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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.

September is dedicated to Mary.

Our theme for the Autumn term is: 'Family and Community'
Our virtues for this half term are: - Compassionate and Loving



Dear Parents and Carers,

11th September 2025

Celebrating Our Patron, St. Mary

This week, we have focused on our patron, St. Mary, as we celebrated both the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Holy Name of Mary. Throughout the week, the children have reflected on what Mary means to us as our Heavenly Mother and the special role she plays as patron of our school. As part of these celebrations, we gathered together for our first whole-school Mass of the academic year. We were delighted to welcome Fr. Hilary, who kindly blessed our classrooms, staff and children. As we begin this new school year, we pray that St. Mary watches over our school family, guiding each one of us closer to Jesus and helping us to grow in faith, love and kindness.

Pupil Leadership Elections

This week has also marked an exciting time for many of our pupils as they have been campaigning for a range of leadership roles within school. Elections are currently taking place for our School Council, Spiritual Council, CAFOD Club, RRSA Representatives, Play Leaders, Prefects, and Head Boy and Head Girl positions. We have been incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, confidence and commitment shown by the children as they have shared their ideas and aspirations for making a positive difference within our school community. We look forward to announcing the successful candidates and celebrating their new responsibilities next week.

Cultural Awareness Week: Belonging

Within this newsletter, you will find further information about our upcoming Cultural Awareness Week, which takes place during the week beginning 21st September. This year's theme is "Belonging", and it promises to be a very special celebration of the rich diversity within our St. Mary's family. We would love families to support their children in preparing something they can share about their culture, faith, heritage or family traditions. This could include a photograph, artefact, special item or story that is meaningful to them. Children are also invited to wear cultural dress on Friday 25th September as part of our celebration day.

Upholding the Reputation of St. Mary's

A gentle reminder to all pupils and families about the importance of demonstrating our St. Mary's values both in and out of school, particularly when children are wearing their school uniform and representing our community. We have received a request from local residents asking that children do not play on the grass outside Heathcote House, as this can be unsettling for those living there. Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and uphold the excellent reputation of our school.

School Fund

Thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to support our School Fund. The contribution you make helps us to enrich the experiences we can offer our children throughout the year.

Information about School Fund and how to contribute was sent home this week, and further details can also be found later in this newsletter.

School Clubs

We have the following clubs on offer: –

Before School

Started		Mini Athletics	Mondays 8:00 - 8:45am	Years 1-5	£4.75 per session
Started		Karate	Wednesdays 7:45-8:30am	KS1 + KS2	£5 per session
Started		Karate	Thursdays 7:45-8:30am	KS1 + KS2	£5 per session
Started		Karate	Fridays 7:45-8:30am	KS1 + KS2	£5 per session

CLUBS After School

Starts 14.9.26		Young Engineers	Mondays 3:30 - 4:30pm	Years 1-6	£15 per session
Starts 14.9.26		Girls Netball	Mondays 3:30 - 4:30pm	Years 5-6	£5 per session
Started		Mixed Football	Mondays 3:30 - 4:30pm	Years 5-6	£85 per term
Started		Chess	Mondays 3:30 - 4:45pm	Year 3	£125 annually
Started		Mixed Football	Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm	Year 1	£85 per term
Starts 15.9.26		Create Club	Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm	KS1	£40.50 per 6 week block
Started		Mixed Football	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm	Years 3-4	£85 per term
Started		Chess	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:45pm	Years 4-6	£125 annually
Started		Mixed Football	Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30pm	Year 2	£85 per term
Starts 17.9.26		Create Club	Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30pm	KS2	£40.50 per 6 week block
Started		Chess	Thursdays 3:30 - 4:45pm	Years 4-6	£125 annually
Starts 18.9.26		Choir	Fridays 3:30 - 4:30pm	Years 3-6	£2.50 per session

Wishing you a very happy weekend,
Mrs Yorke, Headteacher

CATHOLIC LIFE

This Week's Gospel

***"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
Matthew 18:20***

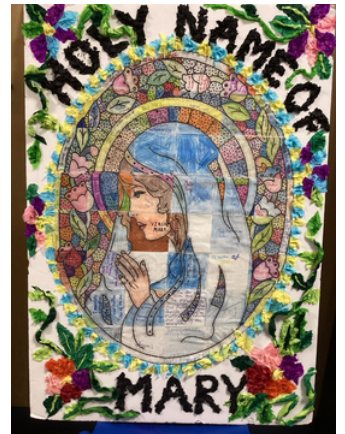
God wants us to: –

- Recognise Jesus' presence with us, especially when we are united.
- Be a community that listens, makes peace and settles conflict.
- Trust that our prayers will be answered.
- Strengthen our faith and the faith of others by being together



This week's Mass – Whole School Mass – Nativity of our Lady

This week, Years 1-6 joined together for our first Whole-school Mass of the academic year. We celebrated our Patron – St. Mary by honouring her birthday and Holy Name. Staff led the Mass and the children showed reverence: – joining in with the responses and singing / signing to the hymns.



Our next Mass – Year 2 Mass – 14.09.26

Votive Mass for St. Matthew

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 14th September 2026, starting promptly at 9:15am. Year 1 children will also be in attendance at this Mass and all parents are welcome to attend.



CATHOLIC LIFE

A message from Fr. Hilary

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have decided to face one of my fears — and I need your help!

Recently, I heard about an inspiring 90-year-old parishioner,
who completed a zip wire challenge.

Her courage made me think:
if she can do it at 90, perhaps I have no excuse!

So, on **Tuesday 13 October**, Fr Anil OSA and I
will take on the Zip World Challenge to raise funds for the
much-needed refurbishment of St Mary's Parish Centre.

Our Parish Centre has served generations of children,
families and the wider community.

We want to ensure that it remains a welcoming
place for generations to come.

We will take the leap —
but we need the St Mary's school community behind us!

Please sponsor us by scanning the QR code.
Whatever you can give will make a difference,
and please share our appeal with family and friends.

Thank you for your support —
and please keep Fr Anil and me in your prayers on 13 October!

With every blessing,
Fr. Hilary OSA and Fr. Anil OSA

CATHOLIC LIFE



St Mary's
Catholic Church
HARBORNE

*One Community
One Mission
A Brighter Future*

THE AUGUSTINIAN ZIP CHALLENGE

TAKING THE LEAP FOR ST MARY'S PARISH CENTRE

**ZIP
WORLD**

**TUESDAY
13 OCTOBER
2026**



Fr Hilary OSA

Fr Anil OSA

*Two Friars. One Big Challenge.
A Brighter Future.*

*Higher
for a
Brighter
Tomorrow*

SUPPORTED BY OUR AUGUSTINIAN BROTHERS
Fr Ian OSA | Fr Laurence OSA | Fr Sean OSA



**A SPACE
FOR PEOPLE**
Welcoming all
generations



**A STRONGER
COMMUNITY**
Supporting
faith and life



**A BRIGHTER
FUTURE**
Refurbishing for
tomorrow

SCAN TO DONATE



Scan to donate to Hilary Basil's fundraiser
"Refurbishing the parish community centre"

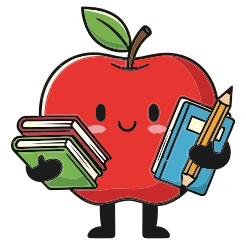
Our Parish Centre has served generations of our community.
Now it needs significant refurbishment so it can continue to be a place
of welcome, faith, friendship and service for many years to come.

Please sponsor Fr Hilary and Fr Anil as they take on Zip World.
Every donation makes a real difference.



*Thank you
for your support!*

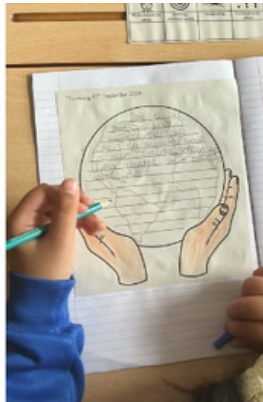
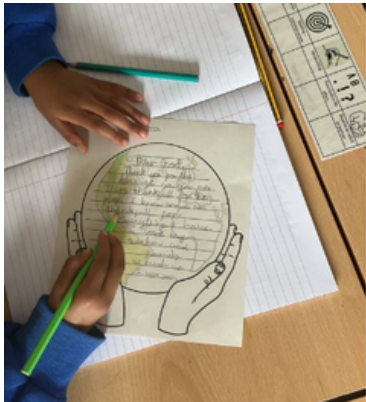
Curriculum Learning



Reception enjoyed exploring sound with their voices during their music lesson this week.



In English, Year 1 looked at clues to try and guess what their new book was. They were all very excited to then read Pumpkin Soup.



In RE, Year 3 recapped the story of Creation focusing on why it is written with a pattern and they wrote prayers to God expressing gratitude for our blessings

Year 2 enjoyed their Geography lesson this week – they looked at atlases to find different continents and oceans.



Year 4 enjoyed their first dance lesson where they explored how cats move!



Year 5 were very excited to start their ukulele lessons this week!



In Computing this week, Year 6 learnt about how they can stay safe online.



School Elections

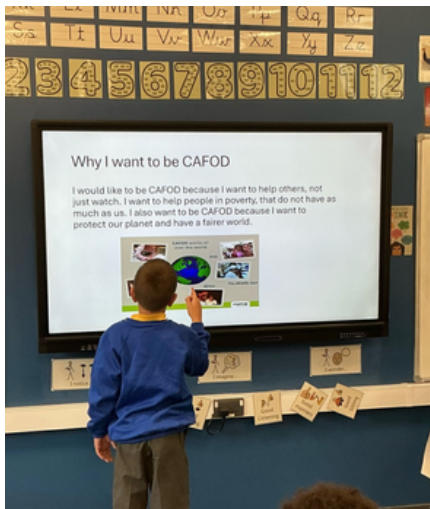


Article 12:

Every child has the right to say what they think should happen and have their views listened to.



- I can influence and take leadership roles in my school.
- I have a voice and I can express my opinions about things.
- I have a choice in who should be in leadership roles.

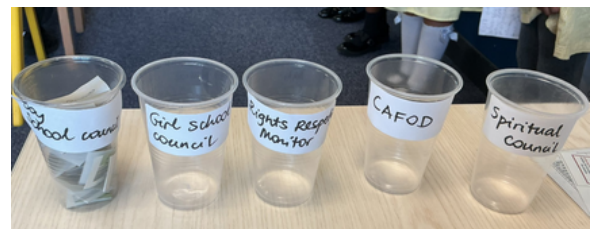


"Voting is important as there are more children than adults in the school."
Year 2

"It means we can pick who is right for the role."
Year 5



"We get a say in who will do a good job."
Year 5



EDUCATION SUNDAY

Education Sunday is celebrated this Sunday, 13th September. This year's theme comes from Jesus' teaching on forgiveness in Matthew's Gospel: "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven." As a Catholic school, we give thanks for all involved in education and reflect on how we can show God's love through kindness, forgiveness and respect for one another.



EDUCATION SUNDAY

Lord. Thank you for our pupils.

May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them.

We pray that through their time as school, they will flourish, strive for excellence, use their God-given gifts and grow in to who you have called them to be.

Amen.



Year 5 Harborne Library Visit - 15.9.26

Year 5 will be visiting Harborne Library next Tuesday.

5F will leave at 8:45am

5M will leave at 10:15am

If you are a parent who would like to attend and support walking to and from the library, please let the Year 5 staff know.



Early Reading and Phonics Workshop - 25.9.26 - 2:00pm

We will be holding a phonics / Early Reading workshop on Wednesday 25th September at 2:00pm in the school hall. Parents of children in Reception are very much encouraged to join us but all parents with children who are learning to read using our Little Wandle Phonics scheme are welcome to attend.

Thursday swimming lessons for Year 6

Swimming lessons begin this Thursday for all Year 6 children and will continue every Thursday throughout the Autumn Term. Swimming is a statutory part of the primary PE curriculum, and it is expected that pupils leave primary school able to meet the national swimming requirements. For this reason, attendance at swimming lessons is essential for all Year 6 pupils. Children will only be exempt from swimming with a medical note from a healthcare professional.

Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit every Thursday so that they can fully participate in these important lessons.



Reception parents meet the PTA and get involved -

Thursday 17th September at 3:15pm-3:45pm

in the school hall. This is an informal catch-up for you to meet other Reception parents and to get to know the PTA representatives and some of the teachers. Over tea and biscuits, you will get the opportunity to find out more about what the PTA and school does over the year. Such as events, fun days and fundraising. You can bring your child(ren) and they will be supervised in a classroom with a film or colouring.

The more the merrier for 30 minutes of your time - all our fundraising goes directly back to the children!

CULTURAL

Awareness Week

The following week (WB 21st September 2026), we will be celebrating our annual Cultural Awareness Week, this year our learning will be centred on the theme of **Belonging**. Throughout the week, children will explore what it means to belong to a family, a school, a parish and a wider community. Through prayer, discussion, music, service and celebration, pupils will learn to value both the things we share and the differences that make each of us unique.

Linked to our Building the Kingdom theme of Families and Community, the week will help children develop respect, empathy and understanding for others, while deepening their appreciation of the rich diversity within our school and beyond. Special events, including the Day of Prayer for Peace, African drumming workshops, School Council charity initiatives and our Cultural Celebration Day, will provide opportunities for children to celebrate their own identity and heritage while learning from one another.

Our message throughout the week is simple and important: At St Mary's, everyone is welcomed, everyone is valued, and everyone belongs.

International Day of Peace – 21st September 2026

Established by the United Nations, this special day encourages people of all ages to promote peace, understanding and reconciliation within their communities and across the world. Through prayer, reflection and classroom activities, our children will explore how they can be peacemakers in their daily lives.



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

African Drumming Workshop – 21st / 22nd September 2026

As part of our Cultural Awareness Week, and thanks to the generosity of our PTA, children will take part in African drumming workshops. These sessions are not only an exciting musical experience but also support our theme of Families and Community by helping children understand how music brings people together, celebrates cultural heritage and strengthens a sense of belonging.



"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth" (Psalm 100:1)

Cultural Dress Celebration day – 25th September 2026

Wear your best cultural dress on this cultural celebration day!

We will end our Cultural Awareness Week with a Cultural Celebration Day, where children are invited to wear cultural dress and bring in artefacts, photographs or special items that reflect their family's heritage. Through sharing and celebrating our different traditions and stories, we will recognise the richness of our school community and the importance of belonging.



"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

WB 21.9.26 –

Donations of cakes needed for Parish Macmillan Coffee morning

Our parish will soon be hosting its annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, biscuits or other baked treats to help make the event a success. Whether homemade or shop-bought, every donation will help raise valuable funds for this wonderful charity, which provides support to people affected by cancer and their families. Please provide ingredients used if home-baking cakes for allergy reasons.

Thank you for your generosity and support. Together, we can make a real difference to those in need.



Thursday 24th September 2026



Tuesday 29th September 2026 – pm

A group of Year 5 pupils will attend Play Leaders Training at Bishop Challoner Secondary School, travelling to and from the venue by bus.

Children should come to school in their P.E. kits and bring a packed lunch, snack, and drink. This exciting opportunity will help them build confidence and develop leadership skills. Once trained, they will take on the role of St Mary's Play Leaders, supporting games and activities during break and lunch times. Please give your permission via Gateway.





School Fund

Our School Fund is a vital source of income for our school.

It pays for the 'extras' such as Inspire workshops, curriculum resources, Christmas activities, theatre or performances as well as subsidising school trips.

These 'extras' are enjoyed by all year groups at St Mary's throughout the year.

As we have been accepted as a charity for tax purposes, we can claim the tax on donations to school fund from parents who are UK taxpayers, if those parents sign a Gift Aid Declaration. This means that for every pound you give we get an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further. Contribution to School Fund is entirely voluntary and we are very grateful to those parents who regularly support the school in this way.

However, in the last few years the amount of school fund received has dropped quite significantly. There are probably many reasons for this, but perhaps the most obvious is remembering to send in a donation every year, half term or term.

Several parents make their contribution by standing order
and we are very grateful to them all.

Please consider this option, as consequently, by setting up a standing order, for say £2 per month per family, you will guarantee the school a monthly income on which we can reclaim tax and not have to think about it again whilst your child is at St Mary's.

If you feel unable to sign up to a monthly payment, why not pay £20 per year via SchoolGateway or a one-off bank transfer, again with a Gift Aid Declaration, if applicable. All we ask in this instance is that you send us your completed declaration form in an envelope clearly marked with the name of your child and the value of your donation.

This is an essential book-keeping requirement of the Inland Revenue.

