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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: - 'Intentional and Prophetic'



Dear parents and carers,

16th June 2023

This week, our collective worship has been focused on the Sacred Heart of Jesus - a reminder of the call to be more compassionate as our Christ is and the deep love our Lord has for us! This flows nicely in to our Refugee week next week, as the theme continues with showing acts of compassion to all people. Next week, we also have our 'Parent and children' workshops on Tuesday 20th June. Please be prepared to be outdoors and dress for drizzle/rain (as the forecast does say rain at the moment). If the rain is too heavy, we will move to indoor activities. Please ensure that your children have raincoats with them this week as well because the weather is very changeable at the moment. We need you to have booked a slot for our parent workshops as we have to take in to account numbers and need these in advance. Please let the office know by Monday 19th June - 4pm if you are attending. We are continuing to tighten up procedures at St. Mary's and update our policies - these can be found on our website. Please may I remind you that if your child is taken out of school for an appointment, the office staff will ask to see the appointment information - this is so any absence can be authorised. If you request special absence - please complete the form from the office. This allows us to know where your child and to keep our records accurate. Please note that I am unable to authorise absence in term time.

Mrs Yorke

This week's Gospel and Prayer

John 6 : 58

"Anyone who eats this bread will live forever."

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Jesus feeds our souls with His Body and Blood
- We show that we welcome Jesus into our lives when we take Communion
- Hunger can be physical and spiritual

Dear Jesus,

You are the Bread of Life! You want to feed me, body and soul. I choose to say 'yes'; the doors of my heart are open to you.

Amen

Catholic Life in School

Year 2 Mass - 22.3.23 - Sacred Heart of Jesus

Thank you Year 2 for leading our Mass about Jesus' Sacred Heart - burning with love for us all!



Y5 Mass - SS. Fisher and More

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 21st June 2023, starting promptly at 9:15am. Year 5 children will be leading our Mass and Year 3 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.

Reception news: -

Reception have had lots of fun this week shopping for toys and ice creams!



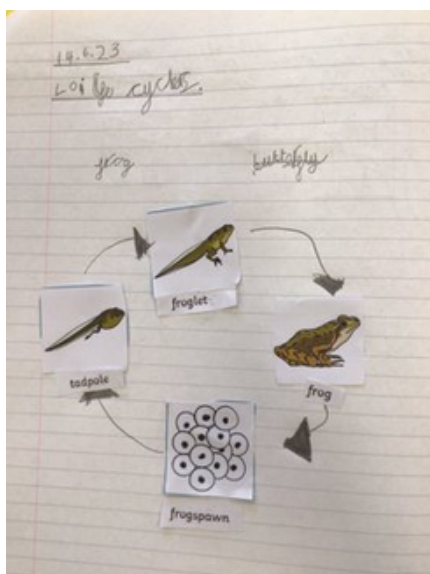
Year 1 news: -

Year 1 practised their agility and coordination by running, rolling, throwing, catching and bouncing.



Year 2 news: -

Scientists in Year 2 have been learning about the life cycle of different animals, finding out about metamorphosis.



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have been planning and leading Collective Worship. It was wonderful to see them in the prayer garden this week. They reflected on how God made us and what we liked about ourselves.

They also visited year 2 to talk about their Holy communion.



Year 4 news: -

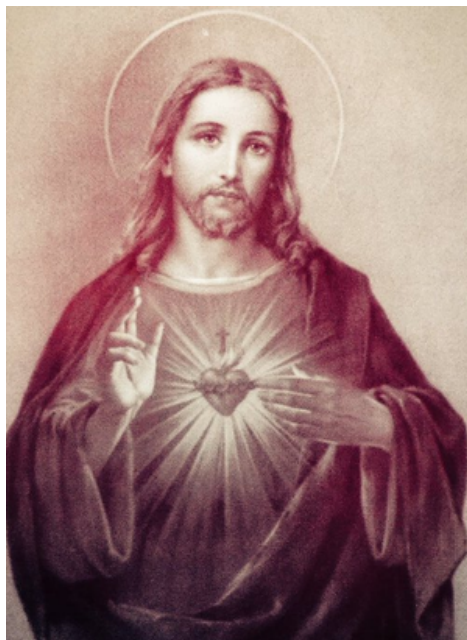
Year 4 have been exploring high and low pitch sounds by using a glockenspiel and they have also been making pan pipes!



