



The Saint Raphael's News



May Newsletter 2025/ John 13:34

"I give you a new commandment; love one another just as I have loved you."

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a great half term and even though it's been short we have had lots to celebrate and be proud of.



POPE LEO XIV: We have a new Pope Leo XIV. We have talked to the children about the new Pope and said prayers for him.



ICON PILGRIMAGE ASSEMBLY: On Monday 9th June, the first day back, we are holding a Celebration of the Word at 9.30am in the school hall to which all are welcome—parents, carers, governors and extended family. As part of the Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope, the Bishop has blessed an icon which is visiting all the schools in Shrewsbury Diocese. We will have a Celebration of the Word to reflect on the Icon. The icon is a picture of a stained glass window in Shrewsbury Cathedral depicting the Visitation of Our Lady to her cousin Elizabeth.

EYFS OUTDOOR AREA: We are having work done on our EYFS outdoor area. The ground will be levelled during half term and then we are having new structures and astro turf laid. This will be a great enhancement to our area.

WILLOW WOOD BUNNY HOP: A huge thank you for your generous donations in support of Our Lenten fundraising activities this year. Thank you for donations for Willow Wood from our bunny hop. When we know the total raised I will let you know.

We also raised money for Mary's Meals during Holy week. Thank you for your contributions to the cake sale which the Mini-vinnies organized and which raised £240 for Mary's Meals. Mr White came into school to present a certificate and to thank the children and their families.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: The children celebrated First Holy Communion two weeks ago. I would like to thank Father Philip and Deacon Antony for their help. This was a lovely celebration for the children, their families and school and a day that I am sure they will always remember. Thank you to parents and families for their support.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION: Bookings for the second half of the summer term are now live

SATS WEEK: Well done to our Year 6 children who completed their SATS last week. They all stayed calm and focused and we were very proud of them.

Year 2 will complete their optional SATS tests next half term too. The children are working hard to prepare.

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PHONIC SCREENING: for Year 1 will take place the week beginning 9th June. The children are working hard and any reading that they can do at home will help too.

TIMES TABLES TEST: for Year 4 will take place the week beginning 9th June. Again the children are working hard and any Times Tables Rockstars or other practice that they can do at home will help too.

ASSESSMENTS: All other classes are completing their class assessments next half term.

You will be made aware of your child's progress and attainment in their end of year reports which will go out in July. Results from SATS and other national tests will also be on the reports.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS: The key dates for the events around the Year 6 leavers are in the diary section at the end of the newsletter.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES: Our class assemblies will continue in the summer term with the classes who have not yet done their class assembly. (See the dates below) They are all on a Friday at 9.05 when we have our usual weekly Praise Assembly. All are welcome. On these dates we do not have class certificates or the sharing of trophies, medals etc from home due to time constraints.

Class	Date of Assembly
Class 3	Friday, 20 th June, 2025
Class 1	Friday 27 th June, 2025

CLASS MASSES: Father Philip regularly comes to school to celebrate Mass on Thursday at 10.00am. The classes in KS 2 attend on a rota. All are welcome. Please see the Parish newsletter or ask staff if there is a Mass on a particular week.

PARENTS' MEETING for new Reception and Nursery children: On Wednesday July 2nd at 6.00pm we are inviting parents and carers who have children starting in Nursery or Reception in September 2025 to a meeting. The purpose of this is to provide the opportunity for parents to meet the staff, share information and ask questions and to look around the setting. The children can also attend this meeting.

SWIMMING LESSONS: Year 5 and Year 6 will begin swimming lessons in Summer Term 2 after the half term break. This is an important life skill for our pupils.

UNIFORM: The children have returned to school looking very smart, thank you for your support with this. During summer term the uniform is;

Summer Uniform

- Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers or grey shorts
- Dress - Gingham Blue
- Blue short-sleeved polo shirt or light blue polo shirt
- Footwear - Only sensible, black footwear may be worn. Boots and trainers are not allowed.

We have had lots of uniform donated thank you and there is a rail near the school entrance with uniform on- please help yourself.

Jewellery: is not permitted at any time. (except a watch-not a smartwatch), this covers earrings or retainers and includes those covered by plasters.

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Hair: Long hair should be tied up, no extreme hairstyles are allowed, e.g., bleach, tramlines, highlights, spikes etc.

CONTACT DETAILS: Please ensure that school has the correct contact details for you at all times. If there are any changes to your mobile numbers and/or email addresses, please inform us as soon as possible to ensure we have the correct contact information on our systems and we can keep in touch with you.

SCHOOL MONEY: St Raphael's School is cashless uses an online payment portal to collect payment from parents. Should you have any problems accessing your SchoolMoney account please email admin@st-raphaels.tameside.sch.uk stating 'SchoolMoney' in the subject. Payments for SchoolMeals are not collected via SchoolMoney as the income is collected by Tameside Council.

Mrs L. Lakner

Thank you, as always for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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Next Newsletter: June 2025

Dates for the Diary:

JUNE 2025		
Monday 9 th June	School opens for Summer Term 2 Pilgrimage of Icon Celebration of the Word	8.45am 9.30am in hall
Week commencing 9 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening	All week
Week commencing 9 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	All week
Wednesday 18 th June	EYFS Sports Day	9:15am
Wednesday 18 th June	Full Governing Board Meeting	4.30pm
Friday 20 th June	Year 3 Class Assembly	9.05am
Friday 27 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly	9.05am
JULY 2025		
Wednesday 2 nd July	Reception new starters Meeting	6pm
Friday 11 th July	Reports out (Year N to Year 5)	3:15pm
Tuesday 15 th July	Yr 6 Production	1.45pm and 6pm
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass	9.15am
Tuesday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	9:05am
Tuesday 22 nd July	School closes for Summer	1.30pm