



Archdiocese of Birmingham

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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.

### May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary

Our theme for the Summer term is: 'Stewardship'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Eloquent and Truthful'



17th May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been SATs week for Year 6 and the children all did wonderfully. We were extremely proud of how hard the children have worked and how they conducted themselves. They were a credit to you and the school. Year 6 children now have lots to look forward to with their Confirmation next Tuesday evening, residential after half term break and end of year performance. A massive well done to all the children and staff who have taught them throughout their whole learning journey in school to prepare them. Of course SATs don't measure everything and we have been also been thinking about this week, the importance of looking after our mental health and well-being and what we can do to help de-stress and relax. The week concluded with a PTA treat of 'Sublime Science workshops', which was great fun!

Next week is walk to school week. Many of our children walk, scoot to school or ride their bikes and it would be great to encourage more of this next week. It will reduce pollution, the issues around cars and parking around the school site and encourage healthy lifestyles. Our Year 6 children will be completing a survey to find out how your children came to school as part of their Stewardship work. Even if you live far away - maybe you could park further away and walk the last bit so that your child can be involved. We also have a reminder for Year 2 parents - SATs are no longer statutory for KSI, but as a school, we will be conducting some assessments next week - if your child is in Year 2, please ensure that they are in school every day and on time next week for these assessments. Have a marvellous Pentecost Sunday.  
Mrs Yorke

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

*John 17:11-19*

*Jesus raised His eyes to Heaven and said: "Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us."*

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Jesus prays for all His followers to be united in truth and love.
- Our faith in Jesus makes us one with Him, and all believers.
- When we work together as one, we can do amazing things for Jesus

*Our Father, who art in Heaven  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on Earth as it is in Heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*Amen*

### *Catholic Life in School*



*Reception Mass in celebration of Pentecost - 22.5.24*

*Reception will be leading Mass on Wednesday 22nd May at 9.15am in the School Hall. Parents of Reception children are invited to attend.*

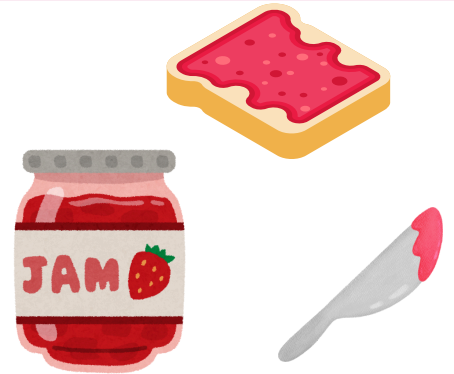
Reception news: -

In Maths this week, Reception hunted for missing numbers on our number line!  
They knew straight away which ones were not there.



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been following instructions on how to make a jam sandwich in English.  
The children had to work in pairs and give their partner clear instructions.



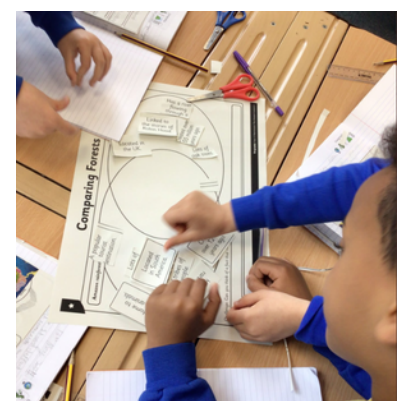
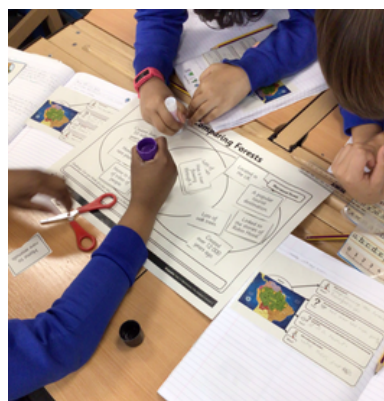
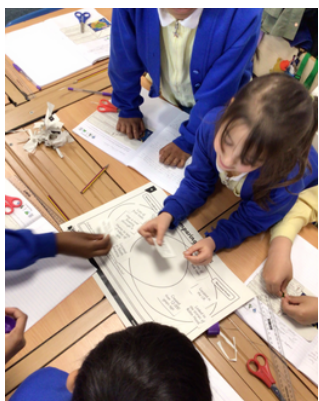
Year 2 news: -

Year 2 gathered resources for their wormery in Science this week.



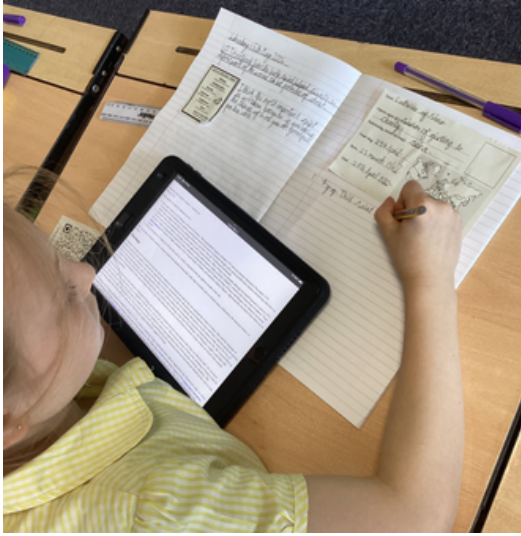
Year 3 news: -

In Geography, Year 3 compared forests - they learned what is similar and different  
about the Amazon Rainforest and Sherwood Forest, in the UK.



