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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.

June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our theme for the Summer term is: 'Solidarity and the Common Good'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Learned and Wise'



14th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

The last seven days have been a very special time in school. Not only did we join with our Year 3 children to celebrate the Sacrament of their first Holy Communion last weekend but we also celebrated the memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Patron Mary, whose grace emanates from her holy heart, and who pondered and treasured the sacred events in the life of Jesus. Mary gave her son to all of us, placing His body into our hands and she is, indeed, a most special minister of holy Communion.

I am very grateful to everyone involved in supporting our children to receive the Sacrament and as a school, we will continue to pray for the children as they continue on their journey of faith, receiving Christ every week.

This weekend we will see the launch of the UEFA European Competition and I am sure many children will be enjoying the football games over the next few weeks. I will be keeping an eye on those fixtures... we'd hate to miss any England games. It is also Father's Day this weekend and we have our Father's Day event in school on Tuesday - please sign up to this if you are coming as we can only prepare for the numbers that we know are coming in to school - you may be disappointed if you just turn up, so let our office know what time slot you need. Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Yorke

This week's Gospel and Prayer

'And looking round at those sitting in a circle about Him, He said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother."' Mark 3:34-35

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- We need to make sure our choices and priorities are guided by God.
- God is calling us to be part of His family of followers.
- When we put God first, everything falls into place.

*God, we give You all of today,
All we do and all we say,
All our work and all our play,
We want to do it, in Your way.
Amen*

Catholic Life in School

Y4 Mass – The Immaculate Heart of Mary



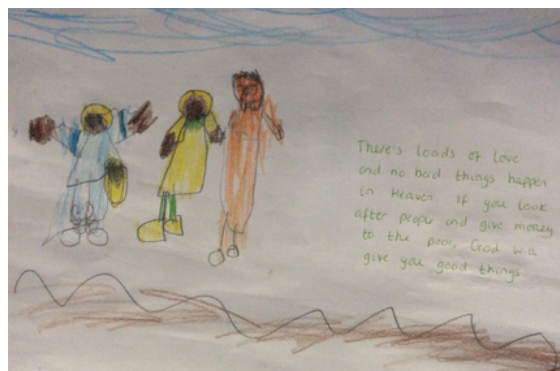
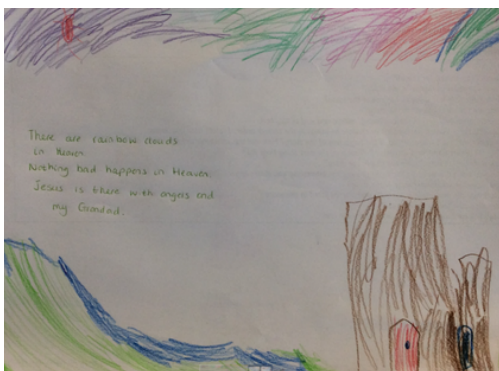
Year 4 lead a beautiful Mass in Church on Wednesday in devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 19th June 2024, starting promptly at 9:15am. Year 5 children will be leading our Mass and Year 2 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.

Reception news: -

Reception drew some beautiful pictures of what they imagine Heaven to be like in RE this week.



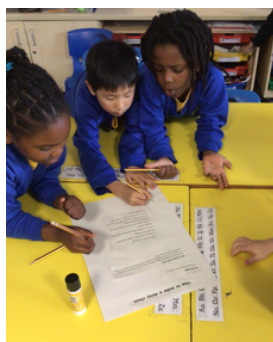
Year 1 news: -

Year 1 enjoyed playing sports days games to help them understand ordinal numbers in Maths.



Year 2 news: -

In English, Year 2 have sequenced and up-levelled instructions on how to make a daisy chain.



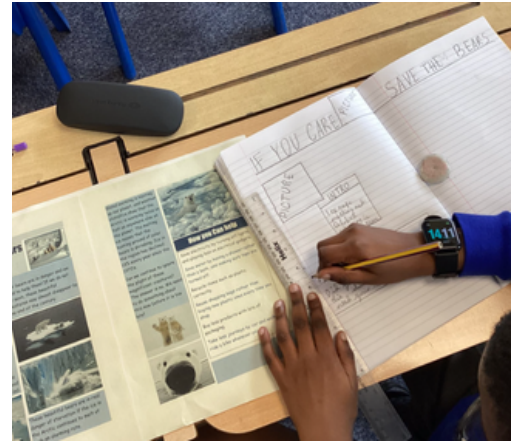
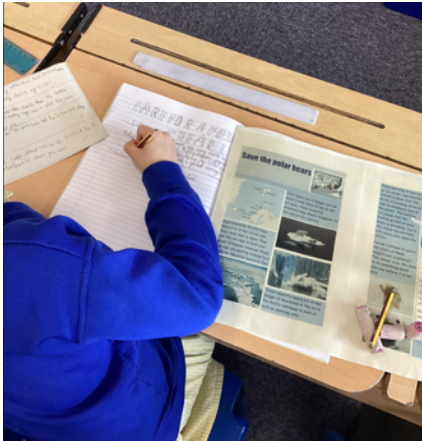
Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have learnt all about privacy settings online in Computing this week.