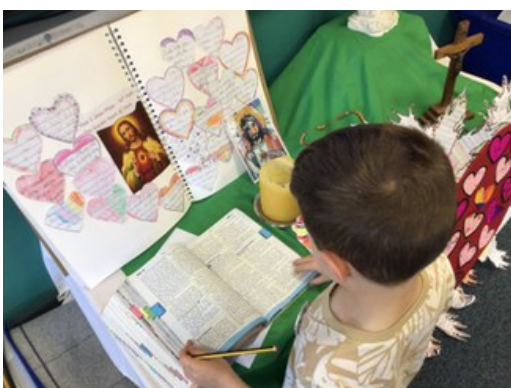
Year 5 news: -
Year 5 learnt about the phases of the moon



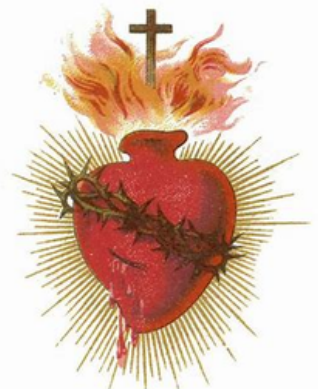
Year 6 news: -
Year 6 have been learning forehand and backhand techniques in badminton.

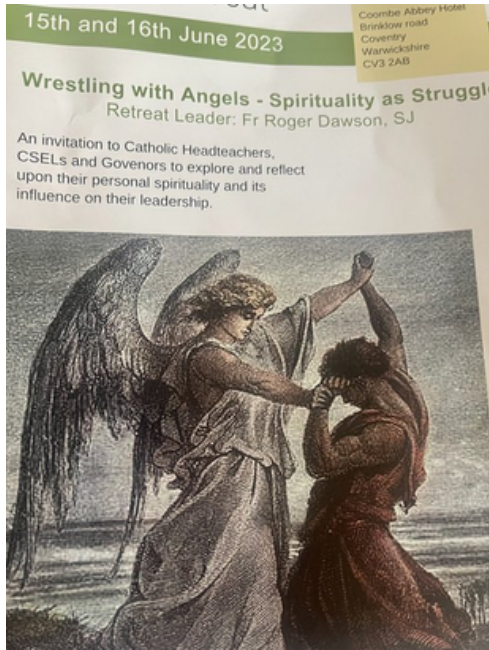


Year 1 thought about how they could take away the thorns and make Jesus' heart full.



Year 2 planned and led a collective worship, reminding us that we all belong in Jesus' heart.





Mrs. Yorke gave some time to her own spiritual formation by attending EducareM National Retreat for Headteachers, with wonderful sessions given by Fr. Roger Dawson.

It is
with my well
soul

Money Week

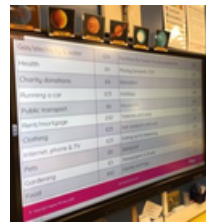
We have had money week in school and the children took part in a range of economic activities, which brought money matters to life. We met many of our objectives from our maths and PSHE curriculum, designed to raise awareness of the importance of financial education.



Reception class have been shopping for toys and ice-cream



Year 5 learnt about household bills and budgeting



Year 6 looked at annual salaries and tax brackets



We were so proud of our children who gave their time to run the stalls at our Summer Fair, as part of their Money Week learning.



Year 3 were selling their homemade cornflake cakes and lemonade at the summer fayre!



The year 5 children came up with fantastic business models to support a variety of charities.



St. Mary's Summer Fair

We had such an amazing time at our Summer Fair, organised by the PTA.



