



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BUCKFAST

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## Dates for your diary. 📅

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Feast of Our Lady of Buckfast Celebration and Procession. 9:00am & refreshments afterwards in our school hall.
Half Term Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May to Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June. Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June is an INSET day.	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Theatre Performance of the Jungle Book!
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June. Please note change of date NOT Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June!	Mass of the 'Coming of the Holy Spirit'. 9:15-10:15 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June pm to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July. Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming for Burrator & Fernworthy Year 6 Bikeability TBC
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos – Josh Iskander.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Sport's Themed Mufti Day-donations in aid of the Catholic Children's Society.
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	St Mary's Summer Fayre & Fun Day. 1-5pm. All hands on deck!
<b>Sport's Days:</b> Key Stage 2 - Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 9:30-11:30am Key Stage 1 - Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 9:30-11:30am EYFS - Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 1:30-3pm	
Back up Sport's Day 1: Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July & Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July Back up Sport's Day 2: Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July & Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Brass Concert 2:45pm performed by our wonderful musicians!
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leaver's Mass and Assembly. Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Buckfast Abbey. 9:30am. Families of Year 6 invited back for a special tea.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First day of the Autumn Term.

### Teddies, Cuddlies & Toys.

Please can these be left at home unless there has been a prior agreement in place. Thank you for your support with this. 😊

## Welcome to Pope Leo XIV



We are excited to share the wonderful news that our Church has a new Pope – Pope Leo! He has been chosen to continue leading the Catholic Church, following in the footsteps of Pope Francis, who showed us how important it is to be kind, to care for others, and to build bridges between people of all backgrounds. Pope Francis reminded us that that being a Christian means reaching out, welcoming others, and looking after our world. We now pray that Pope Leo will carry on this beautiful mission – helping us all to grow in faith, to love more deeply, and to be peacemakers in our school, homes, and communities. As a school, we give thanks for Pope Francis and we pray for Pope Leo as he begins this special role, leading the Church with faith, hope and love.

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." – Matthew 5:9*

## Suncream and hats

Thank you for remembering and naming these, along with coats and jumpers! Top tip, if you know the UV is high that day, get your child or you to apply suncream to your child BEFORE they leave the house - faces and necks most importantly. Then they only need reapply if they are particularly fair or are outside all day.

## CHILDREN'S VOICE

*"I love fractions – in fact I love maths so much, I could do it all the time!"*



Olivia – Y4 Fernworthy.

## Summer Term Attendance Challenge!

There are only 46 school days left in the summer term. Our current attendance is 94.6%, our school target is 96%. Thank you for all your hard work, working together to improve attendance. As a School we are judged on our attendance levels and held to account. Please help us to continue to improve our attendance.

## YEAR 6 SATs WEEK

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Our Year 6 children have worked extremely hard in preparation for their SATs this week. It is important that your child is in School on time during SATs week.

Remember routine is key, so an early night and a good breakfast all help to get your child off to a great start for their day. A healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or a vegetable snack will boost their energy levels, providing them with essential vitamins and minerals.

## Summer Fayre and Fun Day.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to this day- on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1-5pm. If you are able to help, setting up, running a stall, or packing up please do contact our chair on the email address below. Every little helps!

## Celebrations this week!

BLP Award: Willow, Freddie, Lily, Evie I, Eli, Libby  
WOW Award: Charlie Bullen, April, Hettie, Nathaniel, Jack, Ngao.  
Times Tables Stars: Ebba, Adeline, Olivia G.  
Katie and Oscar- Triathlon Medal  
Hettie – Rainbow Gold Award  
Evie I and Erin I – Netball Trophy  
Harry I – Football Trophy

## Home-time Collection

If you or a family member find it difficult to manage the hill in the evenings due to health reasons, we may be able to arrange for your child to be brought up to the top gate. This arrangement must be agreed with the school in advance. Please note that the bottom gate is not to be used at the beginning or end of the school day, as it is not our main entrance and cannot be supervised safely. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping everyone safe.



**Safeguarding**  
We are an Operation Encompass School. For more information click on the link: <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

If a staff member has concerns about a child, they must report this to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). At St Mary's, the DSL is Mrs Kerswell and the Deputy Designated Leads who are responsible in Mrs Kerswell's absence are Mrs Jessica Hutchinson and Mrs Kayleigh Teeder. We have a specific email address for any safeguarding concerns: [safeguarding.stmarys.buckfast@plymouthcast.com](mailto:safeguarding.stmarys.buckfast@plymouthcast.com)

If you are concerned that a child has experience, or is at risk of, harm, you can make a referral yourself to MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) through the link below, by calling 0345 155 1071 or by emailing [mashsecure@devon.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk)