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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.



## November is dedicated to the Holy Souls.

Our theme for the Autumn term is: 'Family and Communities'

Our virtues for this half term are: - Faith-filled and Hopeful

4th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It has been lovely to see so many of you at our Inspire Workshops this week. The children are always so excited when you're in the building working with them, and feedback shows many of you find these opportunities valuable. We hope to do many more across the year. On Tuesday this week, we celebrated all Saints day beginning with a whole school Mass to honour all the Saints in Heaven and the children had the opportunity to reflect upon the example of their Class Saint. We have now entered the month of November and will be praying for our family members and friends who have died. Your child will come home with a poppy for you to name those that you would like remembered, for our display in school. If you are exploring remembrance with your children at home through art and crafts, please do send something in for our school display. Thank you to PTA who support our events and raise money for projects in school. It would be great to have more parents join, so that these events can continue to happen. If you are interested in getting involved - please do ask. I hope that you have a lovely weekend and stay safe if attending bonfires and firework displays.

Mrs Yorke

### This week's Gospel and Prayer

Luke 19: 1 - 10

"The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost." "

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- No matter who we are or what we have done, when we say sorry (repent), Jesus offers us His forgiveness.
- Jesus wants us to give our lives to Him, so that He can change them for the better.

Dear Jesus,

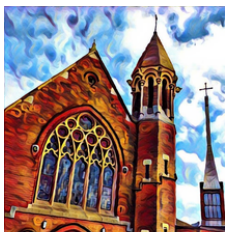
We thank you for the rules and laws that keep us safe and treated fairly. Help us to value and respect them and to treat others fairly.

Amen

### Catholic Life in School

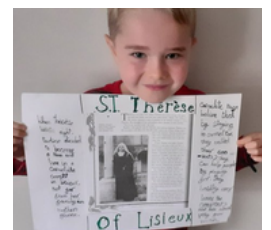
#### Whole School Mass - All Saints

On Tuesday, we celebrated all the Saints in Heaven and we remembered those that have gone before us and are now Saints.



#### Year 1 Mass in Church - 9.11.22 at 9:15am - Remembrance -

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 9th November 2022, starting promptly at 9:15am. **Year 1 children** will be leading our Mass and Year 2 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.





# inspire WORKSHOP



Autumnal leaf wreaths  
in Year 5

"Thank you  
for  
a lovely  
event!"



Autumn Lanterns  
in Year 3

"A really valuable  
opportunity...  
Thank you so  
much for  
arranging!"

"Lovely to share  
the children's  
environment  
with them!"



Autumn  
hedgehogs  
in Year 2





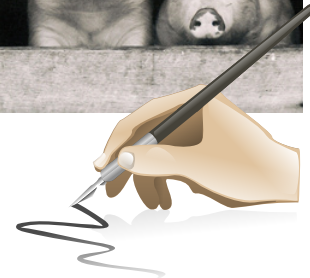
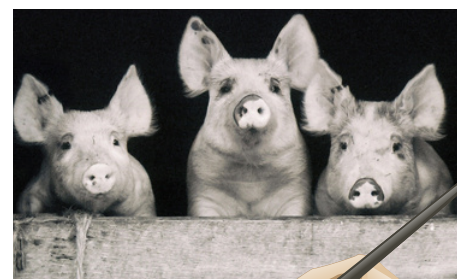
Reception news: -

Reception class have been on a word hunt outside this week to help practise their blending skills.



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been learning the story 'The Three Little Pigs', retelling the story using the mighty writer.



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have been working very hard in their Exciting Writing lessons.



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have been archaeologists, excavating to find artefacts.





### *Year 4 news: -*

Year 4 have been making prototypes of a Roman sandal.



### *Year 5 news*

Year 5 have been using dictionaries to check definitions and spelling of more ambitious vocabulary while starting their new class reader.



### *Year 6 news: -*

Year 6 have been busy sketching apparatus and creating footprint plans of a playground they would like to design in their DT lessons.



### **Open Afternoon – 3.11.22**

*This week, we welcomed prospective parents to St Mary's. Our Head Boy, Head Girl and Y6 Prefects did a wonderful job of showing the parents around our school and we received fabulous feedback.*

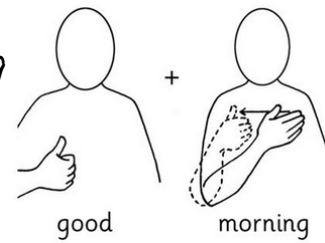




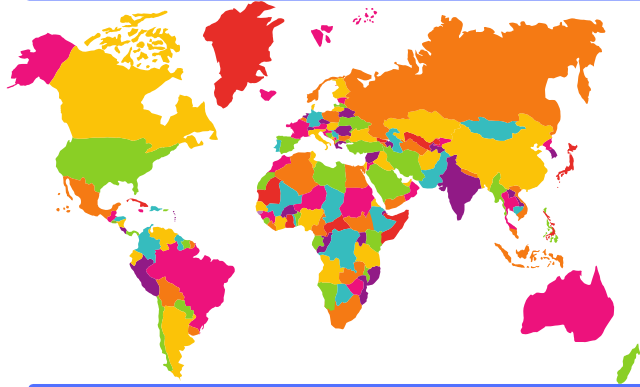


## Makaton signs

We are learning Makaton in school and using signs along our words as part of our inclusive approach to speech and language. Each week we will learn a new sign. This week, we have learnt how to say 'Good morning'.



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## Work for our World Map display

We are asking children to bring in some work about their family's country of origin. This work can take any format - a written story, a special landmark, a recipe - be as creative as you can. The work should be handed in to Miss Preedy, with the child's name, class and country. Please no bigger than A4.

## Poppies!

In the month of November, children will be able to wear poppies, and can come in wearing them. Prefects will be selling poppies next week for 50p. We have only been sent half a box so unfortunately there will not be enough for every child. If somebody can get hold of more for us, please do let us know. We will need to have a first come, first served approach with them.



## Remembrance

We invited all children, and their parents, to complete a poppy to be displayed in school. Please write the name of anyone you would like to pray for in the centre of the poppy and colour/decorate as you wish.

## KSI Monster Stomp Disco - 4.11.22

Thank you St. Mary's PTA for organising the Monster Stomp Disco. It was great fun and the children had a marvellous time.



## Non-school Uniform Day to collect for Parish Christmas Fair.

On 24th November - we will have a non-school uniform day in school and will be asking for donations towards the Parish Christmas Fair - details in next week's newsletter.



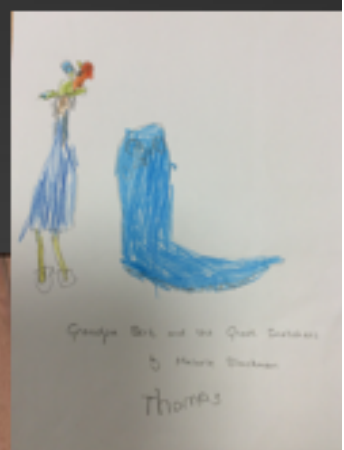
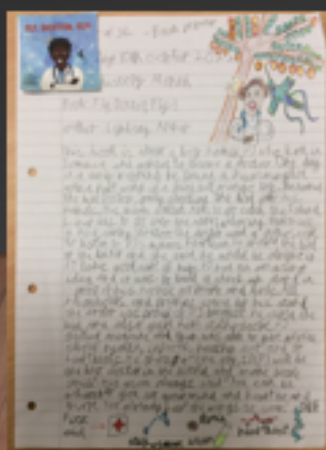
# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Thank you so much to everyone who submitted an entry for our Black History Month Competition, we were absolutely blown away by the entries! We are so impressed with all of your reading and your hard work, so well done. Mrs Yorke found it so hard to pick just two winners, we decided we had to have some runners up as well. All of your beautiful work will be put on a display in school so keep your eyes peeled! Thank you again to everyone who took part, and well done everyone. Keep reading and telling your teachers and friends about the books you love!



The Winners are:

The Runners Up are:





### **Congratulations Mr and Mrs Tibbatts**

Mr and Mrs Tibbatts married on 26th October, during half term. We wish them a very happy and blessed marriage.  
Huge Congratulations!



### **New member of staff - Miss Clark**

We have a new member of staff who is training in our office. Miss Clark will be covering our office on a Friday when Mrs. Shepherd has her day off. We hope she is very happy at St. Mary's.

### *Next week*

### **Autumn Inspire Workshops**

Our Autumn 'Inspire' workshops will continue in school next week.

