ST MARY'S THE MOUNT
Newsletter – Friday 19th June 2026

Dear Parents,

On Sunday our children will receive their First Holy Communion. Please pray for them.



Lord Jesus,
We pray for the children who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday.
Bless them on this special day and fill their hearts with your love and grace.
May they always feel close to you in the Eucharist and grow in faith, hope, and love.
Bless their families, friends, and all who have helped them prepare for this joyful occasion.
We ask this in your name.
Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intention for June 2026



For the values of sports
Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Sports Day

A big thank you to all those who made sports day a success. A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Lewis and their son, Evan for the line marking and set up. Thank you to the staff for preparing the children. It didn't rain…… bonus!

Pop up Pool

A reminder that the following classes are swimming next week.

Monday	Year 5 Year 4 Year 3
Tuesday	Year 3 (am) Year 4 Year 5
Wednesday	Year 5 Year 4 Year 3 (pm)
Thursday	Year 5 Year 6 Year 4
Friday	Year 5 Year 6 Year 4

Please remember footwear to walk to pool, swim hat (essential) Towel and swim wear.

Class Teachers for September 2026

Our school community warmly supports Mrs. Hammond as she returns to her maiden name, Miss Johnson in September, and we're grateful for the care and dedication she continues to bring to our pupils each day.

Nursery Class	Mrs A Williams
Reception Class	Mrs G Hunt
Year 1	Miss C Shone
Year 2	Miss K Johnson
Year 3	Mrs C de Lacy Grice Mrs J Smith
Year 4	Mr L Heath
Year 5	Mrs R Thompson and Mrs F Kirke
Year 6	Mr T Ward

Mr Agatiello will be leaving the school in November to embark on a period of travel, and we governors are delighted that he will continue to contribute to the school community until then.
The children will have a visit to their new classroom with their teacher before the end of term, to ensure that they feel confident and ready to start the new school year.

Uniform - please note that from September 2026 we are asking that all children wear a plain dark coloured coat- blue or black or the school royal blue colour if available. This is for ALL children.

Confirmation 2026

Bishop Timothy will confirm the candidates for our parish on Sunday 5th July 2026 at 11am Mass.
Confession for the candidates will take place on **Thursday 2nd July at 5:00 pm**. A rehearsal for the Confirmation will follow immediately afterwards.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 20th June 2026	**Y6 Confirmation Retreat 11.30am – 12.30pm**
Sunday 21st June 2026	**First Holy Communion 11am 2.30pm**
Pop Up Pool This is an annual event for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Dates of when your child is swimming will be circulated directly to parents, but for Years 4, 5 and 6 this will largely be for the three weeks unless there are external events planned for the day.	

Your child needs:
Bag for life shopping bag or other swim bag, which contains their swimming kit:

- Swimming costume (NO bikinis)
- Changing robe, which they can wear and dry themselves when transferring from the pool on the playground to their individual changing pod and vice versa.
- Flip flops, Crocs to wear to poolside.
- **Swimming hats for ALL (a new requirement)**

Monday 22nd June 2026	**Y6 leave for Woodlands** **Y2 Prayer 2.50pm** **Y5 netball session** **Pop Up Pool**
Tuesday 23rd June 2026	**School Office closed due to training** **Y6 at Woodlands** **Pop Up Pool**
Wednesday 24th June 2026	**Y6 return from Woodlands** **Pop Up Pool**
Thursday 25th June 2026	**Pop Up Pool** **Y5 netball session** ****NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS**September intake for nursery induction day)**
Friday 26th June 2026	**Pop Up Pool** **Mufti Day**
Monday 29th June 2026	**Pop Up Pool** **Y1 Prayer 2.50pm** **Y5 Netball session**
Tuesday 30th June 2026	**Pop Up Pool** **Blue Coat Academy Induction Day** **Walsall Academy Induction Day**
Wednesday 1st July 2026	**Pop Up Pool** **Blue Coat Academy Induction Day** **Walsall Academy Induction Day**
Thursday 2nd July 2026	**Pop Up Pool** **Y6 Confirmation Rehearsal and Confession 5-6pm**
Friday 3rd July 2026	**Pop Up Pool** **Mufti Day**
Sunday 5th July 2026	**Y6 Confirmation 11am**
Monday 6th July 2026	**Pop Up Pool** **REC Prayer 2.50pm**
Tuesday 7th July 2026	**Pop Up Pool** **Y5 Visit St. Francis**
Wednesday 8th July 2026	**Pop Up Pool** **NO MASS**
Thursday 9th July 2026	**Pop Up Pool**
Friday 10th July 2026	**Pop Up Pool** **Mufti day**
Saturday 11th July 2026	**Y6 Confirmation Retreat 11.30am – 12.30pm**

