

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

'Growing, loving and learning in the arms of Mary'

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FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Please use the link below to register your child's First Holy Communion.

[Our Lady of Mercy | Sunderland \(sunderlandcatholic.com\)](https://www.sunderlandcatholic.com/Our-Lady-of-Mercy)

I look forward to meeting you at St. Mary's Catholic Centre, Bridge Street, Sunderland at 6.00pm on Monday 3rd October where we can discuss the program in more detail and answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Fr. Christopher Hancock MHM

Parish Priest

EAST IN BLOOM COMPETITION

We are delighted to announce St. Mary's have won the Best School Category for outstanding gardens. Huge thanks to Mrs Bowe, Mrs King, Mrs Brown and Mrs Arrowsmith for all your hard work with our wonderful gardening team.

Anyone who would like to join our gardening team they meet every Friday morning. All welcome.



HARVEST LITURGY

At this time of year we are thinking of others who are without. This year even more so.

We will be collecting tins of food for food banks in our local area and money for CAFOD during the month of October. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Our Year 1 and 2 children will be reminding us about Harvest during their Liturgy on Tuesday 4th October at 9.15am or 3.00pm, to which parents and carers are invited.

As space in our hall is extremely limited please only come to one of the liturgies and there is also a limit of two adults per child.



EMERGENCY CONTACT FORMS - URGENT

Thank you to all parents who have returned the Emergency Contact Forms.

We are still waiting for a number of forms to be returned. It is vital that we have up-to-date contact information for your child/children in the event of an emergency.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26 Year 4 PE Year 6 Derwent Hill	27 Year 5 PE Mrs Cummings' Class Swimming Year 6 Derwent Hill	28 Year 1 & Year 2 PE Y2 & 3 Drama Club Year 6 Derwent Hill	29 Year 3 PE Year 6 Derwent Hill	30 Year 6 PE Y4, 5 & 6 Drama Club Year 6 Derwent Hill
3 Year 4 PE	4 Year 5 PE Mrs Cummings' Class Swimming	5 Year 1 & Year 2 PE Y2 & 3 Drama Club	6 Year 3 PE	7 Year 6 PE Y4, 5 & 6 Drama Club

EARRINGS

Please note earrings are not to be worn for school under any circumstances. We understand that some children have had their ears pierced during the school holidays. We ask for parents to remove them as earrings can cause health and safety issues and children cannot take part in PE activities.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

PE DAYS

Your child's PE day is as follows:

Year 1 - Wednesday	Year 4 - Monday
Year 2 - Wednesday	Year 5 - Tuesday
Year 3 - Thursday	Year 6 - Friday

We ask all parents to remember that their child has weekly PE activities and need to be fully equipped. We prefer that your child comes to school on PE days in their PE kit - Royal blue tracksuit bottoms or school leggings or navy blue leggings, royal blue shorts, training shoes (black or white) and white t-shirt.

This does not apply for Foundation Stage.

HEALTHY EATING

All children may bring a healthy snack to school every day.

This can be fresh or dried fruit, vegetables, crackers, bread sticks, plain biscuits etc.

Send two items only, one for morning and one for afternoon.

Please be aware that we have nut, milk and egg allergies in school.

NO SWEETS



WATER BOTTLES

Please remind children of the importance of a regular intake of water. Water is available in school and all children should have a plastic bottle clearly marked with their name.

This does not include Nursery.



SCHOOL OFFICE - RECEPTION

Reception is extremely busy on a morning and it is essential that pupils are in school and registered as a safeguarding priority. Telephone lines are busy at this time so please help us by reporting absences by leaving a message on the answerphone between 8.30am and 9.00am. If your call is not an urgent enquiry, please ring after 9.30am.

If you are dropping off items for your child after 9.00am, please understand this disrupts the school day. Items will therefore be taken to class at break times provided that the item is clearly marked by the parent with the child's name and class.

Thank you for your co-operation, it is much appreciated.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT

Even if your child is in Nursery, Reception or Years 1 to 6, if you think you may be entitled, it is worthwhile applying.

All Free School Meals applications should be made online by parents and carers using the family portal:

Please double click on the link below to apply directly via City of Sunderland website.

https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/

For more information regarding Free School Meals please see the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools-and-local-authorities>

If parents are having any difficulties completing an online application, they can contact school meals by telephone for support Tel:0191 5611417 or 07500 951488 . Alternatively, please telephone school on 0191 5228787.