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*'Forward Together In Christ; we can, we will , together*  
*#Growth #Resilience #Community*

**Mission Statement:** At St Mary's we are dedicated to educating our young people in an inclusive, stimulating and challenging environment preparing them for life-long learning.

**Ethos & Values:** We will provide this in a secure, happy and welcoming environment where Christian and Catholic values are cherished and where staff, pupils and parents work in partnership to achieve common goals.

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Our House and Vice Captains attended a requiem mass with me for His Holiness Pope Francis on Monday 28th April to represent our school. They were excellent ambassadors and drew many compliments from people attending—well done Olivia and Luca who also took part in the offertory and to Erine, Esme, Joshua, Bertie, Oliver and Charlie.



Father, eternal shepherd, hear the prayers of your people, for your servant Francis who governed your Church with love.

May he who faithfully administered the mysteries of your forgiveness and love on earth rejoice with you for ever in heaven.

We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence.

In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love.

May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints. Amen.



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## Wider Achievement

The winning house for April was St Margaret's who will enjoy an extra break. Well done St Margaret's!

### Shout outs! Well done to all these pupils:

- Well done to Rosha in P2 for moving up a level in gymnastics
- Esme P4 and Albie P2 did some great frog spotting!
- Iris P6/7 was successful in her audition for the Gang Show!
- Well done to all who played football yesterday afternoon in that heat!



Well done to Flora, William, Louis and Alfie in P6 who got to the judging panel stage for the Net Zero Superhero competition with their plan and design for a, 'Gargantuan Grinder' to tackle food waste. There were over 250 entries so a great achievement!

### ETHOS & LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Thank you so much to all who were able to come along and help last Saturday for our annual school spring clean. Our school grounds and garden are looking so much better and thankfully it was an ok morning weather wise!



## School Attendance

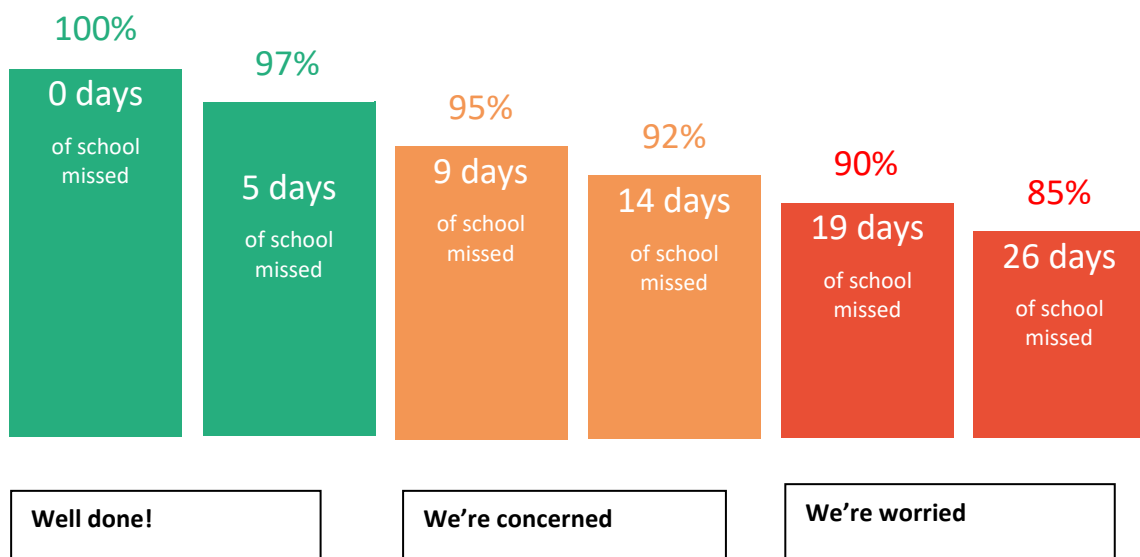
### ‘Every Day Counts’

### ‘Every Minute Counts’

As you know improving school attendance and latecoming has been a priority and many thanks for your support with this. We are seeing an improvement in attendance and also latecoming—there is still improvement to be made but it is encouraging that more of our pupils are in class by 0855. It also means less disruption for Mrs White at that very busy time in the morning. Thank you for your support with this.



### ‘Every Day Counts’



### **Reminder of key dates for remainder of session**

**Mon 5th May:** May Holiday

**Tues 6th May:** In-Service: staff only.

**First Holy Communion:** Presentation of the Our Father Mass Sun 11th May 9am St Mary's Cathedral

**Holiday:** Mon 19th May

**Whole School Mass:** Feast of the Ascension Thurs 29th May 10am

**Parent Meeting for Sacrament of Confirmation:** Mon 2nd June 6:30-7pm (TEAMs)

**Sports Day:** Wed 4th June P1-P3 0915-1015. P4-P7: 1315-1415 (approx.) Parents/Carers welcome ***Sports Day back up date Wed 11th June***

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Sun 8th June 9am mass St Mary's Cathedral

**PFC: Summer Fair** Tues 10th June

**P7 Disco:** Thurs 12th June 6-8pm (school hall)

**First Holy Communion Parent Meeting:** Mon 16th June 6:30-7pm (TEAMs)

**P7 Transition days to Secondary:** Tues 17th June—Thurs 19th June

**End of Year Reports:** Fri 20th June (*reports are issued electronically via learning journals*)

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:** Sun 22nd June 9am mass St Mary's Cathedral

**Pupil Talent Show:** Tue 24th June AM. **Meet the Teacher:** PM

**P7 Leavers' Assembly:** Wed 25th June 1415—parents of P7 pupils (school hall)

**End of Year/P7 Leavers' Mass:** Thurs 26th June 10am. St Mary's Cathedral

**End of session: Thurs 26th June 2025 1pm finish**

### **Lost Property**

As you may know if you've been in school, we are drowning in lost property. Now after each break any clothing left will be placed on the benches in the playground for pupils to collect at the next break or end of day. Please do check yourselves too if your child comes out at the end of the day missing an item. Please name your child's clothing particularly jumpers, fleeces and jackets. Many of our lost property items have names of past pupils as they are recycled items. Many thanks for your support with this.

**With thanks as always. N. Kehoe**

