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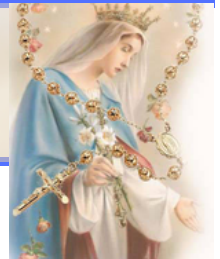


St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

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

Our virtues for this half term are: - Compassionate and Loving



14th October 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week, we have been focusing on building up key skills and strategies that will help support our mental health. On Monday, children and staff wore yellow as an outward sign to show that we are thinking about our mental health and how to keep our minds healthy. As we are in the month of October, we have spent time praying the rosary and focusing on how the Saints can help guide our lives. Next week, we will be holding our parent consultation evenings and we are closed to children on the Friday as we have an INSET day off site.

Mrs Yorke

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Luke 17:19

"And He said to the man, "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.""

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- God is generous and loving.
- In faith we should ask God for what we want and be confident that He will respond.
- By saying 'thank you' to God, we acknowledge Him as our Saviour.

Dear God,

You are the source of all that is good. Help us remember to come to you for all our needs. Thank you for your gift of faith. Help us to always be thankful for your love.

Amen

Catholic Life in School

Y3 Mass - St. John Henry Newman

On Wednesday, we celebrated the feast of St John Henry Newman. Y3 prepared poems, prayers and drawings as their offertory. Thank you to all those who joined us.



Reception Welcome Mass in Church - 19.10.22 at 9:30am- Harvest

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 19th October 2022, starting promptly at 9:30am. We will be officially welcoming our

Reception children in to our school family and celebrating the harvest. All Reception parents are very welcome to join us.



Mental Health Day

On Monday 10th October, the children all wore yellow and thought about all the ways that they could look after their mental health.



YEAR 1

BE HAPPY
and knowing when we feel sad.



YEAR 2

KEEP CALM
and practising self-control.



YEAR 3

RESILIENCE
and practising mindfulness.



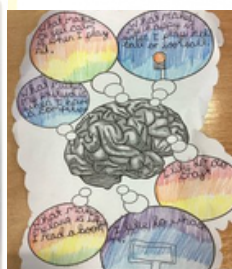
YEAR 4

STAY POSITIVE
and practising positivity.



YEAR 5

TALK TO SOMEBODY
and knowing it is good to talk.



YEAR 6

SELF-CARE
and practising relaxation.



St. Bernadette relics

On Monday 10th October, children and staff gathered to pray and join in with the Livestream event venerating the relics of St. Bernadette.

The whole school joined with other schools across the Diocese to pray the rosary led by Archbishop Bernard Longley.



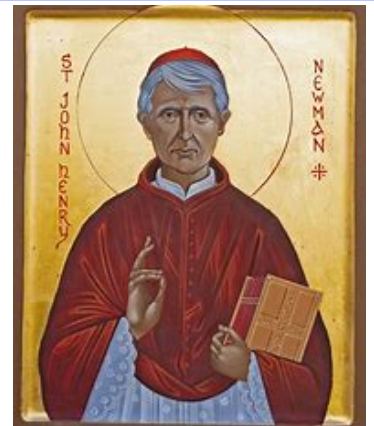
Meet our Head Boy, Head Girl and Y6 prefects

Our Head Boy, Head Girl and Year 6 Prefects were pleased to receive their special ties at assembly this week. The children of St. Mary's will look to them as role models of our school mission and values.



St. John Henry Newman

We have been enjoying learning about the life of St. John Henry Newman this week.