An Inspire workshop is an important opportunity for you to work with your child on a one-to-one basis and enjoy time working with your child in school. This can be a parent, grandparent, uncle or aunty. It must be an adult over 18 years of age. If an adult is unable to attend, your child will still take part with the workshop with their friends and teachers.

The PTA will be in attendance selling refreshments and raffle tickets so please bring some cash if you would like to make any purchases.

**Tuesday 8th November - Year R**  
**Wednesday 9th November - Year 1**  
**Thursday 10th November - Year 6**  
**Friday 11th November - Year 4**

### **Year 4 Curriculum Workshop - 7.11.22 - 2:00pm**

Year 4 parents are invited to find out all about their child's Curriculum in our Curriculum Workshop on Monday.

It is an opportunity to find out how the curriculum is run at St. Mary's, what topics are planned in for the school year, how maths and English is taught and what you can do to support your child's learning at home.



### **Recycling Week**

Monday 7th November to Sunday 13th November is National Recycling Week - we will continue to support children to understand the importance of recycling and know that you will support this at home.





### Blessing of Graves

The Blessing of Graves of your loved ones at Quinton Cemetery takes place at 2pm this Sunday 6th November and the Blessing of Graves at Lodge Hill Cemetery 2pm Sunday 13th November.



### Cleaner

Does anyone require a trustworthy cleaner for their house/property, by day, in School hours? Please contact Fr John



### Christmas Fayre – Saturday 26th November:

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 26 November, 12.00- 3.00pm. Donations can be put in the porch at weekends in box marked Christmas Fayre or on weekdays to the Priory.



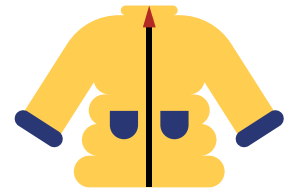
### November dead list

Mass is offered daily for all those whose names you have put on your November Dead List, - lists and envelopes are in the Church porch, to be put in the large locked wooden box in the Porch. Those lists are then put in the purple casket in front of the altar and prayed for at each Mass in November, month of the deceased loved ones.

### Reminders

#### Coats

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



#### Correct Uniform – PE KITS

Children should be in uniform for PE which is black/blue **plain** jogging bottoms (not patterned / not another colour), yellow t-shirt, school jumper and **black or white trainers.**



#### Karate – time keeping

Reminder that karate begins at 7:45am. Your child/ren may not be allowed in to the lesson if they are late as this disrupts the learning for others – please be punctual and on time.





# CHRISTMAS

## TOY APPEAL

Please give new toys  
(unwrapped) for our local  
children in Birmingham  
for all age groups  
ranging from  
0-15 years

Gloves  
Games

Dolls

Hats

Books

Pull  
along  
toys

Football

Jigsaws

Cars

Jewellery

Makeup  
Toiletries

Teethers

Teddies

St Mary's Catholic  
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ASSOCIATION

Collection Dates:

Monday 31st October -  
Thursday 8th December

Irish TV are are visiting  
St Anne's Parish Centre,  
B12 0PA on Thursday 13th  
December



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



### What does the pastoral team do?

It is the responsibility of everybody to keep your child/ren safe in school. The Pastoral team meet fortnightly to review attendance, pastoral concerns, parent concerns, behaviour, online use, SEND needs, vulnerability for families, finance worries... and so forth... and we offer support following this. It is our job to support each child in their time at school, including supporting mental health and well-being and offering the time for children to give their perspective about what needs to change in school. This often takes place through whole class learning, pupil questionnaires, focus groups and 1:1 conversation. Children are aware of times when they can speak to our school councillor and we have a drop-in session 'talk to me Tuesdays' that every child can access. If at any time, you need support as a family, have any concerns, or need to discuss any behaviour worries, please speak to a member of the pastoral team so that we can help. We can only help if we know about it.

