



SCHOOL UPDATES

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC:

A huge thank you to all those who came along to our Friends Family Summer Picnic. Thanks to some long-awaited decent weather, we were able to enjoy a wonderful evening – and a fitting way to (almost) bring to an end a very successful year at St Mary's. A special note of thanks to all involved in planning for and running the event which was paid for by the Friends as a treat for all our pupils at the end of the school year. It was especially lovely to finally make good use of the picnic benches which were bought for the school by the Friends earlier in the year! We're already looking forward to next year's event!

MUSIC SHOWCASE:

Well done to all our pupils who took part in the Music Showcase on Monday. We had a jam-packed afternoon of music with our Y3 djembe drummers, our Y4 string orchestra and small group guitarists and violinists all performing. It was amazing to see how far all the children have come on in their music tuition over the year, and to showcase the high standard to music provision on offer at St Mary's. Thank you to all those who came along to watch on a rather warm afternoon!

Y6 FIVER CHALLENGE 2019:

We have some wonderful news regarding the PJ Partyers – the group of 6 girls from Y5 – who this week represented the school by taking part in the finals of the Newcastle Building Society Boardroom Challenge; beating off stiff competition from 7 other schools, the team were crowned overall champions on the day, and in doing so have won £500 for the school as well as £500 to organise and run a charity event for their chosen charity FACT Cancer Support. A massive well done for the girls who represented the school impeccably – Miss Millican was so proud of the efforts of the whole group, and more importantly, of how they conducted themselves throughout the event. We look forward to seeing how they put the money to good use next year.

FRENCH DAY:

We enjoyed a fantastic Languages Day on Thursday, and spent the day celebrating all things French! Thank you to Mrs Innerdale for organising the event, and of course for enthusing all our children in language-learning – something that we feel is so important at St Mary's! Check out the school Twitter feed (@whickhamstmarys) to see some photos of the day!

REMINDERS

TERM DATES 2019/20:

	START	END	HALF-TERM
AUTUMN	3.9.19	20.12.19	21.10.19 – 25.10.19
<i>INSET</i>	2.9.19		
SPRING	7.1.20	3.4.20	17.2.20 – 21.2.20
<i>INSET</i>	6.1.20		
SUMMER	20.4.20	16.7.20	25.5.20 – 29.5.20
<i>INSET</i>	1.6.20, 17.7.20		

3 Inset Days + 1 Occasional Day

All pupils return to school on Tuesday 3rd September 2019.

LAST WEEK OF TERM (15.7.19 – 19.7.19)

NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS ALL WEEK

THURSDAY –

School to be used as polling station for Police Crime Commissioner Elections (all pupils – packed lunch).

NO SWIMMING.

FRIDAY –

Y6 Leavers' Liturgy 9:30am at St Mary's RC Church; whole school to attend – all welcome!
Following the Leavers' Liturgy, we would like to invite all friends and family of our Y6 Leavers back to school for refreshments and the premiere of the Y6 Leavers' Film.