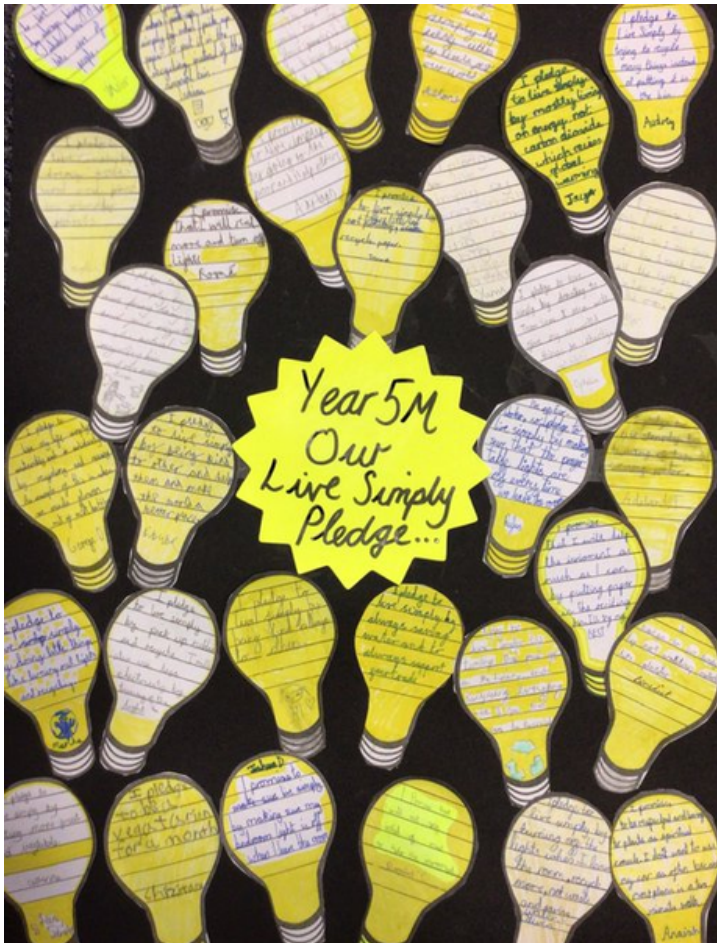


KS2 film evening

Thank you to our St. Mary's PTA for hosting our KS2 film club. The children had a marvellous time and enjoyed the popcorn.



Live Simply Pledges



In our efforts to receive the Live Simply Award, we are making simple pledges in school to live more sustainably.

Here are Year 5M pledges about how we can 'Live Simply' and sustainably to make the world a better place. Our eco-monitors will be ensuring we recycle waste paper, turn lights off and don't waste classroom resources.

CAFOD
Just one world

Livesimply



E-books

Well done Reception Class for reading your e-books at home. What super home learning!



St. Mary's netball team

Huge congratulations to our Year 6 netballers who won all of their matches in the Bournville Primary Tournament, on Wednesday. They won every game - : 2-1, 6-0, 8-0, 4-0)



Year 6 Assembly

Year 6 led us in a wonderful assembly about doing Christ's work on Earth - following the teaching of St. Teresa of Avila "Christ has no hands on Earth, but ours"



Reception news: -

Reception class have done fantastic work on the Bear Hunt this week - including paintings, independent writing, story sequencing and retelling the story.



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been learning about different signs and symbols that we see and hear at Church and during Mass and their meaning.



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have enjoyed playing dodgeball this week.



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have continued to use their handmade rosary beads to pray the rosary during October.



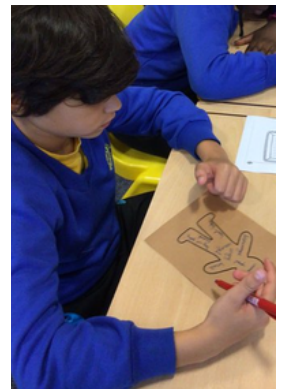
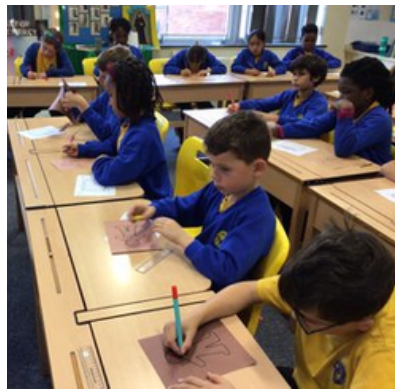
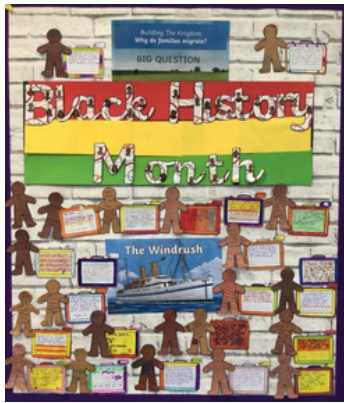
Year 4 news: -

