

Education Sunday

Education Sunday takes place this weekend, serving as a national day of prayer and celebration for students, teachers, and everyone involved in education across England and Wales. Established in 1848, it is one of the oldest days of special prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales.

Education Sunday 2026 invites us to reflect on the theme "Living Well Together". Drawing on Scripture's vision of reconciliation, forgiveness and mutual responsibility, we are encouraged to consider how we can build communities where people from different cultures, backgrounds and beliefs can flourish together.

At a time when society is often marked by division, hostility and mistrust, education has a unique role in bringing people together. Schools, colleges and universities are places where children, young people and adults learn not only alongside one another, but also from one another. Education shapes habits of thought, patterns of judgement and ways of relating to others. The question is not only what we learn, but what kind of people we are becoming.

Theme of this weekend's Gospel:

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches about the importance of forgiveness. In this assembly, children will recognise what it means to forgive others, how important it is, and how forgiving others allows us to do as Jesus teaches: to 'love one another'.

Ten:Ten
Resources

PRAYER &
LITURGY

Forgive, Reset,
Repeat

Going forth for this weekend's Gospel:

How can you 'love one another' by being forgiving this week?



St Maria Goretti shows us the power of forgiveness.



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This month's Virtue to Live By

Our Virtue to Live by:

Love of learning

I am a lifelong learner.

I am excited and enthusiastic to learn.

"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." Proverbs 1:5

Prayer Intention: As we begin the new school year, gracious God, we thank you for the gift of education, for places of learning, and for all who help knowledge, wisdom and understanding to grow. We thank you for opportunities to learn throughout our lives, and for those who encourage us to become the people you call us to be.

Collective Worship Newsletter: Please find the newsletter for September by clicking on this link: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

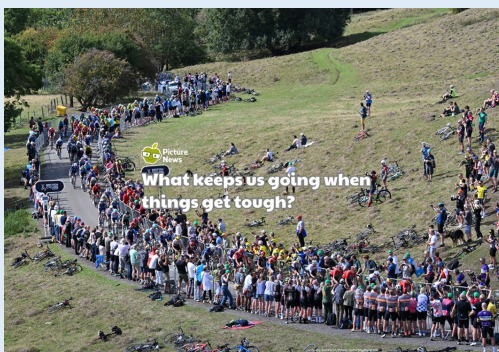
Picture News

Story: Between 2nd and 6th September, more than 100 of the world's best cyclists competed in the Tour of Britain Men.

Question: What keeps us going when things get tough?

British Value(s):

Individual Liberty
Mutual Respect & Tolerance



What keeps us going when things get tough?

Catholic Social Teaching

In this week's assembly the children discussed the importance of rules and revisited the school rules - ready, respectful, safe

Catholic Social Teaching

Principles:

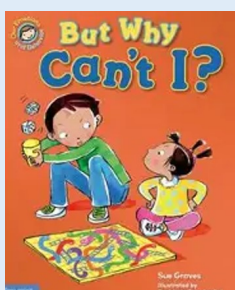
Human Dignity
The Common Good

Ready

Respectful

Safe

Book Recommendations



Prayer of the Month - September

Our prayer for September is:

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O God, as we sit together.
Bless the food we eat today.
Bless the hands that made the food.
Bless us, O God. Amen.

Grace after meals

Thank you, God, for the food we have eaten.
Thank you, God, for all our friends.
Thank you, God, for everything,
Thank you God. Amen.

Word of the week: Outreach

Information / Messages

Welcome Back: It has been lovely to see our children return to school so positively and looking so smart. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer and feel invigorated for the term ahead.

Welcome Assembly: There will be a special welcome assembly for the children in Reception on Friday 18th September at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly.

Welcome: to Mr Timms (covering Mrs Reeves' maternity leave in Y1), Miss Davies (breakfast club and supporting in Y2 & Y5) and Miss Mettham (completing her teacher training in Y2). Welcome also to our new families who have joined us in Reception class and across school. We hope your time with us is enjoyable and enriching.

Congratulations: Last Monday, Mrs Reeves and her husband welcomed a healthy baby boy.

Thank you: Mrs Lloyd has resigned from her position as HLTA, Mrs Christlo will leave us at the end of September to begin a new career outside of education and Mrs Philips is retiring at the end of October. We thank them for their service to St. Mary's and wish them every happiness for the future.

Dates for the Year: The overview of dates for the year will be sent home in a separate email and these dates are currently being added to the website calendar. Whilst we try to avoid any changes, sometimes these are unavoidable.

Consents: If you would like to amend your consent for use of images etc., please ask at the office for a new form

Benedict's Law: You may have heard that Benedict's Law relating to allergies has come into force from September. Please be reminded that nuts and products containing nuts are not allowed in school.

Car Boot Sale: Thank you to Arabella, George & Violet who did a wonderful job selling books and toys at Chapletown car boot sale. They raise £51.50, which we will be using to support High Green in Bloom.

FOSM Meeting: The Friends of St. Mary's will meet on Friday, 18th September, at 3.15pm to organise this year's fundraising events. All are welcome to attend. Please sign in at the school office after collecting your child. For parents attending, free childcare is available in school.

Celebrating Grandparents: On Friday 2nd October we will be celebrating our grandparents. Grandparents are welcome to join us for a special celebration assembly at 2.30pm. After school, at 3.15pm, FOSM have organised an event for grandparents to play games alongside their grandchildren. Please sign up for both events on ParentPay.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17th September

5:00 - 7:00pm Ecclesfield High School Open Evening

Friday 18th September

8:50 - 9:20am YR Welcome Assembly

Cauliflower cards sent home

Monday 21st September

4:00 - 6:00pm All Saints High School Open Evening

Wednesday 23rd September

5:30 - 6:30pm Y6 Meet the teacher and SATS meeting

Thursday 24th September

4:00 - 7:00pm Stocksbridge High School Open Evening

Thursday 1st October

8:45 - 9:15am Reading Morning

2:30 - 3:15pm Poetry Recital

5:30 - 6:30pm Notre Dame High School Open Evening

Friday 2nd October

9:00 - 10:00am Stay & Play Open Event

1:30 - 2:30pm Stay & Play Open Event

2:30 - 3:15pm Celebrating Grandparents event

3:15 - 4:15pm FOSM Grandparents event

Monday 5th October

2:45 - 3:15pm Y2 Celebration of the Word

Wednesday 7th October

9:30 - 10:30am Mass in School

Thursday 8th October

8:50 - 9:20am YR Phonics Workshop, intro. to RWI

Sunday 11th October

10:00 - 11:00am School / Parish Mass in church

11:30—12:30pm School Open Event

Good Work - Presentation

Talia F, Halle F, Nicole F, Abel F, Edward W, Clara T

Stars of the week

Charlie J, Eleanor B, Joseph B, Malik S, Rachel A, Leon P

Hot Chocolate

Matilda T, Aaliyah M, Rosie GS, Arthur T, Leo HD

School Council Star

Mini Vinnie Award

Acts of Kindness

Sofia HD, Cillian H

Reading Awards

100,000 words - Camille W, Arthur T; **500,000 words** - Bethany S, Abel F

Maths Awards

Numbots— Rosie GS, Charlie H, Jacob M, Sebastian W, Cillian CP, Alexander I

TT Rockstars: James K, Meabh CP, Esme G,

Wannabe: James K

Vocab Ninja

Rosie GS, Sophia P, Freddie J

Swimmers of the Week