A Gift Aid declaration and a standing order form, have been emailed to you alongside today's newsletter. Where appropriate, please complete and return them to school or if you prefer you can come in to school and fill in a hard copy.

Account Name: St Marys School Fund – Gift Aid

Account

Sort Code: **30 – 19 – 14**

Account Number: **03595246**

As always, we are extremely grateful for the support that we receive from the parents at St Mary's and appreciate you helping us be able to put on these events and treats for the children, which hopefully make their time at St Mary's more fun and memorable.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school.

We wish for you to be assured of the confidential manner in which the school will treat your details.

There are several open evenings taking place to support Secondary School choices – here are a few that have been sent to our enquiry box for your information....

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 16th September 2026
6pm - 8.30pm



To book your place visit
www.bishopchalloner.org.uk

Scan here to
book your
tickets



For admission enquiries email:
admissions@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

For special educational needs enquiries email:
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Bishop Challoner
Wednesday 16th September, 6pm – 8:30pm



HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL
SEMPER FIDELIS

OPEN MORNING

Saturday 3rd October 2026
9.00am - 12.00pm

Called as God's
Family, we strive to
achieve our personal
best, by living and
learning in Christ.



Forming Christ-centered pilgrims of hope with kind hearts,
questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

**PREBOOK A PERSONAL
TOUR VIA EVENTBRITE
EVERY FAMILY WELCOME**

We will be offering personal tours of the school site, there will be an opportunity to hear from the Principal and staff and you will be able to discover the wonderful education that is awaiting you and your child, as part of the Hagley Family.



**EMMAUS
CATHOLIC MAC**
Our journey with Christ

Hagley Catholic High School
Saturday 3rd October, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Open Evening 2026

Thursday 17 September

We look forward to welcoming you at 5:30 pm

Headteachers talk commences at 6:00pm and 7:00pm

St. Paul's School for Girls
Thursday 17th September, 5:30pm
HT talks at 6:00pm and 7:00pm

**St Paul's
School
for Girls**



St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School



Intentional | Attentive | Eloquent | Integrity | Compassion | Service

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Please visit our brand new website at

Follow us on social media

www.stacs.org

Lots of key information and videos
of our values and virtues in action.



Guernsey

Arete

Duke of
Edinburgh

Belgium

Valencia

Rome

Paris

Poland

Lourdes



Masses

Prayer Services

Reconciliation

Retreats

Prayer
companions

Liturgy Leaders

Lourdes

Rewards

Community and
Belonging Weeks

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 17th September 2026, 6pm - 8pm.

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 22nd September 2026, 9.10am - 10.00am.
See the school in action!

SATURDAY OPEN MORNING

Saturday 3rd October, 9am – 12pm.
Opportunity for an individual tour of the school.

We want to welcome as many families as possible to visit our school.

We are asking families to book their visit. This will limit any queues, manage numbers and is the best way to ensure a full tour of the school. Please go to our website and follow the link today – we do anticipate a busy evening and we don't want anyone to miss out!

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Committed Learners. Exceptional People.



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Coats

As the weather is changeable now, please ensure that your child comes to school with their waterproof coats.



Jewellery

To ensure the safety of all children, we will only allow children to wear small stud earrings (not dangly earrings) and a watch, on the days that they are not doing PE. On PE days we are asking that children do not wear any jewellery, so that it is not lost if they are asked to remove it for physical lessons. Thank you for supporting us with this, your child's safety is at the forefront of our uniform decisions. .

End of day

Please take note of the end of day timings and where you need to stand to collect your children.

At 3:10pm, Reception parents are to gather on the left hand side in green zone (as shown by the green arrows). Your child will be released to you, and you will leave by walking up the middle of the drive way.

At 3:15pm, Year 1 and Year 2 parents are to walk down the drive on the **right** hand side and gather in red zone (as shown by the red arrows) Your child will be released to you, and you will leave by walking up the middle of the drive way.

At 3:20pm, siblings will be released to parents, who will walk down on the **right** hand side and gather in blue zone (as shown by the blue arrows). Siblings is for when your children are in different key stages i.e. one child in KS1 and one child in KS2. If your child is in the same key stage, they will come out with their class. Siblings will be released to you, and you will leave by walking up the middle of the drive way.

