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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all after the Easter break. The children and staff have come back to school refreshed and ready for the summer term.

We are delighted to say that Fr. Anthony has been appointed as our permanent Parish Priest. Fr. Anthony's area covers Axminster, Lyme Regis and Seaton. He will be continuing his Thursday morning assemblies which are enjoyed by all, and often involve chocolate!

### **Swimming**

Woodpecker Class have now finished their swimming lessons for the year. Please could any parent who has not yet paid do this retrospectively via Parent Pay.

Robin Class will be starting their swimming lessons on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Please ensure that you have made payment for your child via Parent Pay before the lessons begin.

We are fortunate that we are able to swim at a discounted rate, but this is still only feasible if we receive payment from parents/carers. While we would not exclude any child from these activities, we may unfortunately not be able to continue with things like swimming if we receive insufficient payments.

### **Year 6 SATS**

The Year 6 children are working hard towards their SATS. SATS week is now only two weeks away (Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May). Please see below for details of which assessments are taking place on each day. It is vitally important that children come to school on time and prepared during this week, having had a good breakfast to help with the brain power they will be using!

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Test Paper</u></b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	English - reading	1 Paper
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	English – grammar, punctuation and spelling	2 Papers: Spelling; Punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics	2 Papers: arithmetic; mathematical reasoning
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics	1 Paper: mathematical reasoning

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### **Nail Varnish and Make –Up**

Some children have returned to school after the break wearing make-up and/or nail varnish. This is not part of the St. Mary's School uniform. Please could any nail varnish that is put on be removed before children come to school, in order to help both themselves and their classmates focus on their school work.

### **String Orchestra News**

Our school string orchestra recently took part in the Music for Youth Regional Festival. Please see attached to read the amazing feedback the children received. Well done to all who participated!

### **Lollypop Man**

Please remember the lollypop man, Mr Swift will not be manning the crossing until after half term. Please ensure your child/children are supervised when crossing.

Devon County Council are looking to recruit an additional volunteer for this crossing. If you or anyone you know would like an opportunity to volunteer to work at the crossing site as a **Volunteer School Crossing Patrol**, the vacancy information and application form is on Devon County Council website <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/safe-travel/road-safety/schools/school-crossing-patrols/>

### **Active Kids Sainsbury Vouchers**

The last day for collecting vouchers from Sainsbury is 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Please bring all your vouchers into school next week.

### **Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps**

The Camps which will be running during the first two weeks of August this year, provide an opportunity for Catholic youth to come together and share and grow in their faith together, living for a week in Grangehurst House, in the beautiful surroundings of Buckfast Abbey. Please see the school office for further information.

### **Lost Property**

There is a large box of lost property in Reception. If your child has lost anything please come and have a look. Any unclaimed uniform will be donated to the PTFA.

### **School Trends**

The next deadline for ordering your school uniform is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Please order by the end of the day.

### **Gymnastics Club**

If your child wishes to do Gymnastics club you must contact Emma Prior on 07717 310198 to ensure there is a space available.

### **Dates for your diary**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 9.20am PTFA meeting in Library Everyone welcome

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm Whole school mass Everyone welcome

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Robin Class swimming begins