Year 4 have enjoyed learning about the water cycle in their Science lessons.



Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have been learning about the Windrush migration from the Caribbean.



Year 6 news: -

Year 6 enjoyed a Greek feast as part of their Ancient Greece topic.



Year 1 Curriculum Workshop - 10.10.22

Thank you parents who came along to the Year 1 Curriculum Workshop this week. We hope that you found out more about how the curriculum is run at St. Mary's, and left with ideas of how to support your child's learning at home.

KS2 Monster Stomp Disco - 14.10.22

Thank you St. Mary's PTA for organising the Monster Stomp Disco.
It was great fun and the children had a marvellous time.
Reception / KS1 will have their disco when we return after half-term.



Other News

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Cleaner



We are looking for a Cleaner to join our team

Closing Date:	Thursday 6th October 2022 at 9:00am
Interview Date:	Expected to take place week commencing 10th October 2022
Proposed Start Date:	As soon as possible
Salary range:	Grade 1, £18,333 - £18,887 pro rata, (actual salary £7,411 - £7,635)
Hours:	15 hours per week
Contract Type:	Permanent, Term Time Only, plus 5 weeks in school holidays
Email Address:	office@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk
Telephone Number:	0121 464 2141

Senior Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking for a Senior Lunchtime Supervisor to join our team

Closing Date:	Tuesday 4 th October 2022 at midday
Interview Date:	Monday 10 th October 2022
Proposed Start Date:	As soon as possible
Salary range:	Grade 2, £18,887 - £20,852 pro rata
	Hourly rate £9.79 - £10.81
Hours:	10 hours per week
Contract Type:	Permanent, Term Time Only
Email Address:	office@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk
Telephone Number:	0121 464 2141



We have successfully been awarded
SILVER in the Pathway to Podium
Quality Mark for Physical Education,
Physical Activity and School Sport.



Staff News



Miss Smyth news

Miss Smyth will be getting married over the
October half-term.

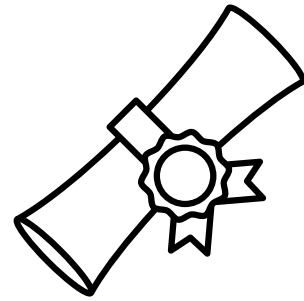
Once married, Miss Smyth will be taking her new husband's
name and will be known as Mrs. Tibbatts.





Mrs Salgado news

Mrs Salgado has recently started a PhD in Psychology at the University of Birmingham. She has been awarded a scholarship to study the mental health benefits of bilingualism in primary school children. We're very proud of her. She will continue to work in school one day a week whilst completing her scholarship.



Next week: - WB 17.10.22

Year R Curriculum Workshop - 17.10.22 - 2:00pm

Reception 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.



Parent Consultation Evenings

*Tuesday 18th October 2022 and
Thursday 20th October 2022.*



*Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!*

*This year, all appointments will take place in the school hall.
Please arrive 5 minutes before your appointment*

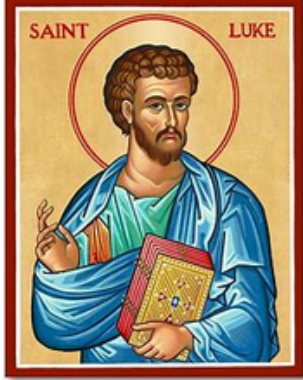
After your appointment, the teacher will give you your child's books to take to the Year 3 classroom and look at (3L Classroom). Please do not photograph books - we have photos of children in their exercise books, and we do not have permission to share these photos for all children.