At 3:30pm, Year 3 and Year 4 parents are to walk down the drive on the **left** hand side and gather in green zone (as shown by the green arrows). Your child will be released to you, and you will leave by walking up the middle of the drive way.

At 3:30pm, Year 5 and Year 6 parents are to walk down the drive on the **right** hand side and gather in red zone (as shown by the red arrows) Your child will be released to you, and you will leave by walking up the middle of the drive way.

Please stay behind the 'invisible line', in your zones, at dismissal so that staff can safely hand over children and maintain privacy for any conversations you need to have with teachers. Children must not run or scoot around the car park—it's not safe and parents please do not lean on staff cars as they get scratched.

END OF DAY COLLECTION POINTS AND TIMES –



Please note: –

The school has a walking home policy that states that children should be picked up by the parents. We encourage children to only walk home by themselves in the Summer term of Year 6.

Healthy Snacks

Please may we remind all parents that only healthy snacks are permitted in school – your child may have a piece of fruit at break time. Do not send your child in with crisps, sweets or chocolate as they will not be able to consume this on site. Please also be aware that we do not allow nuts, in order to reduce the chance of children with allergies from having a reaction.



Parking

We ask for everyone's commitment to safe driving and parking around school.

Please do not: –

- stop or park on double yellow lines,
- stop in the middle of the road,
- stop or park on the zig zag lines outside of school
- block the school entrance,
- obstruct dropped kerbs meant for pushchairs,
- obstruct side roads such as Vivian Close.



Parking opposite the school is particularly dangerous for families crossing the road.

We work closely with the Council and Police, and fines may be issued. Any person of the community can photograph inconsiderate or dangerous parking and report...

We have an allocated police officer – PC Anthony Henry, badge no 30847, who is leading 'operation snap' <https://betterstreetsforbirmingham.org/op-snap/> where you can report directly to the Police

Or report directly to the Council –

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle



Labelling of clothing with child's name and class name

Please label all belongings for your child (including lunch boxes / water bottles / school bags / clothing...) Items that are labelled are returned to your child's classroom when they are left somewhere else in school. Items that are not labelled are placed in the parent shelter. You can claim any items needed from the parent shelter. To ensure that no items are lost, label everything with child's name and class.

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

If you have a concern that a child is being harmed, is at risk of harm, or you receive a disclosure (intentionally or unintentionally) you must contact one of the following staff members as quickly as possible:



Laura Noone
Lead DSL
DHT



Louise Yorke
Headteacher



Jade Preedy
AHT



Rachel Jones
Senior Teacher



Sharon Tame
School Counsellor



Rachel Richards
EYFS Lead



Shania Birchenall
SENDCo

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.

Good attendance, continues to be a school and government priority. Good attendance is 96% and above

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 Mrs. Yorke or a member of the SLT team. We will announce the attendance for the previous week in this section of the newsletter each week.

Attendance and Punctuality: –

Our attendance for last week was –

Week 07/09/26-11/09/26

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	98	96	96	99	98	97	100	99	96	98	100	98	97	98
Lates	1	1	3	1	0	2	1	3	2	4	0	2	0	1
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.5%		School Target				97%		

Well done 3L and 5M: - Our attendance champions!

Dates for this half term

Autumn theme -

Autumn 1 Virtues

WB 14th September 2026

14th September 2026

15th-16th September 2026

15th September 2026 - am

15th September 2026 - 2pm

16th September 2026 - 9:15am

17th September 2026 - 3:15pm

WB 21.9.26

WB 21.9.26

21st September 2026 - all day

21st-22nd September 2026

22nd September 2026

22nd September 2026 - 3:45pm

23rd September 2026 - 9:15am

23rd September 2026 - 3:30pm

24th September 2026 - 9:00am

25th September 2026 - all day

28th September 2026 - all day

28th September 2026 - 8am

29th September 2026 - am

29th September 2026 - pm

30th September 2026 - 9:15am

October 2026 - all month

October 2026 - all month

October 2026 - all month

1st October 2026 - lunch time

1st October 2026 - 9:00am

2nd October 2026 - all day

5th October 2026 - all day

6th October 2026 - am

6th October 2026 - 2:30pm

7th October 2026 - 9:15am

7th October 2026 - 2:30pm

9th October 2026 - all day

Families and Communities

Compassionate and Loving

Education Sunday "Living well together"

