



Archdiocese of Birmingham  
**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY  
 SCHOOL**

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St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

## July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Our theme for the Summer term is: 'Stewardship'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Attentive and Discerning'



Dear parents and carers,

1st July 2022

This week, our learning about St. Peter and St. Paul has taught us about the similarities we have with the Saints and our vocation to all become Saints. Our Year 5 children were wonderful in their representation of the school at the drone competition and came third out of 11 schools. We're very proud. We have a busy few weeks left in school. Please remember that school is shut for pupils on Tuesday 5th July for our staff INSET day and on Wednesday 6th July, the children will meet their new teachers on our transition day. I will include the class lists and names of the teachers in next week's newsletter. Also, please remember that our school day begins at 8:30am and register is taken as soon as the gate closes at 8:45am - any children arriving at school after 8:45am will be given a late mark and this is recorded against attendance. You will receive your child's attendance report alongside their school report at the end of next week. I hope to see some of you at the Parish Fayre on Sunday.

Miss Price

### *This week's Gospel and Prayer*

Matthew 16: 13-19

*"You are Peter and, on this rock, I will build my Church."*

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Rome is a major site of Christian pilgrimage and the centre of our Catholic faith.
- St Peter and St Paul were the fathers of the Church, and they still guide and inspire the Church today.
- We can all learn from and follow in the footsteps of the saints who have gone before us.

Dear God,

You have inspired the lives of many great saints who still help and guide us today. Thank you for the example they have given us. Help us to be inspired by their lives and their great love for you. We pray for Pope Francis and all the leaders of your Church. Help them to continue to guide and lead us to you.

Amen

### Catholic Life in School

#### Whole school Mass - SS. Peter and Paul

On Wednesday, the whole school came together for our Mass dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul. We strive to be like the Saints whilst knowing that they were not perfect, and made mistakes.



Year 3 Mass in Church - 7.7.22 at 9:15am  
 - Holy Communion Celebration

Our next Mass in Church will be on **Thursday** 7th July 2022, starting promptly at 9:15am. **Year 3 children** will be leading our Mass and Year 4 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.



### Drone Challenge

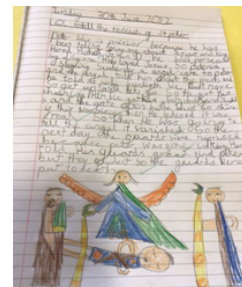
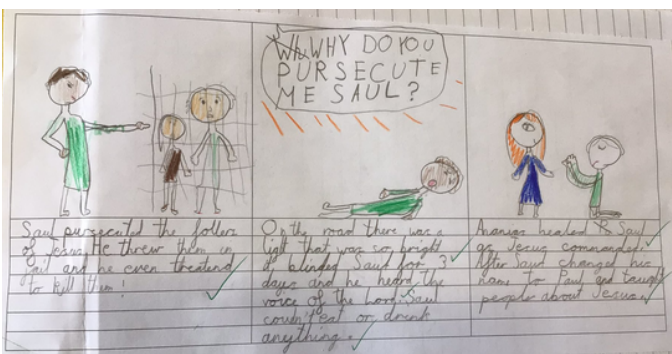
The children enjoyed their Computing celebration event at Bishop Challoner on Monday. They represented St. Mary's beautifully, showcasing their teamwork, communication and skills. They achieved third place! We're thrilled!

They were very excited to show off their trophy! Well done.



### SS. Peter and Paul

We have learnt so much about Saint Peter and Saint Paul this week.



### Reception Assembly

Our Reception children were wonderful in their assembly this morning. Well done children and thank you to the teachers for all your hard work and the support of parents.

### Reception news: -

Reception class worked well together to build an amazing pirate ship – they have been writing poetry and reading stories and having a wonderful time.



