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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



21st October 2022

Dear parents and carers,

A massive thank you for the harvest donations. Your generosity will help those who use SIFA Fireside for support when times are difficult, and we are extremely thankful for the support we have for our charity work. We continue to build on our Catholic Curriculum in school. For those who have attended curriculum workshops, you will have found out more about what the 'Building the Kingdom' curriculum means. We will continue to run workshops after half term and please check the pink section of this newsletter for upcoming dates.

We hope that you had a good parent consultation this week and thank you for those that took time to complete our parent questionnaire. We received 105 responses, which is fantastic. We will analyse the results and share these with you in future newsletters, addressing any areas that need further clarification and improvement.

Our first point of call for sharing information about the curriculum, events, school news is always our twitter account - please follow St Mary's School - @StMaryB17. We also have all of our newsletters on our school website under the 'news' tab. Time to rest and recharge now. We hope that you have a lovely break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on October 31st.

Mrs Yorke

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Luke 18: 1 - 8

"Jesus told His disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart"

Dear God,

Thank you for always listening to our prayers. Forgive us when we forget to pray and don't ask for your guidance. Please help us to never give up, but keep praying so that we can know you more.

Amen

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- God wants to answer our prayers.
- Prayer leads us to a deeper relationship with God.
- We can ask for God's help to pray.

Catholic Life in School

Reception Welcome Mass - Harvest

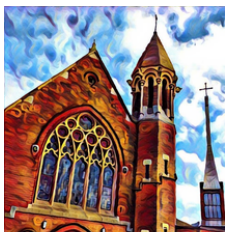
On Wednesday, Reception class were officially welcomed into our St. Mary's family as we celebrated the harvest.



Whole School Mass in Church - 1.11.22 at 9:30am - All Saints

Change of date!

Our next Mass in Church will be on Tuesday 1st November 2022, starting promptly at 9:30am. **The whole school** will be celebrating our Mass. All parents are welcome to attend.

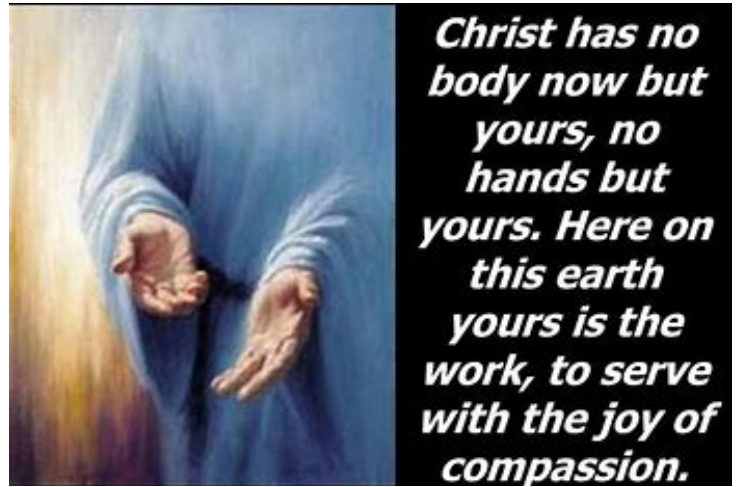




Year 6 Assembly

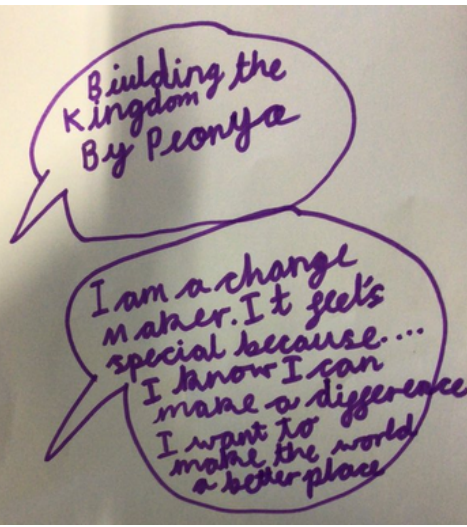
Year 6 performed their assembly about St. Teresa of Avila and taught us how we could use our virtues of compassion and love to do Christ's work on Earth.

Change makers



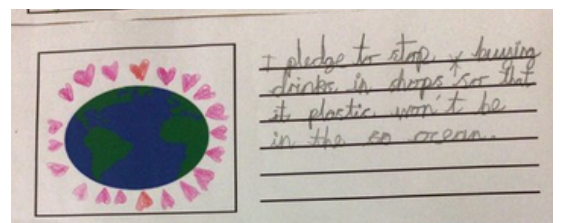
Building the Kingdom

Pope Francis said we need to "... anoint our young people with the gift of prophecy and vision." This week, we all made a promise to make a difference and change our world for the better.

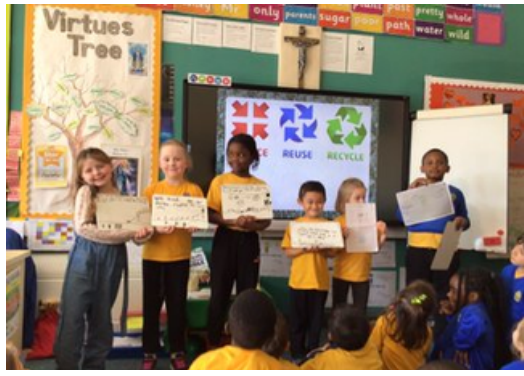


Live Simply pledges

We have been making pledges, in order to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor and our global family. What pledges can you make, at home?



Year 2 made presentations about the importance of recycling, reducing, and reusing.



Preet Kaur Gill MP  @PreetKGillMP · Oct 19

Fantastic #Y2 - caring for our wonderful world is needed now more than ever. The importance of education teaching the impact of climate change and finding solutions is so important. 🙏

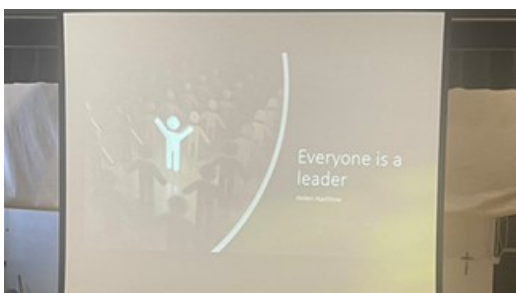
Harvest Donations for Fireside

Thank you all so much for your kind donations to our harvest collection. Two of our Spiritual Councillors took all our donations to SIFA Fireside, B9 4DY.



Staff INSET

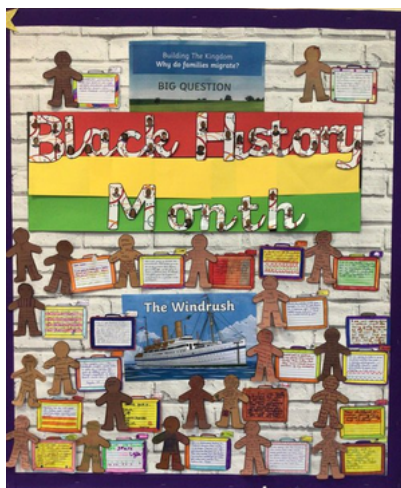
St. Marys works closely alongside other Catholic primary schools in a partnership called Tolkien. Today, staff had the opportunity to work alongside each other in a series of workshops on our INSET day at Bishop Challoner Secondary School. It was a fabulous end to our half-term and we have lots of ideas going forward.