Monday 13th July 2pm	**Bags 2 School Collection** **Instrumental Concert at 2pm**
Tuesday 14th July 2026	**Y6 Leavers BBQ**
Wednesday 15th July 2026	**Whole School Mass**
Thursday 16th July 2026	**Y6 Leavers Assembly – 2pm**
Friday 17th July 2026	**School finishes at 1pm**

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2027

Application forms are on the Parish and school website . Please ensure that Fr Jobin has the completed forms by June 28th

Attendance

YR – 91.5%	Y1 – 93.7%	Y2 – 94.5%	Y3 – 90.3%	Y4 – 96.7%	Y5 – 96.0%	Y6 – 99.3%

Attendance Ted will be spending time with Year 2 and Year 6. Well done to everyone for their fantastic attendance.

Keep up the great work!

Virtues and Values

Year 1	Simran
Year 2	Dominic
Year 3	Hajira
	Zac
Year 4	-
Year 5	Jayson K
Year 6	Daisy

Attentive and Discerning

You are growing to be attentive to your experience and to your vocation; and discerning about the choices you make and the effects of those choices.



Star of the Week



Nursery	Melael for beautiful handwriting of her name.
Reception	Oliwia J for good effort with writing.
	Dennis for working more quickly.
Year 1	Joey for amazing dance moves.
	Isabella for sharing fantastic ideas.
Year 2	Evanna for trying hard with her 10 x tables.
Year 3	Reggie for being focused and working hard.
	Karolina for consistent effort. A special mention to John for singing out in Hymn Practice
Year 4	-
Year 5	Abdul for fantastic play script in Literacy.

Year 6	Anoushka for excellent effort in production rehearsal

School Lunches - Week Commencing Monday 22nd June 2026

Monday 22nd June	Tuesday 23rd June	Wednesday 24th June	Thursday 25th June	Friday 26th June
Tomato Pasta Mac & Cheese Garlic Bread Mixed Veg	Chicken Curry Quorn Curry Rice, Naan Bread Seasonal Veg	Sausage Quorn Sausage Mash Potato Beans/Veg	Vegetable Frittata Hash Browns Beans	Fish Veggie Fingers Chips/Wedges Mixed Veg
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Selection of Desserts	Selection of Desserts	Selection of Desserts	Selection of Desserts	Selection of Desserts
Juice or Water	Juice or Water	Juice or Water	Juice or Water	Juice or Water
Salad Bar available for KS2 only on a daily basis (except Friday)				

Packed Lunches:

Please remember: DO NOT send your child into school with nuts or any foods containing nuts, e.g. Nutella/chocolate spreads/some cereal bars. We have a growing number of children with nut allergies. Thank you for your consideration.

KS2 Snacks

Children may, if they wish bring in a snack at break time. We do not allow chocolate, sweets or crisps at break time

Free School Meals

Please consider using the QR code to apply for getting Free School Meals. Even if your child is in Reception, Y1 and Y2 or currently accesses free school meals through the Government scheme please apply. It opens the door to many other pots of money we can access for the children.







Reminders



Nursery

Have you enrolled your child for our school Nursery? It is never too early and often parents forget to register until it is too late! We offer free 30-hour places. Please call into the school office to get an application form.

PE Summer term

			After School Clubs
Tuesday	P.E. Year 3, Year 4	**Gymnastics** Y2 Y3 Y6 YR	**JC Academy Multi Sport Y1 Y2**
Wednesday	P.E Year 1, Year 2		**JC Academy Multi Sport Y5 Y6**
Friday	P.E. Year 5, Year 6 Reception class balance-ability		**JC Academy Multi Sport Y3 Y4**

Uniform

Children may now wear their summer uniform.

GIRLS: Summer Uniform

Royal blue cardigan
Grey tights or white socks
Lightweight blue coat or school fleece
Blue and white check dress in any simple style

BOYS: Summer Uniform

Royal blue V-neck jumper
Lightweight blue coat or school fleece
Grey trousers or shorts
Pale blue polo shirt
Grey socks

Jewellery in school

For Health and Safety reasons, we would prefer children not to wear ear rings. If they cannot be removed, please ensure that they are covered with plasters.

Watches

We do not allow smart watches or similar in school, as they are a distraction. Analogue watches can be worn in KS2. If your child arrives in a smart watch and to ensure that they concentrate on their work, we will ask the child to remove it and it will be returned at home time.

Hair Styles

Governors are very clear about expectations for hairstyles and have set a policy that is applicable to everyone in school and Nursery.

"There can be ***NO hair colouring, stripes or undercuts***. Longer hairstyles need to be tied back with a bobble or a hair band. We do not permit fashion cuts, where hair is shaved at the sides but a longer length elsewhere (similar to an undercut).

