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Dear Parent/Carer,

What a busy year it has been! The children have, as always, been magnificent and it is a privilege to see how much progress they have made since September. They have been fully engaged in their learning and have enjoyed a whole range of experiences. We have had our Arts Festival, trips, visitors, sports events, both here and at other local schools, the pantomime and a whole range of class trips including:

Reception trips to Imagine That! and Blackpool Zoo

Year 1 trip to Blackpool Zoo, a local walk and a multi-sports event

Year 2 Geography trip to Manchester Airport, a minibeast hunt at church and a cricket festival

Year 3 History trip to Manchester Museum, a multi-sports event at Acre Hall, a local walk to look at land use and an author visit

Year 4 trip to Manchester Art Gallery, swimming lessons, Trafford Singing Festival at Sale Waterside, and an athletics tournament at Flixton Girls' School

Year 5 Geography trip to Salford Quays, a rocket workshop at Urmston Grammar and a visit from a Viking!

Year 6 History trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters, Manchester Cathedral, Crucial Crew, a heart dissection at Urmston Grammar and of course – their amazing Residential in Elterwater.

The children have shown us all year that they know how to learn and live without limits. Here is a flavour of their thoughts about this school year.

Reception

Archie	We had a pyjama party. We got to bring our pyjamas and our teddies. We had a pyjama party for our dojo prize when we got to 2000 dojos.
Emme	We have been learning about pirates! We were choosing our favourite colours and animals to find out our pirate name!
Maisy	We went on the school picnic and we had brought our own lunchboxes. We watched the tug of war. We played some games.
Harrison	We had a school fair. We played hook a duck and went on the bouncy castle.
Ella	There was an enormous slip and slide. We got to crawl on our bellies under a big, giant net.
Mrs Allen and Mrs Thirsk	What a wonderful final term we have had together in Reception. Reception knocked our socks off with their Family Worship, we were incredibly proud of them. We know they will continue to be rockstars in Year 1! Well done Reception on a super final term in Reception!

Year 1

Izzy	I enjoyed our trip to Blackpool Zoo, I laughed at the silly penguins! In science we learnt about materials and I was able to do an experiment at our Fabulous Finish!
Iqra	I had so much fun at the slip and slide, I loved going over the tall mountain! My favourite book in English was 'The Man on the Moon'.
Noah	We did a fun experiment in science, where we tried to find the best material to make the Gruffalo an umbrella. The foil was the best material. I have enjoyed the school trips we have been on.

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Louie	I have enjoyed learning how to tell the time in maths. I had a really good time at sports day, my favourite race was the egg and spoon.
Albert	Space was my favourite thing we learnt about in Year One. I know that Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin went to the moon! I liked trying to trick my mummy in our fabulous finish quiz.
Miss Parkar and Mrs Taylor	<p>WOWZA! What a fabulous and unforgettable year we have all had together. I am bursting with pride because you have all made such wonderful progress both with your work and with your confidence. My favourite moments have been watching you all being superstars in our Family Worships and Fabulous Finishes...you rockstars!</p> <p>Mrs Taylor's favourite memory from this year was visiting Blackpool Zoo. She remembers the lion trying to eat all of Year One through the glass! She has loved getting to know each and every one of you all and watching you grow!</p> <p>Have a wonderful and safe summer holiday, we know you will knock Mrs McAllister's socks off next year.</p>

Year 2

Disha	I have really enjoyed doing our family worship and teaching everybody about how Jesus was a friend to everyone.
Freya	I have really enjoyed our handwriting lessons.
Jacob	I enjoyed learning about Pentecost in our R.E. lessons.
Skye	I really liked writing poems in English.
Thea	I have enjoyed learning to tell the time in our maths lessons.
Mrs McAllister and Mrs Westlake	<p>What a year we have had! Year Two have been absolutely awesome this year and we have made so many happy memories. One of our highlights was definitely all of the fun we have had recently at the slip and slide. We have loved seeing the children grow and learn this year and they showed so much enthusiasm on our minibeast hunt. It has been a fantastic year and we will miss them all next year! They have been a pleasure to teach.</p>

