



St Mary of Charity Primary Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th June 2026

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Attendance



EYFS Hamilton	Year 1 Donaldson	Year 2 Anning	Year 3 Malala	Year 4 Hockney	Year 5 Rosen	Year 6 Attenborough
97%	91%	98%	97%	97%	95%	95%
Year to date: 95%		This Term: 95.6%			Target 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week all the children have been working creatively to celebrate Refugee Week. The theme for 2026 is courage. The week started with a special assembly led by Steph Guthrie, our Chair of Governors, and was followed by each class creating art work to represent the theme. As always, the work the children produced was of an exceptional quality and we are delighted that some of it will be on display at Creek Creative and the Physic Garden. Once returned we will be creating our very own school display for all of the children to enjoy and take pride in. Our sincere thanks to Steph Guthrie for her organisation and support in developing this work for the children.

We also welcomed James Campbell into school this week to inspire us all. Throughout the day, James led engaging and interactive workshops with every class, sharing his love of stories, creativity, and the writing process. Pupils were inspired by his enthusiasm, imagination, and practical tips for bringing ideas to life on the page. A huge thank you to James for spending the day with us and inspiring the next generation of readers and writers. We can't wait to see where their creativity takes them. A huge thank you as well to Ms Marks who organized this event for us.

Our sincere thanks to our wonderful PTFA who organize lots of activities and events for children throughout the school. This term they have funded Money Matters workshops for Year 6, a science show for the whole school, an inflatables day for the whole school and welcome packs for families joining us in September. This week Mrs Rowley-Jones met with the PTFA to plan some

activities for the next academic year. They are always on the look out for new ideas/initiatives for fundraising so if you would like to take part please contact them.

Well done to our Year 1 pupils who completed their statutory phonics check this week and showcased all they have learnt in phonics throughout EYFS and Year 1. The children all had to read a list of 40 words, their score will be shared with you as part of their end of year report.

To all of our current EYFS parents, please join us on Tuesday 16th June in the school hall for an information session on what Year 1 will look like for your child. The session will start at 2pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Rowley-Jones
Headteacher

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COULD YOU GIVE A LITTLE
TIME TO HELP RUN THE
SUMMER FAIR?



PREPARING STALLS
SET UP ON THE DAY
RUNNING A STALL
CLEARING UP

**IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY, PLEASE
MAKE CONTACT VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

Every helping hand makes a difference.





Arts Summer School

suitable for all primary-aged children

Faversham

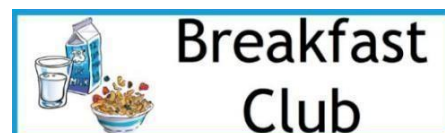
August 3rd - 7th

St Mary of Charity Primary

10am - 4pm £35
or £40 for wraparound care
(9am - 5pm)



**PLEASE
NOTE..**



We run our own **Breakfast Club** and **After School Club**; spaces for these need to be pre-booked at least 24 hrs in advance using the MCAS App. Please contact the school office if you need support booking a place for your child.

Breakfast Club: 7:30am-8:35am

After School Club: 3:15pm- 6pm (with a 4pm, 5pm & 6pm collection option)

Please note: If you wish to collect after 5pm, we require 7 days' notice. Contact the office via email or phone to book a 6pm slot.



Please be aware that at the end of last term we again had an enormous amount of unclaimed uniform at the end of the term. Staff go through the lost property box at the end of each term and check to see if anything is labelled. If it is it will find its way back to its rightful owner. Items that are not labelled are placed in a black sack and given to the salvation army. Last term there were 2 black sacks full of unnamed uniform/clothing items. In total we have therefore donated 7 black sacks of clothing to the salvation army since Christmas. Please do not waste your money by ensuring that you label all of your children's clothing.



Sports Day will take place on Friday 19th June, the gates will open for parents to observe the children's races at 1.10pm. Please be aware that in order to keep the site as secure as possible the gates are then closed again and we are unable to facilitate parents arriving/departing throughout the event. The PTFA will be on hand selling refreshments, please do not bring your own and just a reminder that the whole school site is strictly no smoking or vaping. Thank you for supporting this fun event for the children.

This week in Worship

This week we looked at courage, how we can be courageous in our everyday lives and how others have had to show courage in the face of adversity. After the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the first disciples and followers of Jesus, the strength and the courage to go out into the world and make a difference. By telling others about Jesus and his Gospel message, they believed that the world would be a transformed place.

Feed my lambs....take care of my sheep." John: 21

We are a community where everyone is included. A place of nurture where through creative learning, acceptance and celebration we are all able to flourish. Our inclusive school encourages children to be curious, passionate, ambitious and courageous. Everyone at St Mary of Charity is determined to be confident in who they are, aspire to realise their full potential and support each other through respect, honesty and forgiveness. Guided by Jesus we are accepting of the wonderful diversity within our community and have hope that our children will continue to advocate for and celebrate the unique needs of all throughout our wider world.



COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

Cleo, Frankie, Louie, Oscar,
Darcy, Lilly-Rose, Ezra,
Henry, Dottie, Reggie,
Keegan, Jayden, Tyler-Jay





INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster is about **IMAGE ALTERING FILTERS**. Please continue to monitor your child's online behaviour and access. If you need help with a specific app we have not highlighted yet, please talk to Mrs Ling.

ATTENDANCE



If your child is poorly and unable to come to school, please ensure that you inform the office via telephone or leave a message on our answer phone.

DROP OFF

Can we please remind parents that school gates shut at **8:45am**. If you arrive late, please drop off your child/ children at the school office.