If your child asks for a fashion haircut, it is parent's responsibility to explain that this is school policy and good preparation for when they transfer to High School. (See local High School policy below). The children need to understand that these are the school rules to be followed and respected.

This is taken from the School Prospectus, which can also be found on the School Website:

8.14 Hair

These rules apply to both girls and boys. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted nor are hair colourings. If any child arrives in school sporting a style, which is considered by the Head Teacher to be extreme or a fashion haircut, he/she may be excluded for a period to facilitate suitable adjustments. We do not permit undercuts.

These hair accessories are deemed acceptable for both boys and girls.





Please check your child's hair regularly for infestation. For safety and hygiene reasons, long hair should be tied back."

Training Days

School will be closed for the following Training Days:
Monday 20th July 2026
Tuesday 21st July 2026

Academic Dates for 2026-2027

Autumn term 2026
Term starts: School Training Day -Tuesday 1 September 2026 School Closed
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 School reopens for the new school year.
Half term holiday: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026
Term ends: Friday 18 December 2026
Spring term 2027
Term starts: Monday 4 January 2027
Half term holiday: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027
Term ends: Thursday 25 March 2027
Summer term 2027
Term starts: Monday 12 April 2027
Half term holiday: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027
Term ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027

Prices for Breakfast and After School Club from 1 September 2025	
7.30am including Breakfast	£5.50 per child per session
7.30am no Breakfast	£5.00 per child per session
7.45am including Breakfast	£4.50 per child per session
7.45am no Breakfast	£4.00 per child per session
After School Club until 5.15pm	£7.00 per child per session
After School Club until 5.30pm	£7.50 per child per session
After School Club after a club (i.e. Football/Phonics/Gardening/Story Club/Homework etc.) is £4.00 per session, per child up to 5.15pm and £4.50 per child per session up to 5.30pm. **After this overtime rates apply at £10 per 15 minutes.** Please use the School Gateway App to book.	

Peripatetic Music lessons		Extra – Curricular Clubs	
Monday	Stringed instruments (Mrs Masters)	Tuesday	Reception Class Story Club
Thursday	Woodwind instruments (Mrs Perks)	Wednesday	KS2 Choir at lunchtime
Friday	Brass instruments (Ms Taylor)	Thursday	Y2 Bible Club Y1 Phonics Club
		Guitar Club	Run by Mr Ward

Year 6 walking to school or walking home

We do not expect there to be many children arriving by themselves or walking home this term, as it is still very early in the year for Year 6 to be doing this on their own. There may be one or two very local children who may have authorisation to do this. A form is available on request. This would need to be completed. Mrs Amos would then consider the request and let you know if this is acceptable.

Medication

Please ensure your child's up to date Medication is in school as soon as possible. It has come to our attention that parents of children with Epipen, can download an APP which alerts you as to when you need to replace them. This sounds like a really good idea!

Medicines in School

Mrs Smith liaises with parents who need a care plan, when there is an ongoing medical need (allergies etc.), to ensure that the correct medical provision is in place.

We do understand that sometimes children need medication for a particular ailment, who are well enough to be in school. For example; eye drops, Piriton, antibiotics. We are happy to administer these, provided the school medical form is completed and is handed into the office staff with the medication. We cannot administer medication without this form. We would not expect to administer Calpol to keep a temperature down. In that instance children would not be well enough for school. It is not the Office Staff who will administer these medicines, but Mrs Amos. The medical form will be on the website under Newsletters.

Contact with Staff

Please be mindful when contacting staff by e-mail and try to keep to 'Office hours' - 8.00am - 5.30pm. Please try to avoid the weekends.

If you are reporting an absence, e-mail the school office at postbox@st-marymount.walsall.sch.uk as teaching staff do not always access their e-mails until lunchtime.

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St. Mary's the Mount Parish Family Wishes You All a Warm Welcome

Parish Priest: Fr. Jobin Kollappallil, SDV
Assistant Priest: Fr. Fabien Ramiandrisoa, SDV

St. Patrick's: Fr. Roberto Ciardo, SDV
St. Thomas of Canterbury: Fr. Christogonus Ugwuakposim, SDV
Chaplain of Manor Hospital: Fr. Christogonus

➢ Parish Contributions: Parish Contributions: Last Sunday: £1164.45 (Standing Orders: £807, Offertory Collection: £357.45). Overseas Charities: £11.00. Counting Teams: This Sunday: Team E, next Sunday: Team A. Next Sunday, there will be a voluntary second collection for 'The Day for Life'.