St Mary's RC School
PTA
Parent-Teacher Association
Charity No. 1180380



SPORT SUCCESS

Great news for St. Mary's PE

This week, our U11 boys who won their football match 4-0 at the beginning of the week and then went on to win their last match 3-1... They therefore **WON THE LEAGUE!** We're so proud of them for showing excellent displays of skill and teamwork all round! Very well deserved. Thank you parents for all your support too!



We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2nd year running for our outstanding commitment and engagement with PE, School Sport and Physical Activity at St. Mary's!



Next week - WB 19.6.23

Refugee Week 2023 - WB 19.6.23

Next week is refugee week in school and the theme is 'compassion' and we will be celebrating what compassion looks like in action as we extend love and compassion widely to all. At St. Mary's we believe that every refugee should be welcomed and treated with compassion - regardless of their birthplace, origin, race or religion. We're proud to be a School of Sanctuary.



Parents and children Inspire workshop - Tuesday 20th June 9:15am or 1:15pm

To celebrate Father's Day (and Mother's Day which unfortunately could not go ahead because of the snow), we are hosting a special play-based 'Parents and children Inspire workshop' in school. This workshop has been designed for mums and dads but of course any family member can attend. The person attending must be an adult over 18 years of age. We have planned some fun activities, led by staff in school, where you can work with your children across the year groups. Please complete the slip and send in to school or phone the office by Monday 19th June 2023 if you would like to attend the workshop.



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The overall welcoming spirit of BCTSA is what led me to choosing to train there. I felt a real warmth of support which made me feel comfortable and confident.

Rachel, BCTSA Health and Social Care trainee, 2022-2023





BUT WHILE HE WAS STILL A LONG WAY OFF, HIS FATHER SAW HIM & WAS FILLED WITH COMPASSION FOR HIM; HE RAN TO HIS SON, THREW HIS ARMS AROUND HIM & KISSED HIM.
LUKE 15:20

Happy Fathers' Day to all father-figures. We pray for all fathers that you know your worth and enjoy Father's Day. We also pray for anybody who finds Father's day difficult. We pray that you know our Heavenly Father has you in His keeping.

This June, The Wildlife Trust are encouraging people to reconnect with nature. How many can you join in with?

Tag us in @StMaryB17 and #30DaysWild

Let's go 30 Days Wild



To help you go wild this June, we've come up with 30 ideas!

This is just a guide - feel free to adapt any of these activities to your lifestyle, or come up with your own. It's completely up to you. For inspiration, take a look at what others are up to by keeping an eye on #30DaysWild on social media, and joining the 30 Days Wild Facebook group.

Look, touch and smell	Move in nature	Discover nature	Help nature	Connect to nature
01. Look for a feather, flower, bee and butterfly	05. Swing on a branch, hug or climb a tree	12. Go on a mini beast hunt	19. Reduce plastic waste	26. Take time to admire the beauty in nature
02. Feel a smooth leaf, lump of moss and wind on your face	06. Exercise in nature	13. Identify a bee, fly or a beetle	20. Put out a water dish or make a mini pond	27. Find what makes you happy in nature
03. Smell wild herbs or a flower	07. Play a game outdoors	14. Count and identify wildflowers	21. Sow wildflower seeds or feed the birds	28. Talk to a friend about what you love in nature
04. Listen to water flowing, birds singing and bees buzzing	08. Have a picnic	15. Learn five facts about your favourite bird, mammal or insect	22. Make a leaf pile, log pile or bee home for wildlife	29. Tell a wild story about nature
09. Go on a nature treasure hunt	10. Splash in water	16. Speak up for nature - take part in a campaign	23. Raise money for wildlife with a sponsored walk	30. Share the best bits of 30 Days Wild with friends and family!
11. Visit a nature reserve, park, garden or beach		17. Camp out or go to a Big Wild Weekend event	24. Leave a patch of long grass and dandelions to grow for wildlife	
		18. Take the Big Wild Quiz	25. Draw, paint or write about your favourite creature	