For safeguarding reasons we do not allow parents/carers to drop off their children to their classes.



We would politely ask all parents/carers to supervise your child carefully during drop off and pick up. Some children have been seen standing in the flowerbeds and picking/pulling out plants. Please ensure that they do not destroy the school site which our staff and volunteers work so hard to maintain.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IMAGE-ALTERING FILTERS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

From playful puppy ears on Snapchat to 'beauty mode' on TikTok, image-altering filters are now a routine part of how young people communicate online. While many are harmless, others subtly reshape people's faces and bodies. This can blur the line between reality and edited content, potentially influencing how children and young people see themselves and others.

ALTERED BEAUTY STANDARDS

Many 'beauty' filters smooth skin, reshape facial features, or adjust body proportions. Over time, repeated exposure to these filters can shift a child's idea of what is 'normal' or attractive, creating unrealistic expectations about their own and others' appearances.

PRESSURE TO LOOK PERFECT

Filtered images can often attract more 'likes' and positive comments. This can encourage children and young people to rely on editing tools to gain others' approval, rather than feeling confident in their natural appearance.

LOW SELF-ESTEEM

Regularly viewing heavily filtered content can lead to comparisons with unrealistic images. This is linked to body dissatisfaction and reduced self-esteem, particularly among children and teenagers.

HIDDEN ADVERTISING

Some filters are linked to beauty products or trends, subtly promoting third-party brands. Children and young people may not recognise this as advertising, while also sharing personal data – such as facial images and usage habits – with apps and third parties.

BLURRED REALITY

As filters become more advanced and natural-looking, it can be difficult for children and young people to distinguish edited content from real life, especially when filters are used in everyday photos and videos.

SEXUALISED EDITS

Certain tools can make users appear older or more sexualised. This may attract unwanted attention, increase the risk of images being shared without consent, and expose young people to unsafe interactions.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly about filters, such as how they work and why people use them. Ask the children and young people in your care how filtered images make them feel and encourage honest discussion without judgement.

REINFORCE WHAT'S REAL

Help children and young people understand that filtered images are digitally altered and are not an accurate reflection of real life. Emphasise that they don't need to meet these artificial standards.

CHALLENGE 'PERFECT' POSTS

When viewing content together, gently point out the signs of editing, filters, or posing techniques. This builds critical thinking and helps children and young people question unrealistic images.

PROMOTE OFFLINE CONFIDENCE

Encourage activities that build self-worth beyond appearance, such as sports, hobbies, friendships, and creative interests, so that confidence isn't tied solely to online validation.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a digital parenting expert and founder of Kids N Clicks, a platform dedicated to helping parents navigate the online world alongside their children. She is an expert contributor for Internet Matters, offering practical guidance on emerging online safety issues. Her insights have been featured by the BBC, The Telegraph, TalkTV, and other major media outlets, supporting families across the UK.



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REMINDER

The School Gate

Please be mindful of other children and parents at the school gates. The front of the gates can become a very crowded place and we want children to have ease entering the school in the morning. Please encourage your child to walk through the gates on their own and do not stand in groups talking where you potentially block the entrance. It is intimidating for children to walk through adults into school.

HEALTHY LUNCHES



We promote healthy eating at St Mary of Charity Primary School and would appreciate parents adhering to the healthy eating guidelines as below:

Sweets: Please do not pack sweets or chocolate bars.

Drinks: children under 5 receive free milk with their snacks and water is available for everyone whenever they want to drink. Please do not send in fizzy drinks with your child's packed lunch.

Nut Free: Please be aware that we are becoming a nut-free school. We now have children in school who have potential life-threatening nut- allergies which can be triggered by direct or indirect contact with nuts in the environment. To keep our children safe, we request that parents please find a nut-free alternative. This also includes NUTELLA or any CHOCOLATE spread.

Thank you for your co-operation.



SCHOOL DINNERS –

Dinner Money cost £3.05, this will increase to £3.10 from September 2026

Please be reminded school meals are to be paid for in advance.

WRAPAROUND CARE: Both Breakfast and Afterschool club bookings are placed under this tab and payments need to be made when you book your session for your child. *This is done to avoid any payments not made.*

Please be reminded to clear out any outstanding balances under individual accounts of your children.

Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
15/06/26	Year 2 trip to London Aquarium
16/6/26	Current Yr R transitioning to Yr 1 parent workshop 2.30pm
17/06/26	KS2 Science show
18/6/26	Yr 6 Golden ticket award trip New EYFS starters 2026 transition event 2pm
19/06/26	Money Matters workshop Year 6 SPORTS DAY – gates open at 1.10pm
23/06/26	Make Time for Music Assembly 2.30pm
26/06/26	Languages Day
29/06/26	Abbey school transition week Information about next years classes sent to parents.
30/06/26	Archbishops School Transition day Year 5 trip to Rochester
2/7/26	Whole School transition morning 1/3
3/7/26	Summer Fair 3 – 5pm
6/7/26	Year 5 art morning at QE
9/7/26	Wimbledon Lunch Menu Whole school transition morning 2/3
10/07/26	Year 3 Dover Castle Trip Reports sent to Parents Year 5 Music day at QE
14/07/26	Year 6 end of year Performance 1.30pm and 5.30pm
16/07/26	Whole school transition 3/3
17/07/26	PTFA Inflatables activity for all classes
21/07/26	Year 6 Prom 5pm
22/07/26	Year 6 Leavers service 9.30am at the church LAST DAY OF TERM 2pm FINISH