House Captains elections in Year 6

Money Matters learning taking place in school

Year 5 library visit - 5F (8:45) and 5M (10:15)

Phonics Workshop for Reception parents

Year 2 Mass in Church (Y1 to attend) - Parents Welcome

PTA welcome meeting for new Reception parents

Belonging - Cultural Awareness Week

Donations of cakes please for Macmillan charity event

International day of peace - pray for peace

African Drumming in School

Year 3 library visit - 3L (8:45) and 3T (10:15)

PTA event - Film Club for Years 4, 5 and 6

Y6 Mass in Church (Y5 to attend) - Parents welcome

PTA event - Film Club for Years 1, 2 and 3

Macmillan Coffee Morning in Parish supported by School Council

Cultural Celebration - wear cultural dress / clothing that represents 'home'

Children in **St. Vincent de Paul House** - wear **white** non-school uniform

PTA Annual General Meeting in school hall

Year 4 library visit - 4M (8:45) and 4J (10:15)

12 Year 5 children to attend Bishop Challoner for Play-leader training

Year 3 Mass in Church (Y4 to attend) - Parents welcome

Pray the Rosary

Black History Month

Collection for Harvest - please send food and self-care items in for our harvest

Themed Lunch in the canteen

Year 1 Prayer Service for parents

INSET day - school closed to children

Grandparents' Day

Year 6 library visit - 6R (8:45) and 6O (10:15)

RHE talk for parents - KS1

Year 5 Mass in Church (Y6 to attend) - Parents welcome

RHE talk for parents - KS2

Mental Health Day

9th October 2026 - 9:15am

WB 12.10.26

13th October 2026 - 3:30-6:00

14th October 2026 - 9:15am

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15th October 2026 - all day

16th October 2026 - all day

21st October 2026 - 9:15am

22nd October 2026 - am

22nd October 2026 - all day

23rd October 2026 - normal time

Year 6 Year Group Assembly

School Book Fair in school - please support our book fair

Parent Consultation Evening

Year 1 Mass in Church (Y2 to attend) - parents welcome

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Photo Day - Children in full winter uniform please

Children in **St. Teresa of Avila** House - wear blue non-school uniform

Reception Welcome Mass (with Year 6 buddies) - Parents welcome

Flu vaccinations in school

Children in **St. John Paull II House** - wear red non-school uniform

Children finish today for October half-term (normal finish time)

Term Dates for this year

Autumn Term	Wednesday 2 nd September - Friday 23 rd October
	Half-term
	Monday 2 nd November - Friday 18 th December
Spring Term	Monday 4 th January - Thursday 11 th February
	Half-term
	Monday 22 nd February - Thursday 25 th March
Summer Term	Monday 12 th April - Friday 28 th May
	Half-term
	Monday 7 th June - Tuesday 20 th July

School Closed:

- Monday 3rd May 2027 - May Bank Holiday

INSET DAYS

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Friday 2nd October 2026
- Friday 12th February 2027
- Monday 28th June 2027
- Wednesday 21st July 2027

Star of the week

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

Year RB	Fara	For her excellent phonics and blending!
Year RT	Andi	For trying really hard with his handwriting!
Year IF	Tessa	For a great start in English and writing a lovely sentence about her summer holiday.
Year IL	Emily	For being a kind, caring and thoughtful member of IL!
Year 2E	Sebastian	For trying super hard all week by joining in with every single lesson! Well done!
Year 2G	Sakura	For being a fantastic role model by showing good listening and good looking every lesson!
Year 3L	Mia	For settling in beautifully to Year 3 and trying hard in all lessons. Well done Mia.
Year 3T	Simona	For consistently demonstrating the correct behaviours and trying her hardest in our maths lessons.
Year 4J	Florence	For her excellent presentation across all subjects- especially Maths!
Year 4M	Patryk	For beautiful handwriting. Well done Patryk, keep it up!
Year 5F	Yoadan	For excellent presentation in Maths.
Year 5M	Harrison	For his increasing motivation to complete his work. Keep it up!
Year 6O	Phoebe	For striving for excellence in everything she does and being a fantastic role model
Year 6R	Yadiel	For striving for excellence in everything he does. He is a fantastic role model to all!

