



Saint Mary's RC Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter



Monday 23rd September 2024

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Advent Term 1 - Diary Dates

Monday 16th September 2024

After School Clubs Start

Wednesday 18th September 2024

Year 6 11+ Tuition Club

Friday 27th September 2024

Shining Lights Assembly 8.50am – Parents Welcome

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – 2.30pm All Welcome!

Tuesday 24th September 2024

Wrates Photographers - School Photos

Thursday 26th September 2024

Y5 Boston Grammar School Open Evening 5pm - 7.30pm

Y5 Boston High School Open Evening 5pm – 7pm

Friday 27th September 2024

Shining Lights Assembly 8.50am – Parents Welcome

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm – All Welcome

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Years 4 to 6 Giles Academy Open Evening 5.30pm – 8pm

Saturday 5th October 2024

First Holy Communion Meeting – Parish Hall at 1.45pm

Friday 18th October 2024

Shining Lights Assembly 8.50am – Parents Welcome

Last Day of Term



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 J Williams (Deputy Headteacher)**, **Mrs K Cox (SENCo)**, and **Miss L 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](#)

PE Lessons This Academic Year

	PE Lesson	PE Lesson
Tuesday	EYFS	Year 1
Wednesday	Year 6	Extra PE Lesson
Thursday	Year 2	Year 3
Friday	Year 4	Year 5

This week only – Year 5 have PE on Wednesday 25th and Year 6 have PE on Friday 27th September 2024. Please send your child to school in their PE kit on these days.

Year 2 Extra PE Lesson – Wednesday 25th September 2024

Year 2 have an extra PE lessons this week – please send them to school in their PE kit.

Wrates Photographs – Tuesday 24th September 2024

All pupils will have their photo taken in the morning. Please send your child to school in their full Saint Mary's uniform and ensure they bring their PE kit to get changed into if they have afterschool club or PE.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Come and enjoy coffee and cake at Saint Mary's!

Everyone Welcome

Friday 27th September 2024 at 2.30pm

Don't forget to bring cash!

Parents/Carers who attend can collect their children after the event.

Attendance w/c 16th September 2024

National Average and Above

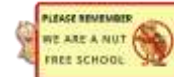
Below National Average

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
86.9%	95.4%	90.4%	98.2%	95.7%	94.4%	96.7%	94.5%

Our attendance target is 97.5 %

Well done to Year 3 who had the highest attendance with 98.2%.

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



After School Clubs

Please see your email for a link to sign your child up to after school clubs. 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.

Updating the School Office

Please ensure you update the School Office with any changes in your child's circumstances, for example; Dietary Requirements – Living Address – Medical and Allergy updates.

First Holy Communion

There will be an introductory meeting at 1.45pm on Saturday 5th October 2024 in the Parish Hall with Fr Dominic. This meeting is for parents/carers of children in Year 4 and above.

NHS Is my child too ill for school?

Coughs and Colds

'It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.'

For more information and guidance click the NHS link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk - Is my child too ill for school?>



Word of the Week
UNDERSTANDING

UNDERSTANDING IS THE ABILITY TO COMPREHEND AND INTERPRET INFORMATION. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, FOR EMPATHISING WITH OTHERS AND FOR MAKING GOOD DECISIONS.

IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH, WE ARE CALLED TO BE UNDERSTANDING OF OTHERS AND TO BE COMPASSIONATE TOWARDS THEM, EVEN WHEN WE DISAGREE WITH THEM.

FIND TIME TO TALK TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW VERY WELL THIS WEEK SO THAT YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THEM BETTER.

SUNDAY GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37

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



Hot Lunches – Ideal Meals

Frequently pupils are wasting their food due to disliking what they have ordered. Where possible please sit with your child when ordering their food.

Class News

EYFS

In EYFS this week we will begin to explore the well-loved children's book 'The Gruffalo'. This week in particular we will be focusing on intruding the text and ensuring all children are familiar with the Book. In maths our focus will be on subitising numbers 1 and 2. In RE we will be continuing our topic of ourselves where we will discuss that God knows and loves us.

Year 1

In English this week we will be creating our own Wild Things before writing our own versions of Where the Wild Things Are. In maths we will be comparing numbers to 20 and finding one more and one less than a number. In RE we will learn about Jesus' family and write prayers about God's love for us. In geography we will create maps of our classroom and use these to practice our positional language. In art we will create collages of a face and in PSHE we will talk about how physical activity keeps us healthy.

Year 2

Year two have been enjoying writing about our class book 'on the way home' by Jill Murphy. We are using the text to help us describe interesting features about settings and characters. We are using knowledge from year one to identify where the verbs nouns and adjectives belong within a sentence. In maths as we finish off flexible participation within 100, we will be moving onto comparing objects and numbers based on their place value. In geography we will continue our work on maps whilst in science we will be looking at the features of a bird. In RE we will wonder about how we can come close to God in prayer.