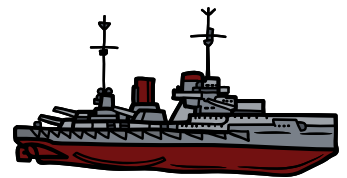
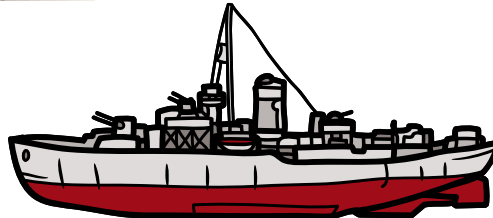
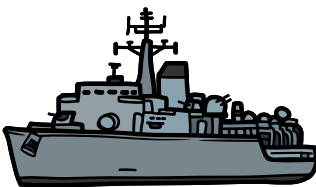
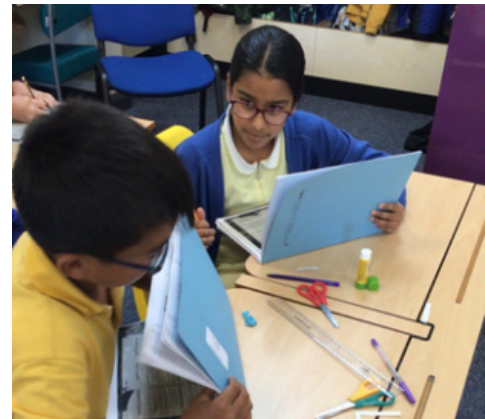
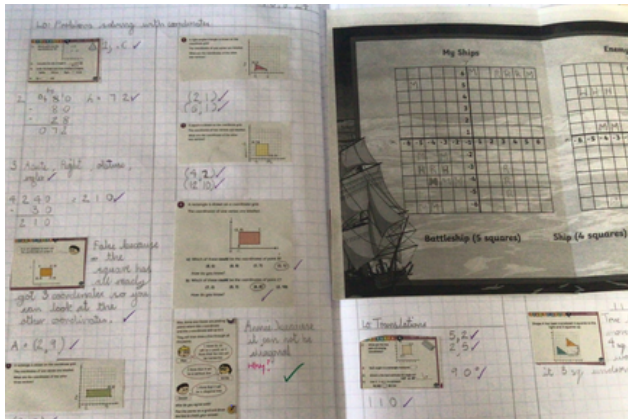
Year 4 news: -

In English, Year 4 planned a magazine article on saving the polar bears.



Year 5 news: -

After recording and plotting coordinates, Year 5 played 'Battleships' to use the skill in practice in Maths.

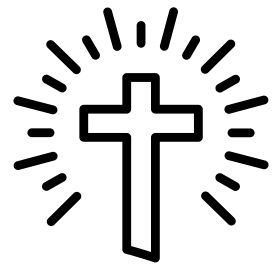


Year 6 news:-

In RE, Year 6 visited St Mary's Church to find artefacts and symbols associated with prayer and the Sacraments, and also to find information that tells us what St Mary's Parish does for the local community.



Catholic Life



Congratulations to all children who made their Holy Communion last weekend.

Thank you to all those involved in supporting the children with their preparations.



