

FAITH-FILLED & HOPEFUL

The leaves you've added to our values and virtues tree this week:

'Scarlett, for consoling her sister, helping her to understand a situation.'

'Max M, for reminding Mrs Hilditch it was morning prayer time, then saying "Hands together friends" and leading the prayer.'



ASK ME ABOUT...
 The One Life Singing Retreat "We are all unique and valuable" was the message – ask me how / am unique and valuable; and the talents and virtues your child sees in you and values as unique!

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Robins – Joseph
- Goldfinches - Chloe
- Kingfishers - Lexi
- Skylarks – Maisie

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Charlotte D for kindness and being consistently hardworking in all areas & Rebecca for her enthusiasm, thoroughly engaging with our retreat

HOUSE POINTS

- St Andrew & St Patrick 25
- St George 19
- St David 12



DIARY DATES

- Every Friday
50p Fridays for FOSM
- Wednesday, June 30 @4PM
NEW 2021 Robins' Information Session (Online)
- Thursday, July 1
Sports Afternoon (no parents)
- Friday, July 2
Reports out
- Friday, July 9
Moving Up Day (all classes)
- Friday, July 9
Learning Logs Due In (Feedback Wk beginning 12th)
- Sunday, July 11 @ 11:30
First Holy Communion
- Friday, July 16
Leavers' Day
- Monday, July 19
No After School Club
- Wednesday, July 21
Last day of Term
- July 22 – September 3
Summer Holidays (Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd are Teacher Training Days)

PLEASE NOTE:
 DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
 More dates and details online at:
<https://www.stmaryssoutham.org>

COVID UPDATE

STAY ALERT! WHILE VACCINATION NUMBERS ARE ENCOURAGING, CASES ARE VERY MUCH ON THE RISE LOCALLY. Please note, that while COVID-19 usually presents with a new or worsening cough, high temperature and loss or change in taste or smell, COVID-19 can present as cold symptoms such as sore throat, severe fatigue/ feeling unwell for no obvious reason, poorly tummy, severe headache, and muscle aches. If members household become unwell, although it may be a seasonal cold, please consider this could be COVID-19 and test accordingly.

- **Ensure that you wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting children, maintaining distancing on the way in and way out of school.** We have had recent student isolations due to lapses in social distancing and use of face coverings; we need to maintain social distancing and wear our face coverings over our nose and mouth.
- **If your child is unwell with lesser symptoms as mentioned above, please keep your child off school while they are unwell** (this was guidance before COVID-19). Where there are symptoms we would also rather your child PCR test to ensure that it is not COVID-19 as these are more accurate when there are some signs of illness (You can book online or with 119 by stating you do not have top three symptoms but "Public Health has requested you book a test", you are permitted to have a test without symptoms, the household legally do not need to isolate). Your household do not need to isolate whilst this is undertaken.
- **ALL positive at-home LFD tests require a confirmatory PCR test.** If the PCR test is negative, all household members and close contacts will be able to return to usual activity immediately.
- **Those who have been self-isolating should home-LFD test or test at a Community LFT Centre on the day after isolation (day 11).** This will ensure that children are not carrying the virus without symptoms on the day they are to return to school. We recommend you book your tests in advance.
- **Families are invited to get on board with the national programme for testing of families with primary school and secondary school children to help tackle community transmission without symptoms.** Please take this opportunity to order home Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) which are plastic cartridge home test kits, they can be used twice a week (3-5 days apart) and reordered weekly. These can be collected locally (main collection sites are PCR walk in centres from 1-8pm daily), you can find your nearest collection site here: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>, and further collection slots will be brought in. If the walk-in centres are not close to you, you can have these delivered to your home by royal mail, usually within 24hrs. These can be found from this website. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

We all want hugs back, but no one wants COVID levels back up: [official government guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/official-government-guidance)