### 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.*

*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 last week was –

**Week 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – 20<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	89.6%	87.9%	94.6%	95.8%	95.8%	90.4%	97.1%	97.1%	98.3%	95.8%	89.9%	97.4%	96.3%	95%
Lates	5	2	4	5	2	2	3	8	0	2	5	3	4	2
Whole School Attendance so far this year						94.4%			School Target				97%	

**Well done Y4J: - our Attendance Champions**



# Dates for this term

*Autumn theme -*

*Autumn 2 Virtues*

*WB 7.11.22*

*7th November 2022 - 2:00pm*

*8th November 2022 - 1:45pm*

*9th November 2022 - 9:15am*

*9th November 2022 - 1:45pm*

*10th November 2022 - 1:45pm*

*11th November 2022 - 1:45pm*

*WB 14.11.22 - all week*

*15th November 2022 - 1:30pm*

*16th November 2022 - 9:15am*

*18th November 2022 - all day*

*18th November 2022 - 9:15am*

*WB 21.11.22 - all week*

*22nd November 2022 - all day*

*22nd November 2022 - 3:15pm*

*23rd November 2022 - 9:15am*

*24th November 2022 - all day*

*24th November 2022 - 4:15pm*

*26th November 2022*

*29th November 2022 - 3:15pm*

*30th November 2022 - 9:15am*

*1st December 2022 - 10:15-2:00*

*6th December 2022 - lunch*

*7th December 2022 - 9:30am*

*7th December 2022 - after school*

*8th December 2022 - after school*

*8th December 2022 - 4:30pm*

*9th December 2022 - all day*

*12th December 2022 - 9:30am*

*13th December - 9:30am*

*14th December - 9:30am*

*15th December*

*15th December - 1:45pm2*

*15th December - 4:15pm*

*16th December - EARLY FINISH*

*Families and Communities*

*Faith-filled and Hopeful*

*Recycling Week*

*Y4 Curriculum Workshop*

*YR Autumn Inspire*

*Y1 Mass in Church (Y1, Y2 parents welcome)*

*Y1 Autumn Inspire*

*Y6 Autumn Inspire*

*Y4 Autumn Inspire*

*Anti-bullying week*

*BCSSA Chess Competition*

*Y6 Mass in Church (Y6, Y5 parents welcome)*

*Non-school Uniform Day*

*Year 5 Assembly for parents*

*Inter-faith week*

*Retreat day in school - Let all creation sing - retreat for all pupils*

*Dodgeball competition - Bournville School*

*Y4 Mass in Church (Y4, Y3 parents welcome)*

*Non-school uniform day for Christmas Fair - bottles for bottle stall / sweet socks*

*Y5/6 Girls Basketball - Lordswood*

*St. Mary's Christmas Fair*

*Hockey Tournament - Bournville School*

*Y2 Mass in Church (Y2, Y1 parents welcome)*

*KS2 Theatre Trip*

*Christmas Dinner day in school*

*Whole School Mass for the Immaculate Conception*

*Reception and KS1 Christmas disco*

*KS2 Christmas disco*

*Football Match - Lordswood boys*

*Christmas jumper or festive clothing day in school*

*Reception Nativity in Church*

*Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity*

*Year 3 and Year 4 Nativity*

*Reception and KS1 theatre trip*

*Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Carol Service*

*Y5/6 Basketball at Lordswood*

*Break up for the Christmas holidays - Early Finish*

# Star of the week

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

<i>Year RB</i>	<i>Zhimu</i>	<i>having a brilliant first week in school and settling in very well</i>
<i>Year RT</i>	<i>Zoey</i>	<i>being kind and encouraging and helping others make the right choices</i>
<i>Year 1F</i>	<i>Ada</i>	<i>always being a super role model in class and trying her best every day</i>
<i>Year 1L</i>	<i>Harper</i>	<i>always being a kind and helpful member of the class</i>
<i>Year 2E</i>	<i>Daniel</i>	<i>for a significant improvement in behaviour</i>
<i>Year 2G</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>for wonderful writing</i>
<i>Year 3L</i>	<i>Giorgia</i>	<i>using beautiful manners at all times when talking to others</i>
<i>Year 3T</i>	<i>Paulos</i>	<i>his super effort and being resilient in his learning</i>
<i>Year 4J</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>showing excellent perseverance and always trying his best</i>
<i>Year 4M</i>	<i>Isabella</i>	<i>being a fantastic role model in the class</i>
<i>Year 5F</i>	<i>Ava</i>	<i>contributing most in a class discussion about British Values and her positivity</i>
<i>Year 5M</i>	<i>Rome</i>	<i>always trying her best and demonstrating St. Mary's values</i>
<i>Year 6O</i>	<i>Nesta</i>	<i>writing an amazing narrative poem</i>
<i>Year 6R</i>	<i>Lizzy</i>	<i>excellent contributions in all lessons</i>