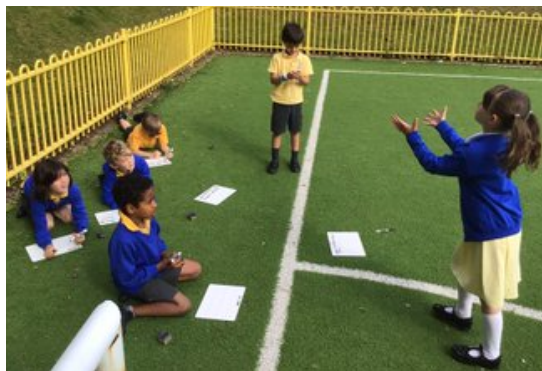
### Year 1 news: -

In DT, Year 1 explored sliders and movement in picture books. The children then made a moving picture scene to represent the rubbish and pollution in our oceans.



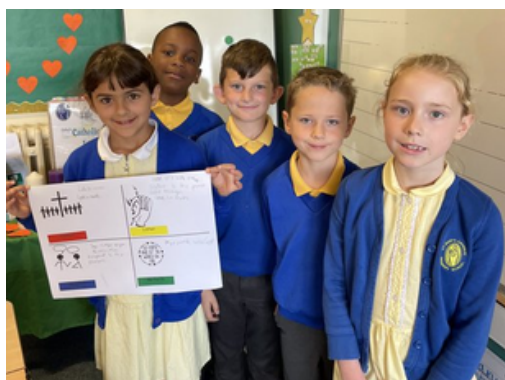
### Year 2 news: -

Year 2 enjoyed their maths lessons outdoors, creating tally charts.



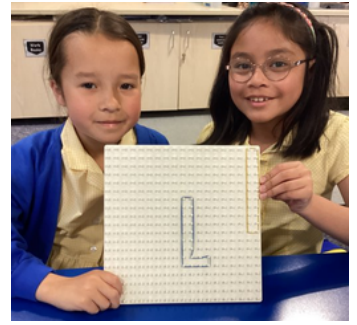
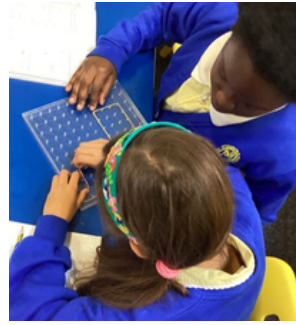
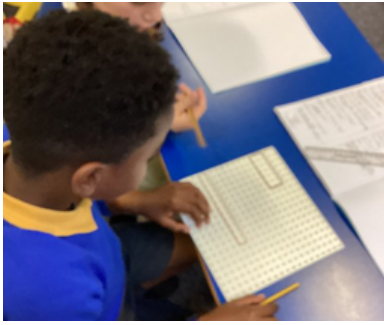
### Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have planned their own collective worship based on SS. Peter and Paul and have completed their pilgrimage journals on the path to Rome.



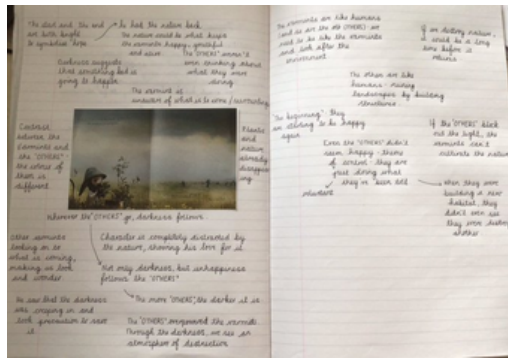
## Year 4 news: -

Year 4 completed a maths investigation, finding different shapes with the same area and perimeter?



## Year 5 news: -

Year 5 are enjoying their new focus text: *Varmints* by Helen Ward & Marc Craste, which is supporting their Stewardship learning.



## Year 6 news: -

Year 6 have enjoyed their athletics lessons.



## School of Sanctuary

Our Refugee work is now on display at Harborne Library. Why not visit and take a look at some of our children's wonderful work!



