



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'Providing a Christ centred setting whereby everyone can live out the messages of Jesus with love, understanding and care'
St Nicholas Owen Catholic Multi Academy Company and St Mary's are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment



Designated Child Protection Officers: Ms O' Beirne, Mrs Addis and Mrs Broomfield.
Child Protection policy available at www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk

July 2015

Thank you to our parents, staff, Academy Committee and Board of Directors

A great deal of hard work goes into ensuring we do the best we can for the children in our care. Thank you to everybody who has helped make St Mary's such a happy and caring school where all can flourish. Special thanks to the often unseen group of committee members and Directors who work behind the scenes, giving up hours of their time, helping to ensure the school continues to do the best we can.

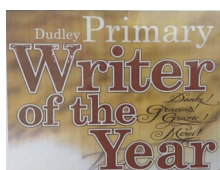
Attendance

Well done to our top 3 classes for attendance for this school year:

1st	Year 6	97.47%
2nd	Year 4	97.29%
3rd	Year 1	97.04%

We have 74 children within the school who have achieved 100 % attendance for the Summer Term. Well done! We also have 17 children who have 100% attendance for the entire school year. These children have made sure that they have made the most of every opportunity to increase their learning. This is a great achievement.

Dudley Primary Writer of the Year



Many congratulations to Han Lan who has been awarded 1st place in the poetry section of the Dudley Young Writer of the Year competition for 7-9 year-olds. We are very proud of your achievement. The rather large trophy that Han Lan has won is on display in the front foyer.

Goodbye and Good Luck

We recently said 'Goodbye' to Miss Norton who will be starting Teacher Training in the new academic year. We wish her well with her future career. We also say 'Goodbye' to Mr Millett who is retiring after 42 years in teaching. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

We would like to send our best wishes to our Year 6 pupils as they move onto their chosen secondary school. We are proud of all your achievements both academically and personally. We hope to hear about the amazing things we know will happen as you move on to the next phase of your life. You will be in our prayers in September.



SATs Results

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic results of the children in Year 6. They have worked extremely hard!

	Level 4+	Level 5+	Level 6+
Reading	97%	50%	0%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	90%	70%	3%
Mathematics	93%	50%	17%

Year 2 Reconciliation

Many thanks to everyone who supported Year 2 in their Sacrament of Reconciliation which took place on Saturday 4th July. Year 2 participated very reverently at this important step on their journey of faith.

Year 3 and 4 Roman Day

We are grateful to parents and carers of children in Years 3 and 4 for the effort made in helping the children with their costumes for their Roman Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Look out for more details and photographs on the school website in the near future.

PTA Summer Fair

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Summer Fair on July 3rd, either by helping to organise and run the stalls; buying raffle tickets; or by coming along after school to spend your hard-earned cash. The Summer Fair raised a total of £662.64.



Gamesmark



Thank you to everyone who came to school as part of our Sports Week last week. Particularly those who gave up their time free of charge. We have been told this week that we have achieved a silver award from Gamesmark. This is a nationally recognised award and something to be really proud of. It shows that our school is addressing the really important aspects of PE and School Sport.

Summer Holiday Activities in Dudley

There are many activities and events organised within the Dudley Borough to keep your children entertained and active during the summer holiday. For information about what's on go to:

<http://www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do>



Weight Watchers



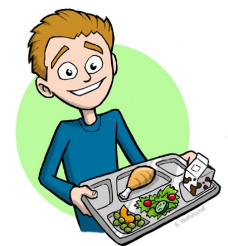
There will be a new Weight Watchers Club starting on Tuesday 8th September at St Mary's. Classes will run from 6:30-7:30pm. For more information please speak to Mrs Paula Flatman.

Uniform

We have a small amount of school uniform for sale in school. Once this has been sold we will not be keeping any more in school for you to purchase. Uniform with the school badge on can be ordered from www.myschooluniform.com or by following the link on the St Mary's website.

School Meals

From September Dudley Catering Services will be increasing the price of school meals to £2.10. Cartons of juice and milkshake are also available. Milk shakes are 23p, small cartons of juice are 26p and large cartons of juice are 32p. Please make sure that any money is sent into school in an envelope with your child's name on and include details of which days are being paid for. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, please contact the benefit office on 01384 814988.



School will close at 3:00 on Friday 17th July for the children to begin their summer holiday.

On behalf of the staff and Academy Representatives may I wish you all a safe and happy holiday with your families and friends and we look forward to seeing Years 1-6 back to school on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Ms O' Beirne - Principal