Year 3

This week in Year 3 we are going to innovate our class story 'When Pink Met Blue'. We will be changing the thing that pink wants to go and see and some of the description that was used. In maths we are continuing our learning based around place value where we will be representing numbers in numerals and words as well as flexibly partitioning numbers so they are not just in hundreds tens and ones. In our RE learning we will be making links relating to one of the letters from St Paul. In geography this week we are learning about human and physical features within the UK.

Year 4

This week in English we will be beginning to write our own cultural narrative based in the Caribbean. In maths we will be exploring number lines to 10,000 as well as comparing and ordering numbers. In R.E we will be describing how we can live our lives using chapter 3 from the Book of Proverbs and creating illustrations to show what we have learned about Joseph this topic. In science we will be identifying different types of teeth and their functions and in art we will be mixing watercolours to match the colour wheel.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we are learning about ordering and comparing numbers to 1,000,000 before moving onto using the column method to add whole numbers. In English we are writing a science fiction narrative, thinking carefully about key features to include. In RE we are coming to the end of our first RE topic, so this week we will be discussing 'God is the gift giver', linking this to religious sources and to how Christians live their lives. Whilst in Science we are enjoying our learning all about investigating the effects of air resistance. Don't forget PE will be on Wednesday this week, so make sure you come to school in your PE kit on Wednesday.

Year 6

In English we will be continuing our Science Fiction writing - describing how ChimpX resolves his tricky situation. We will then be planning our own Sci Fiction narrative based on The Planet of the Apes. In Maths we will be revising subtraction and addition, solving word problems and then finding common factors. We will be introducing our new RE topic What is commitment in life? In Geography we will be using latitude and longitude lines. PSHE and Computing we will be discussing the effects of a range of drugs and how to stay safe online.



Well done to all the children who received their Shining Lights Awards on Friday 20th July 2024

Year 1	Amayah-Rose has been chosen as Shining Light this week for her fantastic character description of a Wild Thing in English. She used lots of adjectives and put capital letters and fingers spaces in all the correct places. She also impressed Miss Rose in science when we were naming different materials when Amayah-Rose asked if she could not only name the material but describe how it feels too! Well done Amayah-Rose!	Loui has been chosen as Shining Light this week for impressing us with his concentration and effort in maths lessons in particular. Loui puts his hand up to share his answers on the carpet and demonstrated fantastic knowledge of his number bonds to 10, as well as great teamwork and good sharing to match up the number bonds with a partner. He is always kind and caring towards the other members of the class too. Well done Loui!
Year 2	Sharon has been chosen for shining light this week for her amazing maths work. I can always expect to use Sharon's work as an example to the rest of the class not only for neat presentation but also accuracy. She gets upset when it's time for lunch as she would like to stay and do more maths! Excellent attitude Sharon. Congratulations on your award.	Niall has been chosen for shining light because he always puts 100% into his work, demonstrates school values and does it with a lovely kind attitude to those around him. He is great friends with everyone in the class and for good reason. Everyone needs a Niall around them! We are lucky to have you in our class.
Year 3	Avanthika has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for working extremely hard with your learning since coming back to Year 3. You have created some incredible artwork in art lessons where you have used a colour wheel to mix a variety of colours. Also the piece of art work you did for our retreat day and you were able to create a sunset with a beautiful horizon.	Sophie has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for showing a really positive attitude towards your learning. You are joining in well with class discussions and have really put the effort into your maths and writing. It has been fantastic to see you take such an interest in your learning since joining Year 3.
Year 4	Noah - You have been chosen for this week's Shining Light by your classmates. They have chosen you because you have a good sense of humour, show kindness to others and put a lot of effort into your learning. Everyone that has chosen you said that you are caring and a good friend too. Well done, Noah!	Zahra - You have been chosen for this week's Shining Light by the adults in Year 4. You have been chosen because you have shown a very positive attitude towards your learning. You always try your best and have shown a growth mindset by having a go at things even when you are unsure. Keep it up Zahra, well done!
Year 5	Godfrey - You have been chosen as this week's Shining Light for your superb effort! You have impressed the adults in Year 5 with your contributions during lessons, your brilliant descriptive writing in English and also your resilience and listening skills when working as part of a group during our PE lesson. Well done Godfrey!	Zuzanna - You have been chosen as this week's Shining Light by the other children in Year 5. When voting, the class said that you are exceptionally kind, caring, funny, friendly and that you always show our virtue respect and that you always make others laugh! Well done Zuzanna!
Year 6	Mila - You have been chosen as this week's Shining Light by your classmates showing kindness and cheering others up. One pupil commented that they were upset this week because they had lost something and you gave encouragement and comforted them like 'A Good Shepherd.' This is truly living out our Gospel Values.	Star - You have been chosen as this week's Shining Light by your teachers for your excellent use of vocabulary in all your subjects – particularly in your RE when writing a letter of reply to St Paul.