School of  
**SANCTUARY AWARD**  
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary

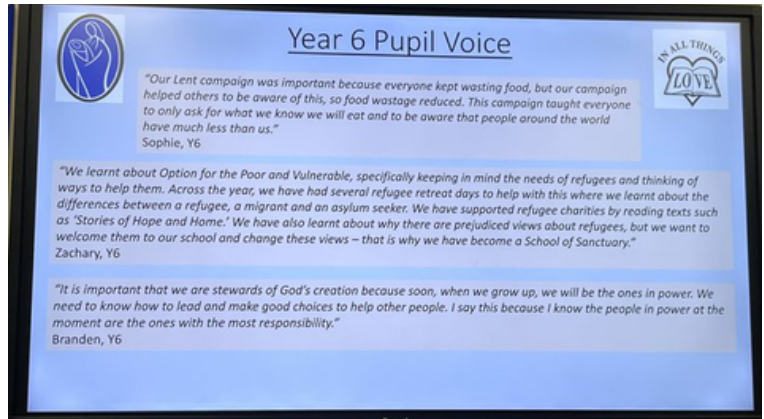
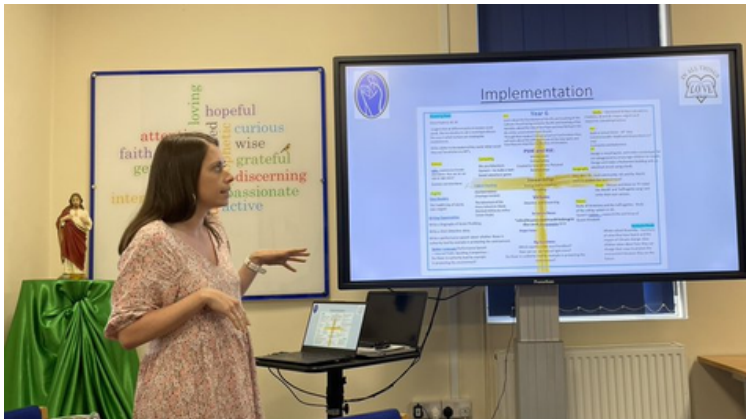


*Platinum Portraits winners*  
 Congratulations to the fabulous winners of the Platinum Portraits competition who were awarded their prizes today. Super work girls!



### Building the Kingdom

Miss Horton and Miss Price shared, with other schools in the Diocese, how we plan for Building the Kingdom and our Pupil Voice.



## St Mary's Summer Reading Challenge



- At St Mary's, we want to encourage all children to read over the summer holidays.
- During the summer, we are asking parents to help their children upload photos of their children reading – with their siblings, parents, other family members or friends to the school twitter page to share your love of reading with the school community.  
**@StMaryB17**
- Challenge: Which year group will upload the most photos?

Use any of the hashtags:

- #MyTeacherReads
  - #MyParentReads
  - #MyChildReads
  - #SchoolCouncil
  - #Reading
- and your year group  
 e.g #YR, #Y2, #Y5,



## Staff INSET Day - Tuesday 5th July - **Closed to children**

School will be closed to children on Tuesday 5th July next week for Staff Inset Day. School is open to children Tuesday - Friday at the normal start and finish time.



## Transition Day - Wednesday 6th July

On Wednesday 6th July, children will be meeting their new teachers for the day. This is always such an exciting day in school.

### Mixed classes

As part of our transition, SLT (in conversation with the children, staff and governors) have decided to mix up some of our classes this year. This will be for **lesson time only** - the children will **continue to have break times, lunches, events and trips with the rest of their year group so social time with friends will not be affected**. I will write to you on Tuesday, if your child is in a class, where there will be changes.

### Teacher lists

I will confirm classes and teachers in Friday's newsletter.

## Reception in to Year 1 transition meeting - Thursday 7th July at 2:30pm

If your child is in Reception, you have been invited to a transition meeting on Thursday 7th July just before pick up at 2:30pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please let staff know and we will ensure that you are given any important information.



## Commonwealth Games Roadshow - Friday 8th July

On Friday 8th July, some of our children will be representing the school at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Roadshow, engaging in a range of sport, physical activity, art and cultural activities.

WB 11.7.22

## WB 11.7.22 - Commonwealth and Healthy Eating Week

The following week, we have a week of sports and science in school where children will learn all about the commonwealth games. I will provide more information about this in next week's newsletter. For the entire week, children will need to **come in to school wearing PE kit**. Where possible, we would like children to be wearing **school PE kit**, as they represent school in competitions.

