



Saint Mary's RC Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter



Monday 30th September 2024

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Advent Term 1 - Diary Dates

Monday 30th September 2024

Year 6 Swimming Lesson

Tuesday 1st October 2024

Anaphylaxis Awareness Week

Thursday 3rd October 2024

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

Friday 4th October 2024

Shining Lights Assembly 8.50am – Parents Welcome

Saturday 5th October 2024

First Holy Communion Meeting – Parish Hall at 1.45pm

Monday 7th October 2024

Year 6 Swimming Lesson

Tuesday 8th October 2024

Whole School Mass in Church

Friday 11th October 2024

Shining Lights Assembly 8.50am – Parents Welcome

Monday 14th October 2024

Year 6 Swimming Lesson

Tuesday 15th October 2024

Look out for letters with more information on the Harvest Festival and School Disco!

Thursday 17th October 2024

Coffee Morning at 9am – Parents Welcome

Friday 18th October 2024

Shining Lights Assembly 8.50am – Parents Welcome

Last Day of Term

Tuesday 29th October 2024

Back to School!

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 K Cox (SENDCo)** and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are; **Mrs L Gleed-Thornley (Headteacher)**, **Mrs Williams (Deputy Headteacher)**, **Mrs Brader (on Maternity Leave)**, 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.

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

EYFS Extra PE Lesson – Wednesday 2nd October 2024

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

KS2 Film Club

From Tuesday 8th October 2024 Film club will merge with Crafts Club. There will be no KS2 Film Club on a Wednesday.

Anaphylaxis Awareness Week

From Tuesday 1st October to Monday 7th October is Anaphylaxis week, classes have spent time on activities to increase awareness.

We are a Nut Free School - We have children in school with severe nut allergies. We ask that you ensure any products containing nuts do not come into school; these items include; any Kinder products, Chocolate Spread (such as Nutella), Peanut Butter etc. Binging these items into school can cause severe allergic reactions which can have significant affect on our children with these allergies.

Saint Mary's Open Day – Thursday 21st November 2024

Our Open day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm.

Attendance w/c 23rd September 2024

National Average and Above

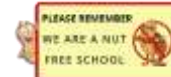
Below National Average

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
91.3%	89.2%	96%	95.5%	96.4%	96.8%	95.7%	94.7%

Our attendance target is 97.5 %

Well done to Year 5 who had the highest attendance with 96.8%.

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





We have School Places!

Do you know anyone who needs a school place? Tell them about Saint Mary's!

Please call the school office for more information or apply Via Lincolnshire Admissions.

We have spaces in:

EYFS

Year 1

Year 2

Class News

EYFS

In EYFS this week we will continue to explore the well-loved children's book 'The Gruffalo'. This week we have been exploring the different characters and sequencing who the mouse meets first, the children have loved discussing the book in provision and have been using the key word wall to embed their knowledge of the book. In maths our focus is on counting using nursery rhymes. In RE we will be beginning a new topic of 'Welcome' where we will explore how we feel welcomed and how we can welcome others.

Year 1

This week in English we will explore the features of letters as we receive a letter from the Wild Things! In maths we will be comparing numbers to 20 and practicing reading and writing numbers to 20 in words, not just numerals. In RE we begin our new topic 'Belonging' by sharing the groups that we belong to and discussing ways we belong to Jesus' family. In geography we will name the seven continents and locate these on a map and in art we will sketch and paint a portrait of one of our classmates.

Year 2

This week in year 2 we will be building on our knowledge of story maps from 'on the way home' to start innovating our own stories and story maps. In maths we are coming to the end of our place value topic and consolidating our 2, 5, 3 and 10 times tables. In RE we will learn more about being a child of God and what that means to us. In geography and science, we will learn about the features of a bird and conduct some data collection on breeds of birds we can see around school (if we can keep quiet enough!). In PSHE we will learn about substances we can and cannot consume.

Year 3

This week in Year 3 we are going to be writing our own stories based on aliens in English. We will be using what we have learned throughout our fantasy story and we will use the structure of the story to help us. In our maths learning this week we will be continuing to learn about place value where we will be ordering numbers and counting in 50's. If they know their 5 times table this will help them. In RE we are starting our new topic on promises where we will be thinking and describing the different promises and rules that we have to follow. In science we are going to be learning more about nutrition and the 5 food groups.

Year 4

This week in English we will be moving onto our letters topic by exploring the features and the difference between formal and informal language before planning our own informal letter. In maths we will be comparing and ordering numbers to 10,000 and rounding numbers to the nearest 10. We begin our new topic 'Called' in R.E by comparing different ways we have been chosen. In science we will be investigating the different layers of teeth and we will be looking at six-figure grid references in geography.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we are creating our own non-chronological reports whilst in Maths we have been continuing our learning with formal written methods. We are enjoying our learning in French, we can now have short conversations asking how are you. In RE we have started our new topic of Life choices where we have explored our big question to discuss Is Commitment important? We are looking forward to our investigation in Science where we will make some predictions before carrying it out fairly.