Child-led Prayer and Liturgy



Year 1



Year 2



Year 6



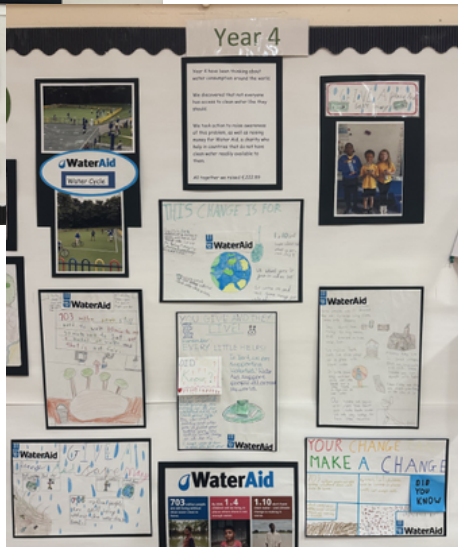
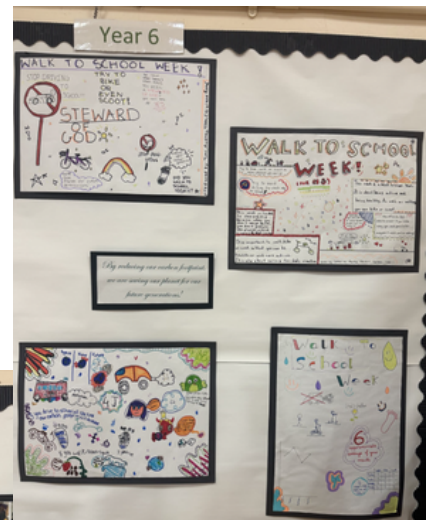
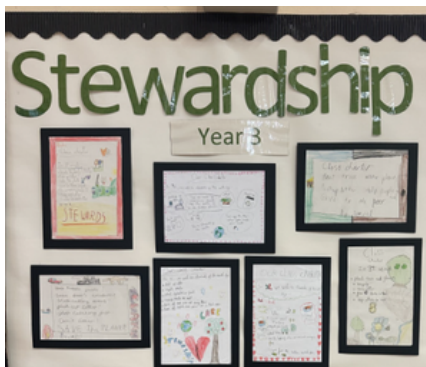
Stewardship

Why are we teaching the children to look after God's planet?

In his Encyclical 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis wrote, "Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realise that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others." Our world is truly a gift from God which must be treasured for future generations to come. We are merely stewards of His Creation and not masters - it is incumbent upon all of us to respect and protect the planet.

We are so proud of our social action projects this term and have shared some examples below of what each year group has undertaken across the school.

We are Change-Makers!



World Refugee Week – 17.06.24 to 21.06.24



As part of World Refugee Week, the children will be learning about refugees and how people can be displaced from their homes. We will also be collecting tinned and non-perishable items for St Chad's Sanctuary all next week and there will be a collection point outside the school office for your donations.



Year 6 Residential – 17.06.24 to 19.06.24

Year 6 will be on their residential at Alton Castle leaving on Monday 17th June and returning on Wednesday 19th June. All essential information has been conveyed to parents but please contact Miss Horton if there are any additional queries ahead of departure.



Non-Uniform Day for Reception, Years 1 and 2 – 17.06.24

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may wear their own clothes to school on Monday 17th June in exchange for a donation for the Summer Fete. Please see details of requested donations in this Newsletter!



Reception to Year 5 Father's Day Inspire Workshops – 18.06.24

Please arrive at 9.15am or 1.15pm (whichever session you have confirmed you can attend) for a prompt start. You will have the opportunity to work with your child/ren and undertake 3 activities together during the workshop. Please note, we cannot accommodate 'walk ins' on the day.



Year 5 Mass – 19.06.24

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 19th June 2024, starting promptly at 9:15am. Year 5 children will be leading our Mass and Year 2 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.



Non-Uniform Day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 20.06.24

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 may wear their own clothes to school on Thursday 20th June in exchange for a donation for the Summer Fete. Please see details of requested donations in this Newsletter!

Notices



If you have good quality uniform that your child(ren) have outgrown, the Spiritual Council would be grateful if you could donate this to school by Thursday 20th June. The children will organise the donations to be put out at upcoming Summer events.

Thank you!

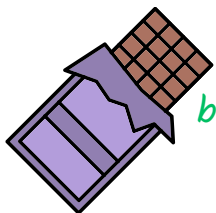


Donations needed for Summer Fete

The PTA have asked for the following donations to sell at the School Summer Fete on Friday 21st June 2024...

Non-school uniform day for Reception , Year 1 and Year 2 on – Monday 17th June 2024

Children wear their own clothes and donate: -



Reception and Year 1 – chocolates bars or small boxes of chocolates for the tombola

Year 2 – sweets

bagged up, rolls or boxed



Non-school uniform day for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 on – Thursday 20th June 2024

Children wear their own clothes and donate: -



Year 3 – sweets cellophane cone and secured with tie



Year 4 – books



Year 5 – cakes, cupcakes etc...