*Year 4 news: -*

In RE this week, Year 4 researched how the Holy Spirit helped Saints in different parts of the World to be followers of Christ.



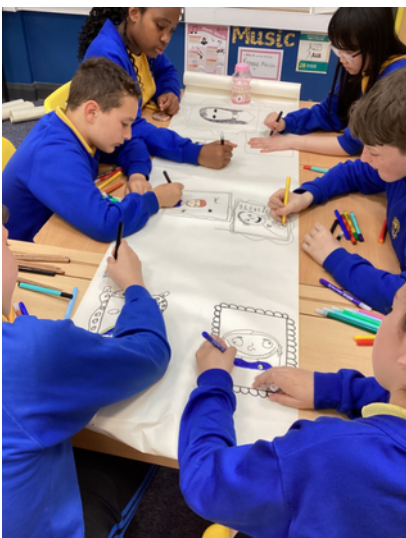
*Year 5 news: -*

Year 5 edited their non-fiction Exciting Writing pieces about cleaning our rivers this week, in English.



*Year 6 news: -*

Y6 made their own portrait galleries in Art this week



# Catholic Life



Prayer Bags in dedication to Our Lady



## Stewardship



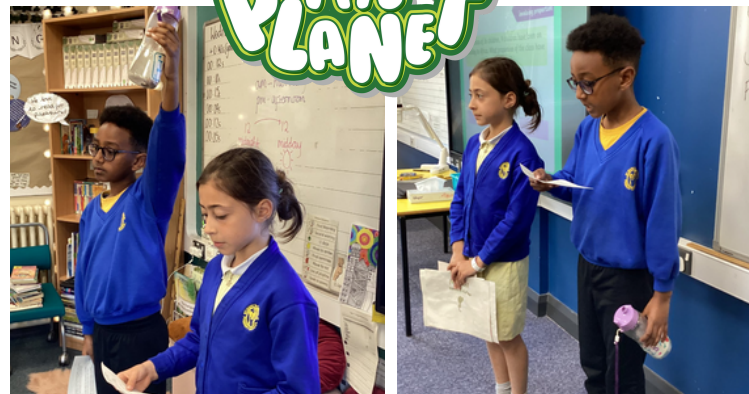
*"Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realise that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others."*

*Laudato Si (#159, 2015)*

*Year 2 have learned a song to spread the vital message about saving our planet.*



*Year 3 have planned and filmed information videos to educate others about what they can do to help protect the rainforests.*



*As part of their commitment to social action, Year 4 are supporting Water Aid. The children used their oracy skills to present to other classes across the school and encouraged them to take part in gathering loose change, which will be donated to the charity.*



# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

13-19 MAY 2024



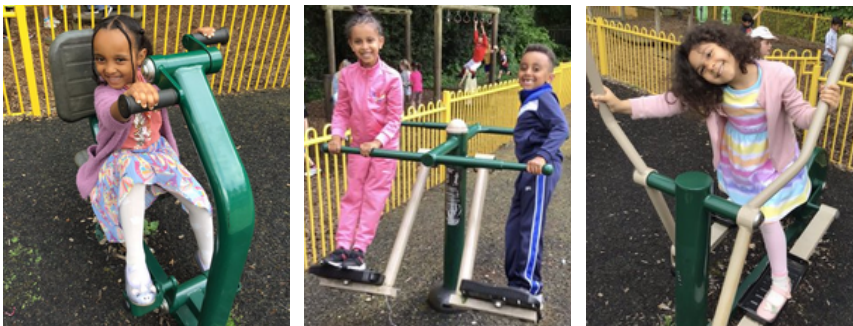
Year 5 took some time out from their learning this week to think about what they can do for their mental health and enjoyed some mindful movement!



Year 3 reflected on gratitude for Mental Health Awareness Week and created some beautiful gratitude hearts! They also enjoyed their time playing outside together.



Reception created some art out of nature.



Year 1 understand the importance of exercise for keeping our bodies and minds healthy. They spend extra time on the outdoor gym this week.





# Well Done, Year 6!



*Congratulations to our fantastic Year 6 children who have completed their SATs tests. We are all so proud of you and how hard you have worked, not just this week, but all year. Thank you to all the families who have supported the children and everyone who made SATs week run smoothly. Year 6 were incredible this week and we were blown away by their hard work, perseverance and calm demeanour. Well done!*

## Extra-Curricular



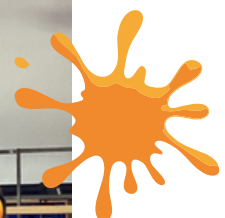
### PTA Summer Disco

*A great time was had by all at the PTA Summer Disco on Friday 10th May and thanks to the PTA to organising such a fun night!*



### Sublime Science Workshops

*The children had a fantastic time making slime at their Sublime Science workshops on Friday. Thank you to the PTA for organising this both enjoyable and educational experience!*





## Walk to School Week 2024

Next week is 'Walk to School Week 2024'. As stewards of God's earth, we are encouraging all children to walk, bike or scoot, all or part of their journey to school, to help reduce pollution.