After you have looked at books - please complete the parent questionnaire via the QR code. We like to hear all the things that we are doing well and you would like more of, and we also take on board any ways that you feel we could improve.

Please leave the building via the opposite Year 3 classroom - in this classroom, you will have the opportunity to purchase any books from the book fair and to peruse our pre-loved uniform and take any items home with you. Most of our donated uniform is almost new, washed and ready to go - please take advantage of this. You can leave a donation if you wish.

If you have another appointment, you can make your way back to the hall. If not, leave via the playground and gate.

We ask that you do not bring children (including pre-school children and babies) to your appointment. School-aged children are not allowed to attend the parents' evening appointment.



1L Feast Day - St Luke - 18th October

Tuesday 18th October will be 1L's class Saint feast day so they will be celebrating in school. Children in 1L can come to school in their own clothes on Tuesday and will be doing lots of fun activities learning about St. Luke.



Christmas Cards

Please return Christmas Cards to school with your order forms and money by 17th October. Please make sure that any money coming into school is in a labelled envelope with your child's name and class written on it.



Book Fair

Next week, we have the book fair in school – your child will have the opportunity to peruse the books available during the school day.

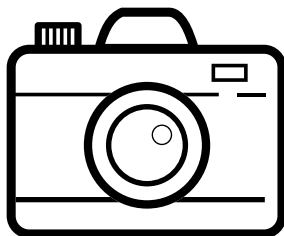
There will be opportunity to purchase books during parents' evenings and after school on Wednesday in the school hall. All purchases are cashless. You can pay online bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay or using a QR code on the day.



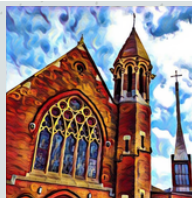
WB 31.10.22

Photo day - St Luke - 31st October

Monday 31st October will be school photo day in school. Children will be having their individual photos, photos with siblings and class photos.



Parish News



Children's Liturgy – 9:30am Mass

9.30am Sunday Family Mass. Children and parents, please, after Mass, do not play with any School gym items that have not been locked away. Our Caretaker has enough work on a Monday morning, without having to collect gym items scattered across the astroturf!

Thank you



ABC – About Being Catholic program

The About Being Catholic programme begins on Thursday 6th October, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, for anyone, Catholic or not, to learn more about Catholics and their prayers and practices, - so as to help their children with their faith. See Fr John if interested.



Bach Cello Recitals – every Saturday at 4pm

The Bach Cello Recitals will take place in St Mary's Church, live-streamed across Ukraine, with donations being made for medical/surgical equipment for the paramedics/Hospitals of Ukraine.

The Recitals and a Justgiving page can be accessed on St Mary's Harborne website

October collection for harvest - SIFA Fireside

Throughout October, we will be collecting for our harvest festival and supporting SIFA fireside. Here are the items to donate to school if you are able to support our charity work.



SIFA fireside

Our most needed items...

Food

- Instant meals e.g. pot noodles, cuppa soup, porridge
- Canned meals
- Baked beans
- Chocolate bars
- Cereal bars
- Biscuits
- Long life dessert items
- Crisps
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Squash
- Bottled water
- Soft drinks
- Instant hot drink sachets

Clothing

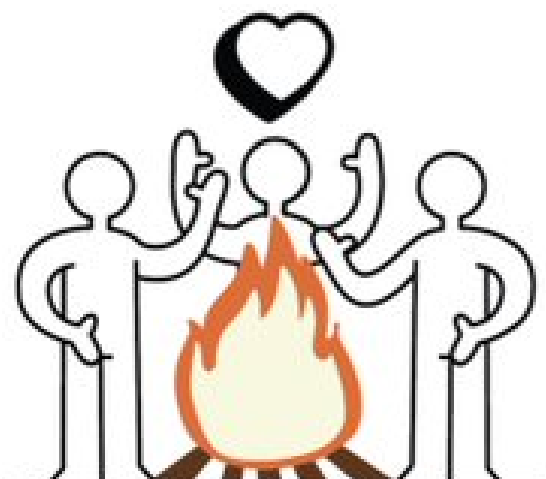
- Men's boxers & women's underwear (must be brand new)
- Socks
- Jogging bottoms
- Jackets
- Trainers

