



# May Newsletter 2023

## “Faith We live it, Love it And Learn it.

Headteacher: Mrs K. Bickley



Dear Parents/carers

The Summer Term is now well underway and it has been made extra special by the children’s enthusiasm and enjoyment for their learning.

A special thank you for ensuring your child/children look smart in their summer uniforms and providing them with their PE kit and pumps especially when they have their growing spurts.

Please keep Year 2 and Year 6 in your prayers as along with all the children they have worked very hard this term. The time for the Statutory Assessment Tests is here and I know the children will do their very best.

Last week the children had the opportunity to join in a retreat led by the Columban Missionaries, entitled ‘Welcoming the Stranger’. We had the opportunity to reflect on the lives of refugees and their experiences of life in Britain. We could really live out our Mission statement ‘Faith: We live it, love it and Learn it.’

Please note the following: THE COLUMBAN WAY PILGRIMAGE 24-27 MAY 2023

The Columban Missionaries invite you to celebrate Pentecost and Laudato Si’ Week by joining them on a pilgrimage to reflect on ‘the cry of the Earth, the cry of the poor’. A Columban group of ordained and lay pilgrims, led by Fr John Boles, will walk in the footsteps of St Columban from Padstow to Fowey in Cornwall from 24-27 May 2023. You are invited to join them as ‘virtual’ pilgrims and you can also sponsor them. Visit the event page at [www.columbans.co.uk](http://www.columbans.co.uk) or email to: [columbanway2023@columbans.co.uk](mailto:columbanway2023@columbans.co.uk) for more details and to register.



### Reflection for the month of May

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. During the month of May we rejoice and pay homage to her.

Our lady shows us the way to Jesus, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Jesus also. This month of devotions in the church calendar is characterised by special hymns and the use of flowers, which bring nature into the church.

There are several Marian feast days in May, including: Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

#### Let us pray

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen



### Attendance



**100% Attendance 0 days missed. Gives your child the best best start in life**

**95% Attendance 9 days’ absence or 1 week and 4 days of missed learning Gives your child the best start in life**

**90% Attendance 19 days’ absence or 3 weeks and 4 days of missed learning Makes it harder to learn and progress to your child’s full ability**

**85% Attendance 29 days’ absence or 5 weeks and 4 days of missed learning Almost one half term missed. Will impact on your child’s progress**

**80% Attendance 38 days’ absence or 7 weeks and 3 days of missed learning Seriously affects your child’s learning and development**

**75% Attendance 48 days’ absence or 9 weeks and 6 days of missed learning Seriously affects your child’s learning and development.**

## Dates

### Summer Term 1

9th—12th May Year 6 SATS.

17th—May Procession 2.00pm.

18th May Year 6 10am Mass at Church.

22nd—24th May Year 6 Alton Castle Residential.

24th May Good Shepherd Mass at St Chad's Members of the school choir 12.15pm.

24th May Year Sacrament of Reconciliation 1.30pm.

29th June Arden Induction Day. NB Change of date.



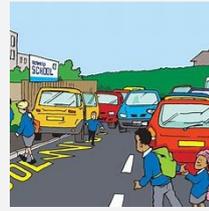
### Our coronation celebrations

We marked this momentous day in history with our celebrations in school. We started the day with a special assembly and later on processed around the playground and sang the National Anthem. What a fun day!



I hope everyone had a great coronation bank holiday weekend.

### Car Parking



Please take care when dropping your child off at school, particularly by the school gates.

As there are many cars and pedestrians in a confined space, it makes the area unsafe.

Thank you for your co-operation, please take care everybody.

### PTFA Events

21st May— Knowle Fun Run

15th June— Colours Fashion Event

30th June – Summer Fayre



We are very grateful to members of the PTFA for their time in organising fundraising events to support school. The extra funds really help us in school. Thank you so much.

### More Dates

Please join us for the Inspire workshops and Class Masses



**Year 4:** Thursday 18th May Inspire workshop Saturday 20th May 5.30pm Mass

**Year 2:** Thursday 25th May Inspire workshop Friday 26th May 10am Mass

**Year 3:** Thursday 8th June Inspire workshop Saturday 10th June 11am First Holy Communion Mass

**Year 5:** Thursday 15th June Inspire workshop 5.30pm Saturday 17th June Mass

**Year 6:** Thursday 22nd June Inspire workshop 5.30pm Saturday 24th June Mass