➢ Fr. Fabien's Holiday Dates: Fr Fabien will be away from 8th June to 5th July for his annual holiday. We wish him an enjoyable holiday, visiting his parents and relatives in Madagascar.
➢ Farewell to Fr. Jobin: As you are aware, Fr. Jobin will be leaving St. Mary's the Mount in July, and moving to pastures new. More details will follow in due course, but we thank Fr. Jobin for his ministry in out parish and we will continue to keep him in our prayers. There will be a Thanksgiving Mass, celebrated by Fr. Jobin on Sunday 12th July at 11:30am. (Please be aware of the change to the time of Mass on this day.) After Mass, we will gather for a celebration lunch in the parish centre. It would be appreciated if everyone could contribute a drink for this special occasion.)
➢ Plenary Indulgence & Confessions: In the light of the Plenary Indulgence granted to our church during the Jubilee Year, priests will be available to hear confessions whenever we have Eucharistic Adoration in our church. We encourage the faithful to obtain the grace of Plenary Indulgence as often as you can.
➢ Jubilee Thanksgiving Offerings: The Jubilee Year is a sacred time of grace—a moment to pause, reflect and give thanks for the many blessings God has poured into our lives: the gift of life, the love of family and friends, the comfort of our homes and the strength we receive each day. In a spirit of gratitude, we warmly invite you to offer your thanksgiving to God and to consider supporting our church during this Jubilee Year. Your offering, given with a thankful heart, becomes a blessing for others and helps sustain the life and mission of our parish community.
➢ Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2026–2027: It is now time to begin preparing the next group of children to receive the Sacraments in 2027. Preparation will start in September. First Confession & First Holy Communion: for children who are baptised and in Year 3 or above. Confirmation: for children in Year 6 or above who have already made their First Holy Communion. Parents or guardians are required to submit an application form for each child. Application forms will be available in church and on the parish website. Please submit completed applications to Fr Jobin or Fr Fabien no later than Sunday 28th June. It is essential that a copy of the child's baptism certificate is also provided. There will also be an important meeting for parents in the parish hall on Monday 29th June: Parents of First Confession & First Holy Communion children: 7:00pm Parents of Confirmation children: 6:00pm.
➢ Come & See Programme (RCIA): The next session of the RCIA programme will be on Monday 22nd June, beginning with Holy Mass in church at 7pm. The topic for this session will be 'Visit to the Church & Prayers'.
➢ Marriage Banns: A marriage is proposed between William Wisniewski and Grace Elizabeth Perkins, who will marry on Saturday 20th June at 12:30pm in our church. We pray for them and wish them all the best. If anyone knows of any reason why these two persons may not lawfully marry, you are obliged to declare it to the Parish Priest. This is the third publication of the banns.
➢ Marriage Banns: A marriage is proposed between Emmanuel Ebhohon and Vivian Chiamaka, who will marry in Nigeria. We pray for them and wish them all the best. If anyone knows of any reason why these two persons may not lawfully marry, you are obliged to declare it to the Parish Priest. This is the third publication of the banns.
➢ Parish Office Secretary (Part-Time): St. Mary's Parish is seeking a reliable and organised Office Secretary for 15 hours per week. The role involves providing administrative support to the parish and assisting with day-to-day office duties. For more details, an application form, job description and person specification, please contact the parish office at: stmary.walsall@rcaob.org.uk Closing date for applications: Sunday 14th June.
➢ MISSIO RED BOX: Please bring your Missio boxes to the sacristy as soon as possible. You will be able to collect the boxes the following Sunday. Many thanks, John Doyle.
➢ RIP: Please pray for the soul of Pat Horton who passed away on Monday 11th May. She will be received into church on Wednesday 17th June at 3:45pm and her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 18 th June at 10am, followed by a committal at Streetly Crematorium. Please pray for her departed soul. The family would like to invite parishioners to attend the funeral.
➢ RIP: Please pray for the soul of Luigi Adamo, who passed away on Tuesday, 19th May. We commend him to the loving mercy of God and hold his family in our prayers at this time of sorrow. The Requiem Mass will on Monday 22nd June at 11am in our church.
➢ Food Bank: This week we are in need of most of our usual items, except for baked beans. We are currently supporting 11 families with your donations. If you know of another family in need who would welcome support from our SVP Group, please contact Father Jobin. Thanks again for your continued support and your generous donations. 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th June 2026 Week III 3

➢ Refreshments: Refreshments are usually available in the parish hall on Thursdays (following 10am Mass) and on Sundays (following 9am Mass). Please note that there will be no refreshments on Thursday 18th June

➢ Safeguarding: The parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Sylvester Mutsigwa and Doreen Sehdeva. They can be contacted at: sg.stmary.walsall@rcaob.org.uk -alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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