Year 6

In English this week we will be writing the next chapter in ChimpX's adventure in which he has landed back on planet Earth and will be exploring its changes. We will be revising multiples and factors and then calculating using the formal multiplication method. Our new RE topic will be exploring commitment and how Christians are 'called' to follow God. In Geography pupils will be understand scales on a map. Finally, in Science we will be investigating how animals have adapted over time to survive in their surroundings.

Uniform Rack and Lost Items

The school Uniform rack is back! Please feel free to help yourself to anything you may need.

A lot of uniform is going missing in school – staff do their best to ensure lost items are found, to support this we ask parents/carers to make sure all items are clearly named. If your child brings any uniform home that does not belong to them please return it to school.

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



NHS Is my child too ill for school?

Chickenpox

'If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.'

For more information and guidance click the NHS link below.

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

Discovery Sports – October Half Term Active Camps

We are pleased to announce that during the October holidays, Discovery Sports Coaching will be delivering Active Camps in your area. These camps will be hosted at Tower Road Academy on Monday 21st October 2024 to Thursday the 25th October 2024.

- Camps run from 8:45am to 3:30pm at a cost of £21.00 per child per day, with a 10% discount available for siblings.
- To book a place for your child please visit - [Activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity](https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity)
- If you would like to try the Active Camp for free for one day, you may book onto the Open Day. The link is: Active Camp Open Day - bookpebble.co.uk/Active Camp Open Day

Lost Property

We have had 2 pairs of glasses handed into the school office. If you have lost your glasses please visit the School Office.

Vacancies at Saint Mary's!

Midday Supervisor - St. Mary's, Boston

School: Boston St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Category: Midday Supervision

Location: Boston

Job Type: Permanent/Part Time

Closing Date: Mon, Oct 14, 2024



Class Teacher - St Mary's Boston

School: Boston St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Category: Teaching (Primary)

Location: Boston

Job Type: Permanent/Full Time

Closing Date: Mon, Nov 11, 2024



Saint Mary's Governing Body

Saint Mary's Governing Body are recruiting for Foundation Governors to join the body of Governors who support the school.

A Foundation Governor must be a practising Catholic. If you are interested or know someone who is please speak with the School Office. If you would like to have more information please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Well done to all the children who received their Shining Lights Awards on Friday 27th September 2024

Year 1	Anna S has been chosen as Shining Light this week for her fantastic description of a Wild Thing in English. Anna used a wide range of exciting adjectives to describe the Wild Thing and presented her work fantastically, remembering to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces correctly. Well done Anna!	Zayyan has been chosen as Shining Light this week for his fantastic effort in maths. Zayyan has been able to confidently use cubes to find one more and one less than a number and it has been lovely to see him confidently sharing his ideas with the rest of the class on the carpet. Well done Zayyan!
Year 2	Alex has shown a real interest in his learning in the past few weeks after recovering from the long summer break! His presentation and handwriting is improving every lesson. He always encourages others to work hard and do the right thing. Alex also puts his hand up regularly on the carpet to answer questions, keep going, Alex!	Faith has been chosen for shining light this week for always applying herself in every lesson. Particularly in RE about starting the day with a prayer. Faith wrote a beautiful prayer about how she notices the seasons changing and each day going by very fast and at the end of it all thanking God for all the days in her wonderful life.
Year 3	Paris chosen as this week's Shining Light for showing a really positive attitude towards our new starter in Year 3. You were very caring and considerate and were able to be a good friend. You showed the Gospel Values and made them feel welcome into the school. We are very proud of you.	Tyler has been chosen as this week's Shining Light for working extremely hard with your English learning this week. You joined in well with group discussions and were able to think of some great descriptions of space. Your adjectives were brilliant! You have worked hard with your presentation and are remembering finger spaces more consistently too!
Year 4	Barbara - You have been chosen for this week's Shining Light by the adults in Year 4. You have been chosen because you really impressed us with your setting description in English. You included some figurative language that created some fantastic imagery for the reader. You have also been incredibly helpful this week and always have a smile on your face. Well done, Barbara!	Isabelle - You have been chosen for this week's Shining Light by your classmates. They have chosen you because you are a kind, helpful and generous friend who encourages others to join your games. Your classmates have commented that you try your best in every lesson and always show our virtue of respect to others. Well done, Isabelle!
Year 5	Aimee - Your class mates have voted for you as shining lights this week Aimee. They have said you are always kind and caring towards them. They think you have a fun personality and make them laugh and you will always help them if they need it. You are a good friend Aimee, well done and keep shining.	William - The adults in the class have chosen you as this week's shining lights because of your great improved attitude to maths learning. You have been enthusiastic and excited to learn new topic and information. You have shown perseverance and this has been noticeable in your work and it is great to see how happy you are with yourself when you get the work correct. Keep up the great work William and well done.
Year 6	Joan - You have been chosen as this week's Shining Light by your classmates for your caring manner and that you always treat others with respect. Your classmates are very pleased you are a part of their group because you are a devoted friend.	Wojciech - You have been chosen as this week's Shining Light by your teachers for the effort you put into your learning. We have been impressed with your creative ideas in writing and your contributions to class discussions. You display a positive attitude towards all your learning. Keep up the great effort!