## Year 1 Harborne Library Visit - 21.5.24

Year 1 will be visiting Harborne Library next Tuesday.

1F will leave at 8:50am

1L will leave at 10:20 am

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



## Year 6 Confirmation Mass - 21.5.24 at 7pm

Our Year 6 children will be making their Confirmation on **Tuesday 21st May at 7pm**

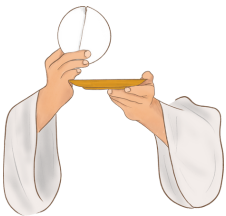
We look forward to welcoming Bishop David to St. Mary's



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## Parish News



### Eucharistic Ministers

*Parents: we need lay Ministers of Holy Communion for all the Year Masses involving Years 4, 5 and 6. Your reverence for, and faith in Jesus Christ's presence both in the Sacred Host and the communicants, plus a short practice with Fr Hilary or Fr John is all that is required. Please let one of the priests know, if you can help.*

### Consultation - Changes to Parish Mass times

*Parish Sunday Mass times throughout the Archdiocese, and especially in our local Deanery (Birmingham South: Harborne, Quinton, Bearwood, Weoley Castle etc ) are under ongoing discussion. It is suggested that Mass times need to be staggered in order to allow one priest to cover two or more Churches for Sunday Mass. This is needed if/when a neighbouring priest is not available (sick, holidays, bereavement, death).*

*The changes will be implemented in the next couple of years....*

*Have your say after each Mass at St Mary's Pentecost Sunday May 18/19th.*



# Multi-activity camps

WHITSUN HALF-TERM



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**Ages:** 4-11 (4 year olds 9am- 1pm)

**Additional info:** EARLY BIRD 30% discount ends on 1/5/24

### PLEASE BRING

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Our 5\* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the Whitsun half-term.

Children can meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

**Book now** for a half-term full of fun!

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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



### Being unkind online

*Talk to your child about how they speak to other online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness...*

*Here are some examples of what being unkind online looks like to talk to children about:-*

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

### 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 last week was -

**Week 13/05/24-17/05/24**

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	96.6	97.9	95.3	96	94.6	99.3	99	99	100	98.6	99	99	100	99.3
Lates	2	8	8	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.4%		School Target				97%		

**Well done 4J and 6R: - Our attendance champions!**

# Dates for next term

Summer theme -

Summer 1

21st May 2024 - am

22nd May 2024 - 9:15am

24th May 2024

Stewardship

Eloquent and Truthful

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

Reception Mass ONLY for Reception parents in school hall

Break up for half-term break - normal time

Summer theme -

Summer 2

3rd June 2024 - all day

WB 3.6.24

4th June 2024 - am

4th June 2024 - 2:30pm

5th June 2024 - 9:15am

5th June 2024 - 2:30pm

7th June 2024 - all day

WB 10.6.24

WB 10.6.24

11th June 2024 - am

12th June 2024 - all day

12th June 2024 - 9:15am

13th June 2024 - all day

14th June 2024 - pm

17th June - 19th June

19th June 2024 - 9:15am

25th June 2024 - am

2nd July 2024 - am

Stewardship

Learned and Wise

Children return to school at normal time

Year 4 Multiplication check window - 3 weeks

Year 3 visit to Harborne library (8:50 3T and 10:20 3L)

RSE talk for parents - KS1

Year 1 Mass ONLY for Year 1 parents in school hall

RSE talk for parents - KS2

World Ocean Day

Phonics check for Year 1 this week

Money Week

Year 2 visit to Harborne library (8:50 2E and 10:20 2G)

Sarehole Mill Trip - Y5F

Year 4 Mass in Church (and Year 3 classes attend) - parents welcome

Sarehole Mill Trip - Y5M

Year 6 Fathers' Day Inspire

Year 6 residential

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

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

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

# Star of the week

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

Year RB	Mahin	Trying so hard with her reading and writing this week
Year RT	Buraq	Speaking so confidently in the Reception assembly
Year IF	Sophia	A fantastic exciting write
Year IL	Ollie	Being a very kind and supportive friend
Year 2E	Anya	Being a kind, caring and helpful member of our class
Year 2G	Imogen	Always being a fantastic role model to her peers
Year 3L	Hannah	Always showing manners, courtesy and respect and living out the virtues
Year 3T	Dee	Creating a super video about Stewardship during Computing
Year 4J	Bruce	Always being polite and respectful
Year 4M	Nathan	Being a helpful member of the class both inside and outside of the classroom
Year 5F	Ali	Excellent manners and behaviour at all times
Year 5M	Amber	Always engaging in her work and encompassing the school virtues at all times
Year 6	To all of Y6	Being superstars during their SATs week - showing real positivity and determination!

