



## St Aloysius Day

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Non Uniform Day

Next Friday, 24 June, we are asking pupils to join in with the Catholic Children's Society to celebrate the Feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga. Please help us to help those children living in our Diocese whose families are struggling to buy the basic essentials of life, such as a warm bed to sleep in at night or properly fitting school uniform and shoes, by bringing in a donation of £1 and dressing in yellow, blue and white.

YELLOW symbolises the sun as St Aloysius was a Jesuit who was often pictured with WHITE lilies denoting purity. He was also devoted to Our Lady and even wrote to a poem to her too representing the BLUE.

Please see below a link to a short video clip about the work of St Aloysius  
[https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=15](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=15)

## Diary Dates

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – St Aloysius Day  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June – First Holy Communion  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 9.15am – Year 6 Leavers' Mass (parents / carers of Year 6 pupils are welcome to attend)  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Burrator Activities Week and Residential trip starts  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July (AM) – Reception and KS1 Sports Day. Please note: there is no Sports Day for the Nursery children.  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – FOSMs Non Uniform Day  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Bikeability (cycling) course for Burrator pupils  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Pupil progress meetings for parents / carers  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Pupil progress meetings for parents / carers  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July (AM) – KS2 Sports Day  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – FOSMs Fete 2pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July (AM) – Reserve Sports Day  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Last day of term  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Term starts

## FOSMs Fete - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

If any parent would like a table to sell items at the summer fete, please let FOSMs know, the cost is £5 per table.

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Non Uniform Day

There will also be a mufti day on the Friday before (8<sup>th</sup> July) when the children can wear non uniform in exchange for tombola donations.

## Bikeability

St Mary's will be offering Bikeability sessions again to Year 5 and 6 pupils (priority to Year 6) in the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> July. A separate letter has been sent out to parents / carers but please ensure your form is returned to school as soon as possible as spaces are limited.

## Safeguarding

The school has received some information about safety around railways from Learn Live, as detailed below:

"We are working in partnership with Network Rail to keep young individuals safe near the railways. Network Rail and Learn Live are working to help raise awareness by educating your pupils about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery. The session is less than 15 minutes and explains why it is important to stay safe near the tracks. Over fourteen million students, parents and teachers from across the UK have already watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of incidents in their area through watching the safety videos. Remember fifteen minutes can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people.

We have made things easier for you to watch the free safety videos by just entering the email [railsafety@learnliveuk.com](mailto:railsafety@learnliveuk.com) into the "I am registered field" when you first watch the video.

Please click on the link below to view the safety video for primary children (7-11)  
<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>"

## Prayer Focus

The school subscribes to a weekly booklet called "The Wednesday Word" that can be accessed on our website or via the following link:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/calm?pid=MTA101634&v=31.12>

This week's chosen word is 'nourish'. To nourish means to feed and grow. In this Sunday's Gospel, before he fed the 5,000 Jesus looked up to heaven, said the blessing, broke the bread and shared it. Today, the priest does the same thing through Mass. Just as we eat bread to nourish the body, Jesus nourishes the soul. Who else could we thank for nourishing us? Maybe parents / carers, teachers, priests, family members or friends. Which people could we nourish this week and how might we do this? It could be through encouraging someone, giving someone in our family a hug, helping someone or giving to charity.

For this week's prayer, perhaps you could say grace before a meal. These are the two prayers we use in school:

*Bless us O God as we sit together,  
Bless the food we eat today.  
Bless the hands that made the food,  
Bless us O God,  
Amen*

Or

*For what we are about to receive, may the Lord  
make us truly thankful.  
Amen*

## Pokémon Club

We will no longer be running Pokémon Club in school this term. However, we have been informed that there is a Pokémon Club held at St Andrew's in Buckfastleigh, every Saturday between 10.30 and 12.30, which is free to go to, if the children are interested.

## Shared Liturgy

Four schools named after St Mary (St Mary's in Poole, Wool, Marnhull and Buckfast) from our Academy Trust took part in a shared a livestreamed liturgy yesterday morning around the theme of St Mary. Some of our Pupil Chaplains represented Buckfast.

Congratulations and thank you to Ruby, Leon, Riley W, Courtney and Madeleine who did a fantastic job of speaking confidently and clearly in front of so many people!



## Fairtrade

Following the focus on Fairtrade over the past few years, this year St Mary's is hoping to achieve the Fair Achiever Award. Some of our Year 6 pupils are working with Mrs Kerswell on this project and will be talking to children in school about it over the next few weeks.

## PE Day Change

### Fernworthy and Burrator only

Now that KS2 are having swimming lessons each Wednesday. Fernworthy only need to wear PE kit to school on Tuesdays and Burrator only on Thursdays.

## Attendance

Here are the attendance figures for the past week:

**9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Meldon	<b>75.25%</b>
Venford	<b>95.50%</b>
Avon	<b>91.88%</b>
Fernworthy	<b>96.13%</b>
Burrator	<b>97.86%</b>
<b>Whole school This week</b>	<b>90.61%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>93.81%</b>

## Lego Competition



Thank you to Riley W and Isaac who entered the LEGO® competition to design and build a model for Exeter's future. There were thirty-one entries in total, co-ordinated by Exeter's Royal Albert Memorial Museum. Although their 'green' garage design did not win overall, we received a complimentary email about the quality of the entry.

## Poetry Competition

Last term, some of St Mary's children entered poems into the "Letting in the Light" poetry competition which was organised by Somerset Literacy Network.

They received 2,925 entries and, because of the quality and the exceptional number of entries, they added a Special Mention category to recognise poems which were longlisted but not shortlisted. Three of our children's poems from Fernworthy Class were awarded with Special Mention:

**Theo S-G, Cici and Max**

These children will receive a special certificate, which they will receive from Somerset Literacy Network before the end of term.

## Mini Police Scheme

A number of children at St Mary's have been taking part in the Mini Police scheme. This term they have worked on some community action work in Buckfastleigh's Victoria Park.

In recognition of their hard work, PC Steve Perrins will be visiting St Mary's on 30<sup>th</sup> June to present an award to the children for their dedication to this important community action.

## Congratulations!

Well done to the following children who were awarded certificates in today's Achievement Assembly:



Meldon  
Venford  
Avon  
Fernworthy  
Burrator

**BLP**

**Reuben A  
Ayrton  
Maia  
Alex AJ  
Toby B**

**WOW**

**Oliver B  
Archie H  
Thomas  
Nevaeh  
Amélie**



**Chorister Bronze Award – Riley W, Olivia**

Congratulations, also, to the following Abbey Choristers who passed a number of music examinations recently:



Grade 1 Singing Pass  
Grade 1 Singing Merit  
Grade 2 Singing Merit  
Grade 4 Singing Merit  
Grade 1 Piano Pass  
Grade 1 Piano Merit

– **Peter, Tristan, Riley W, Ned**  
– **Matilda**  
– **Conrad, Abi**  
– **Honey-rose**  
– **Abi**  
– **Conrad**