As part of this week, we have **SPORTS DAY...** **Parents are invited to attend.**



Thursday 14th July 2022

9:00-10:00 = Reception class

10:30-11:30 = Year 1 and Year 2

1:30-3:00 = Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

We have made plans for our Sports Day to be on Thursday 14th July 2022.

The timings are above and we are hoping for good weather.

St Mary's Church will retain all its Covid precautions for the foreseeable future, despite widespread relaxations.



### St. Mary's Church Fayre – Sunday 3rd July 12:15–3:00pm

Come join us for Saint Mary's Church Fayre and enjoy: - hotdogs, Baskerville ale, children's activities and games, bottle tombola, jewellery, an amazing selection of books and more



### What do Catholics actually believe? Or do?

For the puzzled and the curious, or for those faced with their children's questions: Mummy what should I say in Confession? Etc. Coming late September, Thursday evenings 7.30pm, in the Parish Centre: the **About Being Catholic program (ABC)**. Note: it's not about becoming Catholic. No books, no tests, - just voice your questions, doubts, irritations etc. See Fr John if interested.

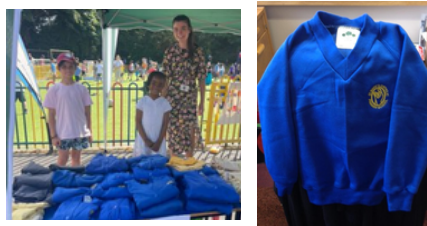
### Reminders

#### Hair styles



Our Uniform Policy encourages plain, simple hair styles that are not a distraction to others. This means that we **do not allow** two-toned hair colours, dyed hair, large bows, colourful hair accessories and large colourful beads. We also do not allow extreme shaved hair styles and shaved lines of any description are also **not allowed**. All long hair needs to be tied back (boys and girls). All hair styles must be plain and sensible and not a distraction to others. Small hair accessories are allowed but must be plain or school colours. If unsure, please ask Miss Price.

#### Uniform



We have so much uniform in school, without names. We have washed it and ironed it. Many items are almost new and very good quality. We would like uniform to be claimed or given away to families who will use it. If you would like to take some uniform (this can be anonymously), please speak to Mrs. Davis. We have all shapes and sizes available.

This is an Operation Encompass School

# KEEPING SAFE

We are an operation encompass school. Therefore school is working alongside the police to ensure support for any child who has been involved in or witness to domestic abuse.

Please find more information about this on our website or contact the school office.

### Pastoral Team

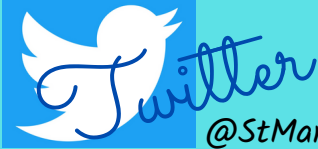
If you require any support from school please speak to a member of our pastoral team



*Parental Controls on Streaming services*

Watching TV shows and films on services such as Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and Disney+ is sure to be part of many families' routine this summer. So how can we ensure our children are not able to freely watch content created for older audiences? Parental controls are available on each streaming or Video on Demand (VoD) service but they are not automatically activated when signing in.

- <https://www.childnet.com/blog/checking-in-this-mental-health-awareness-week/>
- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health>



@StMaryB17

Stay up to date with everything that is happening at St. Mary's by following us on our Twitter Page and giving us more likes!!!

*Year 6 end of year farewell*

**Year 6 activities in final week of term**

WB 18.7.22 will be Year 6's final week in school and they're leaving on a high with the following...

**Monday 11th July 2022**

Year 6 will be going on their end of year trip to Drayton Manor. Year 6 have worked so hard this year to catch-up following the Pandemic and prepare for their SATs. They were also selected for writing moderation and the external moderator was extremely impressed with the quality of their writing. They deserve now to enjoy their final weeks at St. Mary's.



**Tuesday 19th July 2022**

Year 6 are putting on two performances of Oliver for Y6 parents only. At the moment, we are restricting tickets to two per child, but hoping to open up any spare tickets when we know numbers. The performance will also be recorded so can be shared with loved ones later.

Performances are **9:30am** and **2:00pm**.

