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## Parent Workshops

We are very pleased to share that we will be offering two parent

workshops this term, delivered by a qualified **Educational Psychologist**. These sessions are designed to support you in understanding and responding to some of the challenges children may face, both in and out of school.

Each workshop will take place **in school at 2:15pm**, and all parent carers are warmly invited to attend. Whether the topics are directly relevant to your child at the moment or you are simply interested in learning more, we believe these sessions will be both informative and helpful.

### **Workshop 1: Thursday 22nd May**

#### **Topic: Autism – What is it and how to support a child with ASD**

This session will provide an overview of autism, including how it can present in children, common experiences and behaviours, and practical strategies for support both at home and at school. It will

be a supportive and open environment where questions are welcome.

## **Workshop 2: Wednesday 18th June**

### **Topic: Managing Anxiety and Supporting Sleep**

This workshop will focus on understanding anxiety in children and how it can affect different areas of life, particularly sleep. You will hear about approaches that can help reduce anxiety, support emotional wellbeing, and promote healthy sleep routines. We hope many of you will be able to join us for one or both of these valuable sessions. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

## **End of SATs!!!!**

**Dear Year 6 Superstars,**

**I wanted to write to you all after what has been a truly fantastic SATs week.**

**You have been calm, sensible and completely brilliant from start to finish. Each one of you approached the week with maturity, focus and determination, and we could not be prouder of you. It has been a real pleasure to see how hard you have worked and how well you have supported one another throughout. You have shown resilience, positivity and great teamwork, and you should all feel incredibly proud of yourselves.**



Of course, I am sure the mountain of biscuits (and fruit) helped just a little along the way. Whether it was a well-timed digestive or a carefully selected custard cream, there was always something on hand to keep spirits high. You definitely earned every single one.



Now that the hard part is over, it is only right that we celebrate your efforts. So as a special treat, we will be ordering takeaway pizza for all of Year 6 on Thursday lunchtime. There will be a choice of delicious toppings including cheese and tomato, pepperoni, veggie supreme and barbecue chicken. We will also make sure there are options available for everyone, including those with dietary requirements. You have more than earned it.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all the staff and Governors who helped to guide and support you through your SATs and their preparations. Their dedication, encouragement and belief in you have been a huge part of your success this week. Whether they were delivering revision sessions, invigilating, helping you stay calm or simply handing out the biscuits, they have all played an important role.

We are so proud of everything you have achieved, and we are looking forward to enjoying the rest of the term with you, with plenty of fun, laughter and memories still to come.

With congratulations and very best wishes,

**Mrs Griffiths**

## Year 6 Leavers' Mass at Church

Our Year 6 children have been invited to attend the **Diocesan Leavers' Mass in Shrewsbury** on **Friday 23rd May** with all other Year 6 pupils in our local Catholic schools.

This is a special event that brings together pupils from across the diocese to mark the end of their primary school journey. It is always a joyful and meaningful occasion, and we are very much looking forward to taking part.



The day will be held at **Shrewsbury Cathedral**, and the schedule is as follows:

- **10.00am** – Arrivals and snack
- **10.30am** – Morning Prayer
- **11.10am** – 'Signs of Hope' and Luce activities
- **12.00pm** – Mass preparation
- **12.15pm** – Celebration of Mass
- **1.00pm** – Lunch
- **1.30pm** – Closing prayer and activity
- **2.00pm** – Departures

Children will need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. They should wear their school uniform and bring a light coat in case of changeable weather.

If you **do not wish your child to attend**, please contact the school office by phone as soon as possible so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support as we prepare for these final special weeks in Year 6.

## Year 6 Prom

We are so excited to share that the much-anticipated Year 6 Prom is finally on the horizon! The date has been set, and we can't wait to celebrate this amazing milestone with all of you!

the moment  
you've all been  
waiting for



**Date:** Friday, 4th July



**Time:** 5:15 pm - 8:15 pm



**Location:** Saint Mary's School (Drop-off and pick-up will be at the office area)

This will be an unforgettable evening, packed with fun, laughter, and memories that will last forever. Here's what's in store:



**A fabulous entrance** where you can have your photo taken – don't forget to smile!



**A professionally prepared buffet** for everyone to enjoy



**A DJ** to get everyone dancing and having a great time!

We know parents will be eager to snap some photos of this special night. If you'd prefer not to have another

parent take pictures of you, please let the office know as soon as possible.

### Important Reminder:



We ask that no photos of the event be shared on Facebook, Instagram, or any other social media platforms, to keep this moment special and private for all. We do need to protect the children in our care. This is VERY

important.

We're counting down the days until the prom and can't wait to see you all looking your absolute best! Get ready for a night full of fun, laughter, and memories to cherish forever! And yes, nails are allowed and fake tan is allowed – I have been asked that a hundred times 😊.

### Half Term and Sports Days

As we approach the end of a very busy half term, we wanted to remind you that school will **close for the half term break on Friday 23rd May**, and we will **reopen on Monday 2nd June**. We hope



you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable week with your families.

When we return, we have an exciting week ahead as we hold our **annual Sports Days**, and we are delighted to invite all parents and carers to join us for these much-loved events.

- **Key Stage 1 Sports Day** will take place on **Tuesday 3rd June**
- **Key Stage 2 Sports Day** will take place on **Thursday 5th June**

Both events will begin in the morning, and more specific timings will be sent out closer to the time.

These days are a great opportunity for the children to have fun, stay active and show off the skills they've been learning in PE. We know how much they enjoy having you there to cheer them on, and your support makes the day even more special.

To help things run smoothly, we kindly ask:

- **Please bring something to sit on**, such as a picnic blanket or a folding chair.

- **If the weather is hot, please ensure you bring a hat, water and apply sunscreen to your child before school.**
- **For safety reasons, we ask that you do not cross the running track to speak to or approach your child during the events. This is important to help us keep all children safe and organised during the races and activities.**
- **If there is an issue or you spot something we may have missed, please speak to a member of staff rather than trying to resolve it.**

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in helping the day to run smoothly. We are really looking forward to welcoming you and celebrating all the children's enthusiasm, teamwork and sporting efforts.**

**Wishing you all a wonderful half term when it arrives.**