



# Saint Mary's RC Primary Academy

## Weekly Newsletter



Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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### Advent Term 1 - Diary Dates

**Welcome Back!**  
**2024/2025**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Yea 6 11+ Tuition Club

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Years 1 to 6 - Mass in Church

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

11+ Test – Verbal Reasoning

Shining Lights Assembly 2.45pm – Parents Welcome

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

After School Clubs Start

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Year 6 11+ Tuition Club

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

11+ Test – Non- Verbal Reasoning

Shining Lights Assembly 2.45pm – Parents Welcome

Mission Statement – Parent View Due

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Writes Photographers - School Photos

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Shining Lights Assembly 8.50am – Parents Welcome

#### Saint Mary's Mission Statement

We have had a great week so far launching our new Mission Statement. The pupils wanted something shorter, easier to remember, and reflective of our school's identity. Our pupils dedicated time to discussing this statement, emphasizing what makes our school unique and special. They wanted something that reflects our unity in faith and the individuality of each pupil as a cherished member of our school family.

Please keep an eye out for a letter to be sent shortly to inform parents with a link to a form as we would love to have some feedback from you regarding our new Mission Statement.

**SEND at Saint Mary's**  
Scan the QR code for  
information to support  
parents and carers.



#### Safeguarding

St Mary's RC Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all pupils. Each child's welfare is of up most importance. **Safeguarding is everyone's business.** If you have any safeguarding concerns, St Mary's RC Primary Academy Designated Safeguarding Lead is **Mrs L Gleed-Thornley (Headteacher)**. Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are **Mrs Williams (Deputy Headteacher)**, **Mrs Brader (SENCo/KS1 Leader)**, **Mrs Kelleher (KS2 leader)** and **Miss Spikings (Office Manager)**. Our Safeguarding Governor is **Ms M Lewis**. Further Safeguarding information can be found on our school website under the 'Welcome' tab.

Parent information on supporting their children going back to school.

[Parents supporting children going back to school](#)

#### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you had a joyful summer break. We are delighted to welcome new families to our wonderful school, as well as seeing the familiar faces. The children are full of enthusiasm for their new topics and have eagerly approached their learning!

#### PE Lessons This Academic Year

	PE Lesson	PE Lesson
<b>Tuesday</b>	EYFS	Year 1
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 6	Extra PE Lesson
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 2	Year 3
<b>Friday</b>	Year 4	Year 5

#### Year 4 Extra PE Lesson – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Year 4 have an extra PE lessons this week – please send them to school in their PE kit.

#### Mass in Church – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Please send your child to school in their full Saint Mary's uniform and ensure they bring a jacket/coat. For those scheduled to have their PE lesson – please send their kit into school to get changed into.

#### After School Clubs

Please monitor your emails for a link to sign your child up to after school clubs. They will start next week. Please assume your child has a place at the club you sign them up for, unless you receive information from the office about a club splitting over the two terms.

#### Attendance w/c 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

National Average and Above

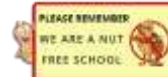
Below National Average

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
93.8%	96.2%	92.7%	90.3%	98.8%	95.8%	94.4%	94.7%

Our attendance target is 97.5 %

Well done to Year 4 who had the highest attendance with 98.8%.

*“United in Christ, One Family in God's Heart”*



## **Class News**

### **EYFS**

Welcome to EYFS! We have loved welcoming the children to their first year at school this past week; we have all settled into our new classroom brilliantly. The children have had a fantastic first week back at school. We've introduced ourselves to each other and have said something that we are most excited for the year. We started the school year by reading 'Elmer' discussing how we can embrace our differences, Elmer learns that his friends love him for his uniqueness. In RE we have begun our topic of 'Myself', discussing why we are precious.

### **Year 1**

Welcome to Year 1! We have had a fantastic first few days back and we've already begun settling into our new classroom and learning our new classroom routines. In maths we continue to recap our maths learning from EYFS and practice our number bonds to 10. In English we will explore our class story 'Where the Wild Things are' by acting out the story, sequencing the story and creating actions for our story map. In RE we will continue our topic 'Families' by discussing ways that God looks after us. In PSHE we will conduct an experiment to investigate the importance of using soap and in geography we will create our own maps of school.

### **Year 2**

Welcome to your final year of KS1 education! Last week we learnt all about new beginnings in RE which is very apt for the children (and me a new member of staff at Saint Marys!). In English we have been looking at story maps which is in the home learning this week to create a story map about something exciting you did over the summer holidays! We will be looking at improving our stories with good grammar and interesting adjectives. In maths we are consolidating number facts from Year 1 and building on this with accessing place value of numbers within 50. We will build on our musical knowledge of pitch in voice from last week to play along to a song using an instrument. In RE we are understanding more about prayer. This year our class PE day will be every Thursday.

### **Year 3**

Welcome back Year 3 and it is fantastic to have you all back in my class. In English we are starting to create story maps for our class texts about an alien invasion. We will be looking at using more interesting adjectives and descriptive language. In maths we are going to be learning about place value and how to partition numbers over 100. In RE we are starting our topic on 'Homes'. In this topic we will be writing about rules we think are important at home and giving reasons as to what God did to show us it was important. In geography we are going to be using an atlas to find different countries and facts about the places.

### **Year 4**

Welcome to Year 4! We have had a wonderful first week back and have settled into our new classroom brilliantly. This week in English, we will be beginning our unit about stories from another culture. We will be focusing on the text 'Gregory Cool' and identifying key themes within it. In maths we will be representing and partitioning numbers up to 1000 in different ways. In RE we will be exploring the difference between the Old and New Testament as well as retelling the story of Abraham and giving reasons for his actions. In geography we will begin to look at plotting on a map and in science we will be exploring the differences between herbivore, omnivore and carnivore teeth.

### **Year 5**

Welcome to Year 5! We have had an excellent start to the school year and settled into our new classroom well. This week we've written our class charter, where our rights and responsibilities were written and agreed upon by the whole class. We've started our Geography topic "Investigating our World" where the children did a fantastic job of finding local landmarks on ordinance survey maps. The whole class made a very energetic start to speaking French, where they learn how to say numbers 1 to 10 and say "hello". Our English work this term will focus on science fiction, using the planet Pandora, from Avatar, as our stage to write stories, letters, reports and poetry. Maths will start off looking at numbers and place value and RE has started by exploring the idea of "Who am I" and how our ideas link and can be guided by scripture.

### **Year 6**

As a class, we have excitedly discussed how pleased we are with the way in which our school year has started. I trust pupils have shared this excitement with you at home. You have every reason to be proud of your child(ren). This week we will be completing our baseline tests for Maths and Grammar. In English we will begin our unit on writing a Science-Fiction narrative. Maths will include revision of place value and numbers up to 10 million. In RE we will be exploring and discussing God's unconditional love and how this has a positive effect on our lives and beliefs. Our Geography unit will begin with identifying and describing the features of the Earth. In Science we will be introducing our topic on Evolution and Inheritance by discussing fossils.

### **Wrap Around Care**

Parents and Carers will have an email explaining the new booking system for Wrap Around Care. If you need child care before or after school please scan the QR code below!

After School



Breakfast Club



### **Education Sunday**

Education Sunday is a key event in the Catholic calendar and it took place on 8th September. It is a special day because it reminds everybody of the importance of our Catholic schools and provides a wonderful opportunity at the start of the new academic year to celebrate all of the wonderful staff and pupils at Saint Mary's who make our school such a special place. On Monday, we celebrated Education Sunday together with a special Celebration of the Word that our Chaplaincy team led for the whole school.