**Year 6 Leavers Mass - Wednesday 20th July 2022 - 9:30am**

We will be celebrating Year 6 and their time at St. Mary's with a whole school Leavers Mass on Wednesday 20th July at 9:30am. All parents and family members are able to attend this Mass. For the Mass, we will ask parents to sit in the old part of the Church.

After Mass, the rest of the school will leave and return to have break time. Year 6 will remain in the Church and parents will join them to watch their slideshow of memories in the Church.

This will be when we hand out presents too.

The rest of the school / siblings will watch the slideshow in their classrooms.





# Dates for next term

Summer 2 theme -

3rd July 2022 - 12:00pm-3:00pm

5th July 2022 - all day

6th July 2022 - all day

7th July 2022 - 9:15am

11th July 2022 - all day

14th July - SPORTS DAY

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19th July - 9:30 prompt start

19th July - 2:00 prompt start

20th July - 9:30am

21st July -

## Summer 2

Starts: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July -  
INSET - Children NOT in School**

Ends: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Save our seas, save our trees - Take Action!

St. Mary's Parish Fete

School closed for children - INSET day

Transition Day - children meet their new teachers for the next academic year

Y3 Mass in Church (Y3, Y4 parents welcome)

Year 6 end of year trip to Drayton Manor

9:00-10:00 Reception Sports Day (parents welcome)

10:30-12:00 KS1 Sports Day (parents welcome)

1:30-3:15 KS2 Sports Day (parents welcome)

Y6 production of Oliver (Y6 parents only)

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Y6 leavers Mass (Y6 parents welcome)

Break up for Summer holidays

1:40 finish time - Reception classes

1:45 finish time - KS1 classes

1:50 finish time - sibling group

2:00 finish time - KS2 classes

## Do not book holidays during term time

This is a reminder that holidays during term time are unauthorised. If you intend to take your child out of school during term time, we ask that you complete a holiday request form at least 2 weeks prior to the leave date where possible. Parents may be fined by the Local Authority for taking unauthorised leave of absence. Children need to be in school every day so please ensure holidays are only booked during school holiday time.

Term dates are on this newsletter and on the website.

## Attendance and Punctuality: -

Good attendance, after the disruptions of the last two years, continues to be a school and government priority. During Parent consultations, staff will be giving out your child's attendance this term and discussing any concerns. Remember below 95% is a concern and below 90% is classed as persistent absence. If you have any problems with regards to getting your child to school or you are struggling to improve your child's attendance, please speak to Miss Price or Mrs. Davis.

### Week 13<sup>th</sup> June - 17<sup>th</sup> June

Class	YRF	YRL	Y1F	Y1L	Y2F	Y2L	Y3F	Y3L	Y4F	Y4L	Y5F	Y5L	Y6F	Y6L	
%	94.5%	99%	100%	97.3%	96%	98%	97.7%	99.3%	93.8%	99.4%	99%	92%	96.6%	96.9%	
Lates	11	6	4	7	9	5	2	4	8	6	11	3	4	5	
Whole School Attendance so far this year						95.7%		School Target				97%			

Well done Y1F: - our Attendance Champions

# Star of the week

*Congratulations to the following children who have shone in school over the last week:*

Year RL	Tomas	brilliant singing of the hymns in Mass
Year RF	Estelle	writing a thoughtful, kind and welcoming message to refugees
Year 1L	Daniel	being kind and caring towards his peers
Year 1F	Alicia	super descriptive sentences in English
Year 2L	Shiza	trying really hard to improve the quality of her written work
Year 2F	Rudi	detailed (and neat) retelling of the rescue of St. Peter from prison
Year 3L	Theo	always putting in 100% effort in his writing
Year 3F	Harry	always being helpful and willing to take on responsibilities in the classroom
Year 4L	George	huge improvement in all areas and for having such a positive attitude
Year 4F	Jay	hard work, sensible behaviour and approaching everything he does with a smile
Year 5L	Cinnamon	perseverance when working out percentages in Maths
Year 5F	Charles	carefulness and perseverance in Maths
Year 6L	Jacob	always working hard with a wonderful, positive attitude in everything we do
Year 6F	Zahra	excellent artwork produced during our refugee retreat day

