

# FOCUS

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ST MARY & ST THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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*'Together we strive for excellence, inspired by the joy of the Gospel'.*



20th May 2022



## Year of The Eucharist

Go out and serve the world through the nourishment of the Eucharist.



## Our School Prayer

*Father in heaven, bless our school, the teachers, children and all who work within these walls.  
Dear Holy Spirit stay here with us, so that we may always be wise and good, always doing our best, doing harm to no-one and respecting everyone.  
Dear Jesus, when we are happy share our joy, when we are sad comfort us. Father, Son and Holy Spirit make our school your home. Amen*



### Year 1 Mass

The children in Year 1 will be leading the Parish Mass on Thursday 26th May at 9.10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

### May Procession

To celebrate the month of Our Lady, the children in school will be preparing a special liturgy to Mary our Mother which will end in a May procession on Wednesday 25th May.

### Visit to Nissan

The children in Year 6 will be spending the day on a STEM project at Nissan on Tuesday 24th May.

### Fun Run

A group of Year 4 children will be taking part in a fun run held at Saltwell Park on Friday 27th May.

### Half Term Holiday

School closes at 3.15 p.m. on Friday 27th May for the half term holiday and will re-open again on Monday 6th June.

### Theatre Group

A visiting theatre group will be presenting a workshop on Oliver Twist for children in Years 5 and 6.

### Queens Jubilee

On Tuesday 7th June we will be celebrating the Queens Jubilee in school. We are inviting all of the children to come into school on that day dressed in red, white and blue colours. Some may even wish to come dressed as the queen herself!

### Your feedback is important to us

As a school we are constantly aiming for the very best for all children. As you are aware, we have just given our school website a new 'face lift' and each week we will be doing a spotlight on different sections of the website.  
We would very much like to hear what you think about the new website e.g. does it contain all the information you need, are you able to navigate easily or is there something else we need to add!  
We look forward to receiving your comments.

### Thank You

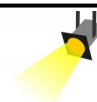
Well done to Anya and her friends who raised a fantastic amount of £427.20 selling cakes at the weekend. All proceeds will go to the Ukrainian Appeal.



### Spotlight on.....

Would you like to celebrate and share the talents and achievements of your child? Please click on the link below that will take you to a form to complete.

<https://forms.gle/9cWTqxTKghhtYsit5>



### Pokemon Swap Cards

Can we please remind parents that children are not allowed to bring these into school. Some of these cards are very valuable and we can't be held responsible if they get damaged or lost.



# Spotlight on our website

[www.stmaryandthomasaquinas.co.uk](http://www.stmaryandthomasaquinas.co.uk)

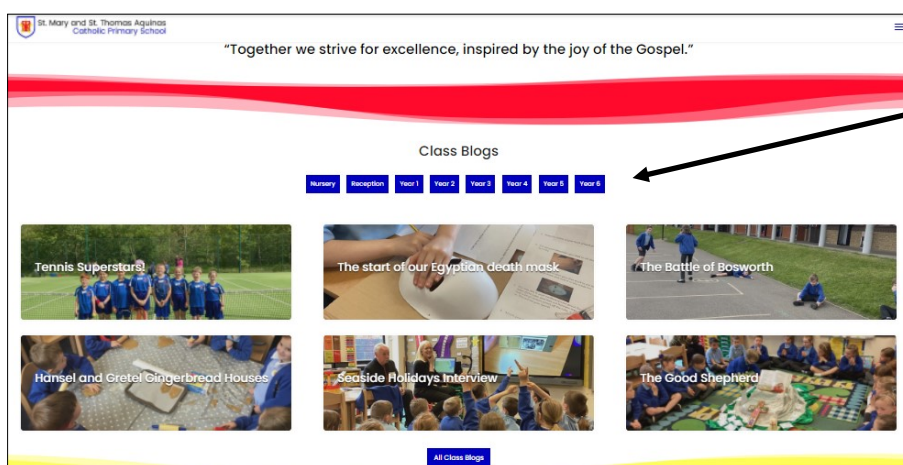
## Class Blogs

Scan the QR code to access the homepage



The class blogs showcase some of the wonderful activities and tasks that your child takes part in across all areas of the curriculum. Staff update these regularly so you can keep up to date with your child's learning and celebrate some of their achievements.