Other

- Sleeping bags
- Roll mats
- Plastic carrier bags
- Rucksacks
- Toiletries

Birmingham, you're not alone

SIFA Fireside, 48-52 Allcock Street, Birmingham B9 4DY
Registered charity number: 1049728



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



Online safety Tip #1

Do Not Allow Kids to Browse Alone

Set a rule that your child should use the electronic device for browsing in the living room or in the presence of an adult. This way, you can ensure that your child does not view unsuitable content online, and also supervise your child's online activities.



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 Miss Price 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 3rd Oct – 7th Oct

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	92.2%	96.2%	98.7%	90.3%	96.2%	95.3%	96%	98.7%	97.7%	98%	96.1%	100%	96.7%	99%
Lates	5	4	5	5	3	4	5	8	2	2	8	3	1	5
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.5%		School Target				97%		

Well done Y5F: - our Attendance Champions

Dates for this term

Autumn theme -

October 2022 - all month

WB 17th October 2022 - all week

18th October 2022 - 3:40pm

19th October 2022 - 9:30am

20th October 2022 - all day

20th October 2022 - 3:40pm

21st October 2022 - all day

WB 24th October - all week

1st November 2022 - 1:45pm

2nd November 2022 - all day

2nd November 2022 - 9:30am

2nd November 2022 - 1:45pm

3rd November 2022 - afternoon

4th November 2022 - 1:45pm

4th November 2022 -after school

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 14th November - all week

16th November 2022 - 9:15am

18th November 2022 - all day

18th November 2022 - 9:15am

22nd November 2022 - all day

23rd November 2022 - 9:15am

26th November 2022

Families and Communities

Black History Month

Book Fair in school

Parents' Evening

Reception Welcome and Harvest Mass

Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Day in School

Parents' Evening

School closed for children - INSET day

October half term holiday

Y5 Autumn Inspire

Flu immunisation day

Whole school Mass for All Saints and All Souls

Y3 Autumn Inspire

New Reception parents 2023-2024 open afternoon (New YR parents welcome)

Y2 Autumn Inspire

Monster Stomp Disco - KSI in Parish Centre

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

Y6 Mass in Church (Y6, Y5 parents welcome)

Children in Need NON-School Uniform Day

Year 5 Assembly

Let All Creation Sing Retreat Day in school for the children

Y4 Mass in Church (Y4, Y3 parents welcome)

St Mary's Parish Christmas Fair

School closed to children on Friday 21st October for INSET

Star of the week

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

Year RB	Michelle	Super blending in phonics
Year RT	Patryk	learning how to write your name and super learning
Year 1F	Willow	wonderful contributions during lessons
Year 1L	William	trying really hard to work independently
Year 2E	Dee	trying hard in all subjects and completing all work to an improved standard
Year 2G	Charlotte	always being kind and polite
Year 3L	Clara	demonstrating perfect behaviour at all times and being a good role-model
Year 3T	Isla	excellent reading during our Year 3 Mass
Year 4J	Rhoda	being a beacon of positivity and enthusiastically supporting her peers
Year 4M	Arthur	a fantastic improvement to his handwriting
Year 5F	Benedict	excellent reading during Mass and improving his handwriting
Year 5M	Yisen	Excellent legend piece of writing
Year 6O	Oliver	being an exemplary Year 6 role model and always conducting himself well
Year 6R	Remi Mae	being organised and wonderful role model to others