Year 3

Lara	I have enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt because it is very interesting. I liked learning all about mummification.
Lana	I have enjoyed learning about Hinduism in R.E. because I didn't know anything about this religion before. I liked finding out about the different gods and why people worship them.
James	I have enjoyed reading Secrets of a Sun King in our English lessons because it was all about Ancient Egypt and I have liked learning about Ancient Egypt. I liked the part of the story where the characters discovered Tutankhamun's friends were buried with him.
Flo	I have enjoyed science because we have done lots of investigations. I enjoyed the investigation where we tested how water is transported through a flower. We used dye to show us how this works.
Aariz	I have enjoyed maths this year because I have enjoyed learning about shape. My first year at St. Mary's has been good because I have made new friends.
Mrs Randles and Mrs Phillips	<p>What a fun year we have had in Year 3. The children have all matured a great deal and they have embraced life in the juniors. They have enjoyed taking part in 'In Class Worships' and other important roles along the way. We are proud of you all and we know you are now more than ready for Year 4. Thank you for being amazing, team Y3! Have a wonderful summer break.</p>

Year 4

Elsie	I have liked learning about volcanoes in our geography lessons because we learnt the different parts of a volcano, which was really interesting. I have enjoyed reading The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe as our whole class reading book, and doing some English work based on the text. It was interesting learning about the Romans and showing our work at the Fabulous Finish, especially because I was on the Roman tile station.
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Tristan	This half term, I am really proud of the progress I have made with my swimming because at the start I was a little nervous and thought I wouldn't do very well, but I found courage in myself. I have really enjoyed reading our whole class reading book because I like the detail and potential of the story. In R.E. I have liked learning about all of the Gurus and finding that they all are kind and still helping Sikhs today.
Eva	I like that at the beginning of the year I didn't know any of my times tables, but now I know all of them. I have enjoyed our design and technology lessons because we made our own volcano and we had an Italian fiesta. I have really liked going to swimming because I do swimming out of school and I have now moved up to the next level.
Belle	I have enjoyed all of our design and technology lessons, where we made volcanoes and pizza. I am really proud that I have got better at my times tables and with my maths. It was also really fun when we went to the art museum because we got to do lots of art activities.
Oliver	I have really enjoyed science this half term because I have found our current topic really interesting. Over the year, I have enjoyed all of our Fabulous Finishes because I get to share my knowledge with the grown-ups. Overall, I have really liked my teacher because she has helped me a lot.
Miss Thwaite, Mrs Massey and Mrs Westlake	What a wonderful year we have had! The children have exceeded all expectations and have worked incredibly hard throughout all areas of the curriculum. I could not be more proud of the determination the children demonstrated when learning their times tables for the Multiplication Tables Check. They all did a magnificent job! Their determination didn't stop there. They have shown great perseverance with their swimming lessons and all made significant progress. All members of the Year Four class are kind and caring children, who are always willing to support their peers in everything that they do. Keep up the amazing work Year Four – you are all superstars!

Year 5

Chloe	I have enjoyed this term especially when we went to our Lady of the Rosary for the Slip and Slide and to Broadway Park for the whole school picnic. It was lots of fun playing with my friends.
Hollie	This term my favourite things have been reading, Year 5 Sports Day, the Slip and Slide at Our Lady of the Rosary and going to Broadway Park for a picnic.
Hugo	I have really enjoyed coding lessons in computing, it was great when we made our own games. I also enjoyed the Slip and Slide because it was so much fun when we all jumped into the water.
Mateen	This term I have enjoyed the maths lessons, especially the lessons on volume. I also enjoyed sketching mountains in art lessons.
Ryan	I have enjoyed maths lessons because they are fun. I also loved playing football in P.E. lessons.
Mrs Lee-Manford, Mrs Butler, Miss Chadwick, Mrs Wali and Miss Kemple	Year 5 have had a great year. They have all worked so hard and have achieved so much- we are very proud of them. In addition to working hard in the classroom this term, they have had fun taking part in the slip and slide, showed great resilience and teamwork skills at the athletics event and have also enjoyed taking part in sports day activities in P.E. Well done Year 5, we hope that you have a well-deserved rest over the summer holiday. Goodbye and good luck in Year 6!