Year 6 – teddies and soft toys

St. Mary's RC school PTA hosts our annual

SUMMER FETE

Friday 21st June
★ 3.30pm - 6.30pm in the ★ school playground

Children to be supervised by parents at all times

Inflatables
Cup and Saucer ride
Music
Food Bar
Glitter tattoos
Stilts and Fire
Ice cream
Sweets
Games

CASH ONLY EVENT

Come join us for lots of family fun while raising essential funds for our children

TICKETS available from your class reps
Individual £4
Family £15

Parenikind Member Association

★ FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY ★





Registration for Grammar Schools open - Year 5 pupils

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham, for entry to Year 7 in September 2025. Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

The closing date for registering is **4pm on Friday 28th June 2024.**

The test will take place on Saturday 14th September 2024.

westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

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

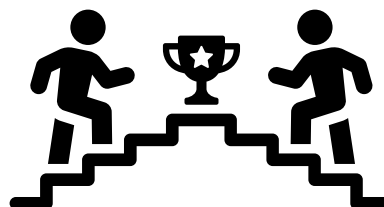


#WakeUpWednesday – Fair Play and Friendly Competition



With football's European Championships about to kick off, it's likely that young fans will be inspired to take to the pitch themselves – or perhaps they're naturally sporty already. High-profile tournaments such as this can be a great opportunity to teach children and young people about what constitutes being 'a good sport' – not just in terms of technique, but also attitude.

This guide collates our expert's tips for encouraging fair play and friendly competition between children. It will help you to ensure that they can relish an enjoyable game of football, rugby or something else entirely – without unhealthy approaches to winning and losing polluting what could be an uplifting experience for all.



Joyful June 2024

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good

8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently

10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18 Look for something good in a difficult situation

19 Get outside and find the joy in being active

20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today

30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

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.

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 Mrs. Davis.

We will announce the attendance for the previous week in this section of the newsletter each week.

Attendance and Punctuality: –

Our attendance for the last week of term was –

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	97.3	98	96.3	96	94	98	97	99.6	98.3	90	99	98.6	95.1	96.2
Lates	3	6	6	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	5	1
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.3%			School Target				97%	

Well done 3t: - Our attendance champions!

Dates for this Term

Summer theme -

Summer 2

17th June - 19th June

17th June - all day

18th June 2024 - 9:15 or 1:15

19th June 2024 - 9:15am

20th June 2024 - all day

20th June 2024 - all day

21st June 2024 - 3.30pm

25th June 2024 - am

28th June 2024 - 9.30am

2nd July 2024 - am

3rd July 2024 - all day

4th July 2024 - all day

5th July 2024 - all day

11th July 2024 - 2pm

12th July 2024 - 2pm

17th July 2024 - 9.30am

19th July 2024 -

Stewardship

Learned and Wise

Year 6 residential

Non uniform day for Reception, Years 1 and 2 (in exchange for a donation)

Fathers' Day Inspire for Reception to Year 5

Year 5 Mass in Church (and Year 2 classes attend) - parents welcome

World Refugee Day

Non uniform day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (in exchange for a donation)

Summer Fete

Reception class visit to Harborne library (8:50 RB and 10:20 RT)

Whole School Mass - St. Peter and Paul

Year 1 visit to Harborne library (8:50 1L and 10:20 1F)

Transition Day (inc. new Reception cohort) - children will meet their new teacher

Polling Day - **school closed to children and staff**

Sports Day

Year 6 performance to parents - 'Shakespeare Rocks'

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Year 6 Leavers Mass (Y6 parents welcome)

Break up for Summer holidays

Early finish time

1:40 finish time - Reception classes

1:45 finish time - KS1 classes

1:50 finish time - sibling group

2:00 finish time - KS2 classes

Star of the week

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

Year RB	Chigemezu	For some fantastic independent writing about caterpillars this week.
Year RT	Josie	For reading beautifully in our class mass.
Year IF	James	for working so hard in all of his learning.
Year IL	Theo	For being a fabulous role model.
Year 2E	Alicia	For completeing all projects as well as weekly homework.
Year 2G	Arsin	For being kind and polite.
Year 3L	Arthur.G	For working really hard all week and being a good friend to others
Year 3T	Paulos	For his superb manners and being a great friend to all.
Year 4J	Jack.P	For his Fantastic work in art.
Year 4M	Amber	For her super badminton skills.
Year 5F	Elizabeth	For settling in very well in 5F and great work in RE
Year 5M	Ebube	Super improvement with his gymnastics routine.
Year 6O	Julia	For consistently having a positive attitude to her learning.
Year 6R	Kesanat	For working really hard on her newspaper report about rising sea levels.

