



IMPORTANT DATES/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- Pupils' annual reports have been uploaded to the Parent Portal on Arbor which can be found here: <https://stmw-bwcet.uk.arbor.sc/>
 - Important - Please read the attached letter regarding an increase in school meals cost for September 2024.
 - Y5 Celebration of Sport Monday 15th July:
 - Pupils must be in school for 8:30am (arrive via the main entrance).
 - All pupils need to be in full PE kit with the Celebration of Sport t-shirt.
 - All pupils need a packed lunch and water.
 - Be prepared for all weathers.
 - Anticipated return time, 3:30pm (we will send a message via Arbor).
 - Tennis will be on for pupils this Monday. Y5 pupils may take part, should you wish, but may miss some of the session.
 - Please could all pupils bring a sturdy 'bag for life' (or 2/3 less sturdy plastic bags!) on Monday 15th July. These will be used to bring home their books and other items.
 - No Happy Feet or Gymnastics this week.
 - Strings concert at 1:45pm on Tuesday 16th July. For parents/carers of pupils in Y4 or those who have peripatetic lessons. Pupils may be taken home following the event.
 - Whole School Mass – 1pm Thursday 18th July, St Mary's RC Church; all welcome.
 - There will be no swimming on Thursday 18th July.
 - Toy day – Friday 19th July. Pupils may bring one sensible toy/game to share with others into school (please nothing of sentimental or significant financial value).
 - Last day for all pupils – Friday 19th July.
All pupils return for the start of the new academic year on Tuesday 3rd September 2024.
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FIVER CHALLENGE:

Thank you to all those who supported the Y6 pupils and their 'Fiver Challenge' project this week by attending the market place and buying lots of goodies. The pupils raised over £500 on the night, so after paying back their 'fiver' loans, they will have made an impressive profit which will be donated to a charitable cause of their choosing.

SPORTS UPDATE:

The school and its pupils received some wonderful recognition for our commitment to sport this week at the Gateshead Schools Sports Partnership awards, including:

- Equality Award – girls' football team
- Respect Award – netball team
- Courage Award – Frankie (Year 6)
- Inspiration Award – St Mary's Catholic Primary School (collected on behalf of the school by our inspirational sports leads Mr Colling and Mrs Joyce)

Head over the school social media page to see a fantastic report from the night - <https://x.com/whickhamstmarys>.

SAFETY WORKS:

A huge well done to Lily (Year 1), Willow (Year 2) and Reiss (Year 1) for being selected as third, second and first place prize winners of the SafetyWorks Summer Safety poster competition. The pupils received a special prize for their efforts and all those who took part were recognised with a special certificate. Well done!

LOST PROPERTY:

The 'Lost Property' tables will be out at home time next week. Please help us to return/re-home any of the unnamed items that have been lost and unclaimed over the year. Don't be shy!