of this term and all the wonderful activities it brings. Have a perfect summer and stay safe ready for a new start in September.

Claire Halstead

Head Teacher, St Mary's Sabden

Religious Education Summer Overview



St Mary's RC Primary School

For our final term our KS1 have been exploring the gift of The Holy Spirit and how it guides us to make wise decisions. They are now thinking about rules and how some are designed to keep us safe and some are just to keep us all happy.

Year 3 and 4 have studied Islam as a different faith and particularly thought about their Holy Book. To end the term they are remembering the need for forgiveness and reconciliation, after all this was something Jesus taught us to do.

Class 3, Year 5 and 6, studied the Eucharist and recognised the joy of the Holy Spirit. They are now thinking about the power of healing and reminding themselves of how Jesus was a wonderful healer.

St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

In KS1, Reception are learning about The Church as a building and the people who work there. In Year One we are finding out about Reconciliation and the Universal Church and the work of CAFOD. In Year Two the children will be learning about when The Church was born and the early Christians.

In KS2, Year 3 are learning about being a Christian and the work of St Paul. Year 4 children will be learning about Belonging to the Church. Year 5 are learning about the Life of the Risen Lord and types of prayers and Year 6 will be finding out about being Called to Serve how the Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses.

Thorneyholme RC Primary School

This term we will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-Relating) and Universal Church (World), whilst continuing to study various aspects about Islam.

Our youngest children will begin this term by learning about the importance of spreading the Good News. Following this, they will learn about the friends of Jesus and the reasons for rules within the Christian family. Towards the end of the Summer term, God's treasure - our world - will be the main focus. The junior children will learn about the power of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. The next focus during this term will be on the Ten Commandments: how they enable Christians to be free and responsible. Finally the children will learn about Stewardship, how we and the church are called to look after God's creation.

Suggested Family Fun Activities from St Michael and St John's

Outdoor scavenger hunts are a fun way to get out and explore with the family. But instead of collecting things, how about collecting photos?! Give the children a disposable camera (or a hand-me down camera) and let them go on a hunt and snap photos. Have fun themes for their hunts like: shapes, colours or plants.

This summer think about '*Laudato Si'*'- caring for our common home. Protect and heal our natural environment. Try and do without drinking from plastic throw away bottles, use a refillable. Re-use something before throwing it away, showing care for other living beings.

A Family Prayer from St Mary's

As we put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Other News from our Schools

St Michael & St John's RC Primary School, Clitheroe

This term is always a busy one and we are enjoying making the most of the lovely weather with outdoor learning and trips and visits including to the Farm and to Blackpool. We enjoyed our sports day before the half term as part of our health and well-being week, focussing upon healthy bodies and healthy minds.

Our Year 6 are busy practising for their end of year play supported well by our Year 5 and we are busy with transition as we welcome our new children who will start with us in September and we support our Year 6 with moving on – we will really miss them! We congratulate Mrs Wade who is expecting a baby early in the autumn term and congratulate and pray for the 32 children who made their Sacrament of First Holy Communion last week.

As a cluster of Catholic schools we say thank you and farewell to 3 of our head teachers who will be retiring at the end of term and will be greatly missed. Mrs Pemberton from St Mary's Oswaldtwistle, Mr Murray who as you know was the head teacher here at SSMJ for over 20 years and also from our parish Mrs Metcalfe. On behalf of the parish and community we thank them for their service to Catholic education and for all they have done for the children and families over the years. We wish them all a happy and healthy retirement.

From all at SSMJ we wish you a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. Zoe Mabbott