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'Together we strive for excellence, inspired by the joy of the Gospel'.

22nd July 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



Happy Retirement

Today we say a big thank you to Mrs Carol Hall who has been a lunchtime assistant at our school since 2007. Mrs Hall has been so loyal to our school for many years, helping out at school fairs and always being there when we needed extra help. We will all miss Mrs Hall but wish her a happy and well deserved retirement.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Horne today as she takes early retirement. Mrs Horne is an inspirational teacher and passionate about all children in her care. She has given our school so much and is going to be greatly missed by everyone here at St Mary & S Thomas Aquinas.



Goodbye and Goodluck

We say goodbye to all of our children in Year 6 today as they have come to the end of their journey in primary school. They have been a fantastic Year 6 class. We wish them all luck and every future success as they move on to their new schools in September.



Summer Holidays

Thank you to all parents/carers and extended family members for all of the support and encouragement you have given to all staff here at school throughout the past year.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to working with you again in September.

School closes tonight for the summer break and will re-open again to children on Tuesday 6th September, gates will open as usual at 8.30 a.m.

Dates for your diary

Curriculum Evenings for Parents to attend	
Monday 12 Sept 5.30 p.m.	Nursery & Reception
Tuesday 13 Sept 5.30 p.m.	Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesday 14 Sept 5.30 p.m.	Year 3 & Year 4
Thursday 14th Sept 5.30 p.m.	Year 5 & Year 6

Lunch Monies

As we fast approach the end of the school year, can I please remind parents to log on to the Pay360 portal to finalise this years lunch payments. If you have any problems accessing this portal please contact the school office.

Jonathan the tennis coach who teaches the children during the day will be running an after school club in September at school. Please see information below for joining details. Places limited to the first 16 on a first come first served basis.

JUNIOR TENNIS



St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas

Catholic Primary School

After School Club

(Stella Lane, Blaydon-On-Tyne NE21 4NE)

Starts Wednesday 7th September to

Wednesday 14th December

3.25pm – 4.25pm

14-week course

£56 for per child

All sessions delivered by an LTA Accredited Coach
Coaches have a DBS, safeguarding & first aid training
Open to all pupils of the school

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ST MARY AND ST THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIST 2022 - 2023

TERM	SCHOOL OPENS	SCHOOL CLOSES
Autumn	Tuesday 6 September 2022	Friday 23 December 2022
Spring	Monday 9 January 2023	Friday 31 March 2023
Summer	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 21 July 2023

HALF TERM HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Autumn	Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October 2022 (inclusive)
Spring	Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February 2023 (inclusive)
Summer	Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June 2023 (inclusive)

Teacher Professional days (In Service)

In addition to the above dates, school will be closed to pupils on Monday 1st May 2023 (Bank Holiday).
1 occasional day to be kept for possible election purposes. A further 2 days within the above school term will be used for Professional Development days when pupils will not attend school.

CURRICULUM EVENINGS FOR PARENTS TO ATTEND

Monday 12 September 2022	5.30 – 6.30 p.m. Reception and Nursery
Tuesday 13 September 2022	5.30 – 6.30 p.m. Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 14 September 2022	5.30 – 6.30 p.m. Year 3 and Year 4
Thursday 15 September 2022	5.30 – 6.30 p.m. Year 5 and Year 6

PARENTS EVENINGS

Monday 28 November 2022	3.30 – 6.00 p.m. Parents evening to discuss progress
Tuesday 29 November 2022	3.30 – 6.00 p.m. Parents evening to discuss progress
Monday 20 March 2023	3.30 – 6.00 p.m. Parents evening to discuss progress
Tuesday 21 March 2023	3.30 – 6.00 p.m. Parents evening to discuss progress

Reports to Parents

Friday 25 November 2022	Target Reports sent home to parents
Friday 7 July 2023	Records of Achievement sent home to parents

KEYSTAGE 2 SATS WEEK

Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May 2023 inclusive

PLEASE AVOID TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT OF YEAR 6 DURING THIS TIME

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Friday 9 December 2022	Christmas Jumper/craft/fun day in school
Wednesday 14 December 2022	Nursery Nativity
Thursday 15 December 2022	1.30 p.m. KS1 Nativity
Friday 16 December 2022	1.30 p.m. KS1 Nativity
Monday 19 December 2022	Reception Nativity
Tuesday 20 December 2022	1.30 p.m. KS2 Nativity
Tuesday 20 December 2022	Reception and KS1 Party Day
Wednesday 21 December 2022	1.30 p.m. KS2 Nativity
Wednesday 21 December 2022	Nursery Party Day
Thursday 22 December 2022	KS2 Party Afternoon
Friday 23 December 2022	9.15 a.m. Christmas Mass in church

SPORTS DAYS

Wednesday 5 th July	Nursery Fun Day
Thursday 6 th July 2023	Key Stage 1 Sports Afternoon – 1.30 p.m. (Off-Site)
Friday 7 th July 2023	Key Stage 2 Sports Afternoon – 1.30 p.m. (Off-Site)

Wednesday 19 July 2023 Year 6 Leavers Mass in Church

Please note that the above dates may be subject to change – please keep up to date with the school newsletter
The start of the Autumn Term 2023 is proposed as Monday 4 September 2023