

# St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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"Mum I've kept you up all night!"  
We love Mary, and this is your month.  
Mother of God and our heavenly mother too.

## May

As we begin the month of May, we look forward to warmer days and seeing those 'bright May flowers' to cheer up the days. As Catholics we celebrate Mary: in school we will pray the rosary on Friday mornings and we will hold a procession to the church, crowning Mary's statue with flowers in her honour, as Queen of Heaven. In doing so we are guided once again to Jesus, her son. God made man. This morning we said the first Glorious mystery, 'the Resurrection': we prayed for all the children in our country who are getting ready for examinations and tests.

### Art and Perception

Our current hall displays celebrate the work of a variety of artists from Jackson Pollock to Vincent Van Gogh.

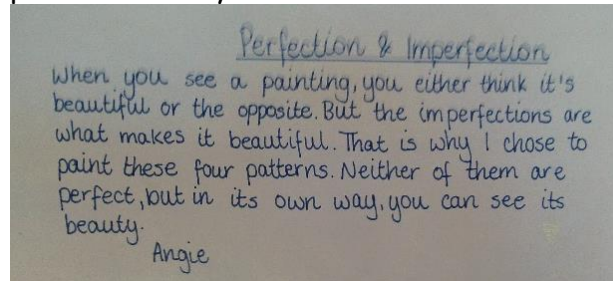
They provide a wonderful display of colour and are a real contrast to the black

& white 'Stations of the Cross' displayed before Easter.



Patchwork Quilts from the 'Underground Railway' - 19<sup>th</sup> Century art from the USA, associated with escape routes used by slaves. Year 6.

Along with practising the various techniques relating to the artist, the pupils spent time reflecting and studying the different layers of meaning that can be found in the pictures and styles.



### SCHOOL CLOSURE DATE

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June - staff training.  
Monday after the Half Term Week.

### Some reminders about uniform.

This week's reminder - don't forget your PE kit!

The ties were much better this week, well done! Remember that uniform items are available for sale after school on Wednesdays.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday,  
school closed

Thursday 10 May - Mass in school  
for Ascension

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May - SATs week,  
national tests for Year 6

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May - May Procession  
and Mass in church (10am)

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> May - May Ball Year 1 & 2

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May - Bikeability training  
week Y5 & 6

### Pupils of Achievement

The Academic Achievement this week is Art and the Personal Attribute is 'Being Perceptive', seeing different layers of meaning.

The children were as follows:

Year 1: Thomas, Ashley & Gift

Year 2: Sebastian, Rebecca & Sean

Year 3: Will, Leona & Ethan

Year 4: Emmanuel, Ella & Rachel

Year 5: Marcus, Sally-Ann, Ugochi & Ogo

Year 6: Angie, Esther & Christana

**Well Done Everyone**