You can access each class blog from the homepage of our website.



Click on a class to see their posts.

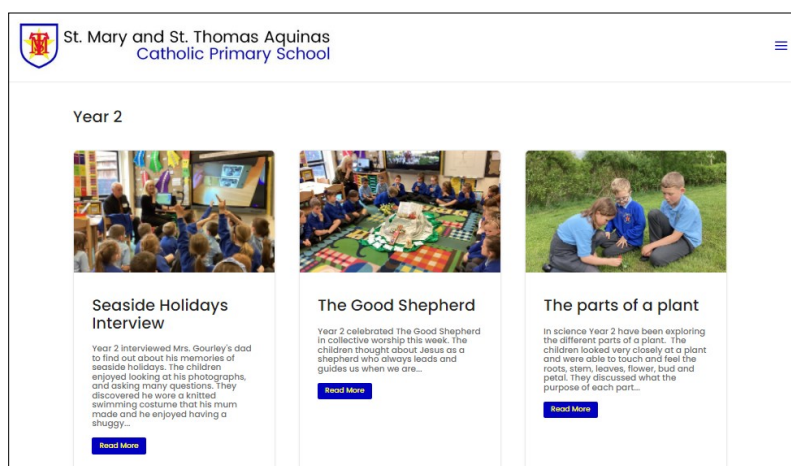
The images show the latest 6 posts from across the school


Once you've opened up a class blog you will be able to access all posts. Then click on the on the blue 'read more' tab to see the full post.

There is also an opportunity to leave a comment on each blog post.

Please spend some time browsing through our class blog posts.

We'd be delighted to hear your feedback on our achievements by leaving a comment.





Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for our special time together. Please help us to know your perfect **peace**, and to share that peace with those around us. Amen.


# Gospel Gallery

**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

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whilst thinking about this week's Gospel, search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

Cross out the letters **u s h** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Peace I \_\_\_\_\_ to you, a \_\_\_\_\_ the world  
 \_\_\_\_\_ give. This is my \_\_\_\_\_ to you.

## Year 2 Trip to the beach

Your child should have brought home information about a school trip to Seahouses and Bamburgh. Can parents please log onto Pay360 to 'purchase' this trip. You can access this on our school website via: parents, school information, online services.

This event will go 'live' at 6 p.m. this evening and close 6 p.m. Friday 27th June.

If you have mislaid or have forgotten the log in details, please contact Miss Green who will reset your password. [hazelamandagreen@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:hazelamandagreen@gateshead.gov.uk)

Filling this form online also acts as your consent for your child to attend the trip, and for those not used to using it, it will enable you to familiarise yourself with it as we use this for all trips and lunch money payments.

### Dates for your diary so far:

- 24th May - Year 6 visit to Nissan
- 26th May - Year 1 Mass
- 27th May - Theatre workshop with Year 5&6 - Oliver Twist
- 27th May - Year 4 fun run at Saltwell Park

### May half Term 30th May - 3rd June incl

- 7th June - Queens Jubilee Picnic
- 9th June - Year 3 Mass
- 11th June - First Holy Communion - Year 4
- 14th June - Year 2 visiting Seahouses and Bamburgh
- 13th/17th June - Year 6 Holy Island Residential
- 16th June - Year 2 Mass
- 20th/23rd June - Year 6 at Newburn Activity Centre
- 23rd June - Year 4 Mass
- 24th June - Year 6 Transition day at St Thomas More
- 28th June - Year 6 visiting Emmaus Youth Village
- 29th June - Whole class photographs
- 30th June - Theatre group for KS 1 - 'The Jungle Book'
- 1st July - Bank Holiday for the Platinum Jubilee**
- 5th July - Nursery Welcome Evening for parents
- 6th July - Nursery Fun Day
- 7th July - KS1 Sports afternoon
- 8th July - KS2 Sports afternoon
- 8th July - KS2 Athletics Festival at Gateshead Stadium
- 11th July - Inset Day - School closed to children**
- 14th July - Year 4 Mass
- 20th July - Leavers Assembly
- 21st July - Leavers Mass