Take a photo, draw or write about nature, tell someone or share on social media #30DaysWild

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



Joyful June 2023

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month

2 Say positive things in your conversations with others

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 last week was –

Week 5th June – 9th June

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	95%	96%	98.3%	94.3%	99.3%	98.7%	97.3%	92.3%	99.7%	98.3%	95.8%	95.2%	94%	97.7%
Lates	12	9	4	9	3	2	13	6	5	1	4	5	5	3
Whole School Attendance so far this year						95.7%			School Target				97%	

Well done Y2E: - our Attendance Champions

Dates for next term

Summer theme -

Summer 11 Virtues

WB 19.6.23

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20th June 2023 - 9:15-11:00am

20th June 2023 - 1:15-3:00pm

21st June 2023 - 9:15am

23rd June - all day

23rd June 2023 - 9:00am

23rd June 2023 - 1:00pm

WB 26.6.23

27th June 2023 - all day

27th June 2023 - 9:00am

28th June 2023 - all day

29th June 2023 - 9:30am

30th June 2023 - 9:00am

30th June 2023 - 9:15am

4th July 2023 - 9:00am

5th July 2023 - all day

5th July 2023 - 10am and 1pm

7th July 2023 - all day

7th July 2023 - 1:00pm

7th July 2023

11th July 2023 - 9:00am

12th July 2023 - all day

12th July 2023 - 9:15am

13th July 2023 - 2:00pm

14th July 2023 - 9:00am

14th July 2023 - 2:00pm

19th July 2023 - all day

19th July 2023 - 9:30am

21st July -

Solidarity and the Common Good

Intentional and Prophetic

Refugee Week

Arts Week

Parent Inspire morning session

Parent Inspire afternoon session

Y5 Mass in Church (and Y3 attend) - parents welcome

Class photos day

Y1F visit to Harborne Library

Y1L visit to Harborne Library

Request for bottles for the Parish Fete can be brought in to school

Y3 trip to Coventry Transport Museum

Y2G visit to Harborne Library

Y2 trip to Arboretum

Whole School Mass for SS Peter and Paul - parents welcome

Y2E visit to Harborne Library

Reception Year group assembly for parents

YRT visit to Harborne Library

Transition day - children will meet their new teacher/class for next year

New Reception cohort parent meeting in hall - children meet their teachers

Sports Day (Reception and Infants - am; Juniors - pm)

YRB visit to Harborne Library

Reports are due ready to be emailed to parents

Y1L visit to Harborne Library

New Reception cohort transition meetings with parents / class teachers

Y1 Mass in Church (and Y5 attend) - parents welcome

MATILDA Performance for parents

Y1F visit to Harborne Library

MATILDA Performance for parents

New Reception cohort transition meetings with parents / class teachers

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	Joseph	<i>For trying so hard with his reading!</i>
Year RT	Nathan	<i>For persisting when he finds things tricky!</i>
Year IF	Raina	<i>For trying really hard in phonics</i>
Year 1L	Hannah	<i>For consistently using great manners and being a wonderful role-model.</i>
Year 2E	Oscar	<i>For making a big effort to improve his behaviour and the quality of his work.</i>
Year 2G	Ben	<i>For super science learning about animals</i>
Year 3L	Nathan O	<i>For trying hard to solve problems independently</i>
Year 3T	Jhanvi	<i>For her brilliant ideas during geography.</i>
Year 4J	Chisom	<i>For excellent work during money week in maths</i>
Year 4M	Alex	<i>For his super effort during his exciting writing</i>
Year 5F	Victor	<i>For excellent contributions to science lessons and school fayre</i>
Year 5M	Joshua F	<i>For working super hard this week and completing his assessments even with a broken arm</i>
Year 6O	Ayomide	<i>For consistently using great manners and being a wonderful role-model.</i>
Year 6R	Cinnamon	<i>For always being resilient in the face of a challenge and being a positive role model to others.</i>