Year 6

Mason and Nell	Throughout Year 6, we have made some great memories – it's been a fun year and we really don't want to leave, but we know we have to move on to a bigger challenge; high school! We know we will be fine because we've worked hard and we're ready. Our greatest memory from year 6 is the residential. Honestly, we loved being there every day with our class. Our favourite day was the water sports day – we just loved being out on the lake.
Benjamin and Stanley	Year 6 has been a rollercoaster of emotions. We stormed through SATs and all the other tests before that. In the middle of the year was the residential – this was the best! We finished Y6 with a historical adventure production. There was a trip to an air raid shelter in there somewhere too. It really has been an amazing year.
Joy and Valarie	Year 6 has been a bag full of adventures. It has flown past so fast, but has left us with memories that will last a lifetime. SATs weren't as challenging as we thought as Mrs Looker and Mrs Butler supported us through them. Residential was full of fun and adventures too. Year 6 has been amazing.

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Kayleigh and Holly	Throughout our time in Y6, we have had an amazing time trying different activities in different ways, whether that's been in the classroom doing maths, in the hall doing SATs or on residential zip-lining off a cliff. This year has been one of our favourite years.
Sofiel and Jamie	Year 6 has been the most crazy year ever. Like other years, the work has been challenging, but we are used to that! The best part of Y6 was the residential, which was extravagant and fun. But all good things have to come to an end and Y6 will always be the most memorable year.
Mrs Looker, Mrs Butler and Mrs McVeigh	Wow Year 6, we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you. At the start of the year, you were apprehensive and uncertain, but you have taken every challenge we have thrown at you and worked your way through to success. We had the best time on residential and we have enjoyed the copious amounts of singing we've done over the year! Now go and learn and live without limits – you are ready for high school. Go and sparkle!

Goodbyes

Today we said an emotional farewell to Year 6 who have been magnificent throughout their time at St Mary's. They have been fantastic members of our school family and wonderful buddies to their Reception friends. They are a credit to their families and our school. We will miss them, but they are more than ready for their next adventure, and we wish them every happiness and success at their new schools. I hope they will come back to tell us how they are doing.

Miss Parkar joined us just over two years ago and has been a fabulous member of our team. We will miss her very much but I am sure you will want to join with me in wishing her the very best of luck for her new adventure in Dubai. I am sure she will come back and visit!

Breakfast and After School Club

Mrs O'Leary will be leading the Breakfast and After School Teams from September, providing consistent, fun, wraparound care for our children. If possible, please complete your booking forms (available from the school office or the school website) before the end of term so that we can arrange staffing, especially if you need the clubs in the first few days back. The cost of the sessions is as follows:-

Breakfast Club £6:50 per day

After School Club £10:50 per day

School Meals

The cost of providing school meals has increased and unfortunately, this means that we have to pass that cost on to our families. Therefore, the cost of school meals from September will be increasing to **£2.70** per day. All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free meal each day. If you are in receipt of benefits, it is worth checking whether your child is eligible for Pupil Premium support. This has a range of advantages including your child being eligible for free school meals and additional funding being brought into school which pays for your child's school trips, additional adult support and resources to support learning. Please contact the school office if you would like further information.

Being Headteacher of this wonderful school is a privilege for which I am grateful every day. Our staff team are amazing; never failing to provide the best of learning opportunities for our children. We have a fabulous school family and I would like to thank our parents/carers, Governors, PTA, volunteers and church family for their continued support for all we do. Our children are a joy to work with, and the constant effort, enthusiasm and excitement from everyone in our school family is fabulous to see. Thank you all for your continued support, and for helping to make our school such a very special place.

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you after the holidays, on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Daniel (Headteacher)

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