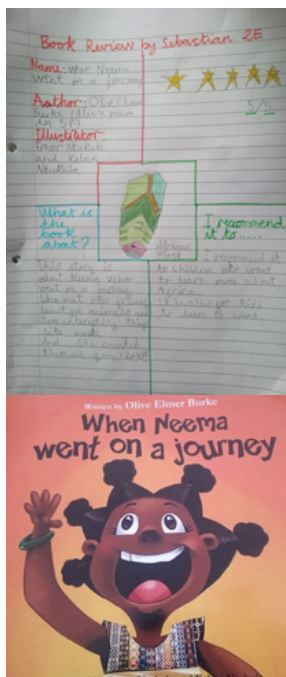
Black History Month



The children have been reading and reviewing books by Black writers.

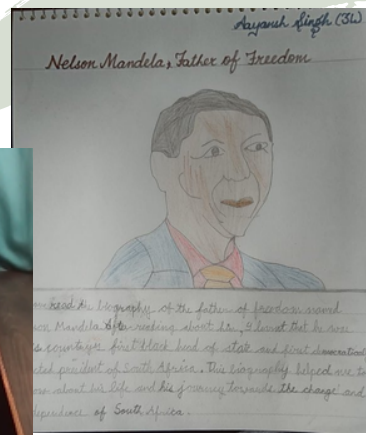
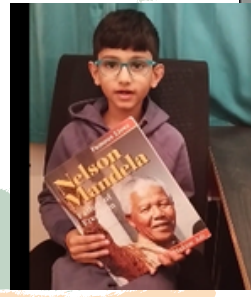
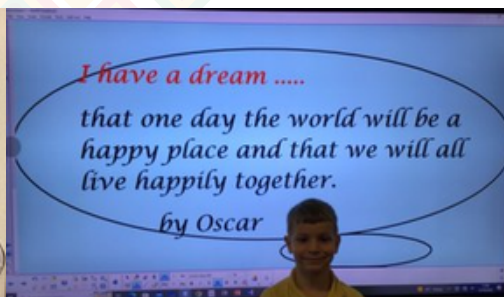


We have many black history displays around school.



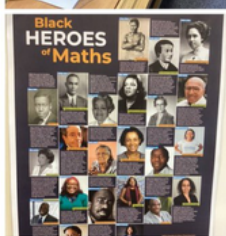
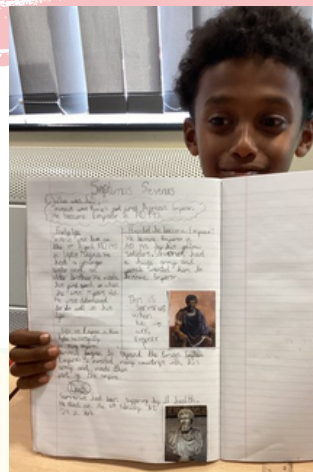
Year 5 learnt about the Windrush migration from the Caribbean.

BLACK History MATTERS



Year 2 have been inspired by the words of Martin Luther King - they have a dream too!

In celebration of Black History Month, Year 6 researched and wrote fact files about Black Heroes of Maths.

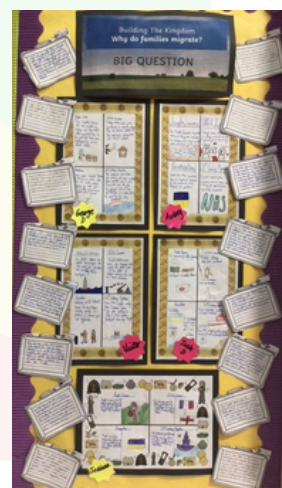


Have you read the story 'Sulwe' by Lupita Nyong'o?

Y4 learnt about Septimius Severus who was a key historic figure in Roman history.

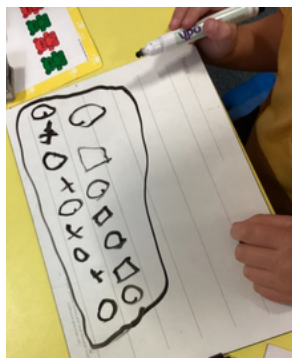


Never give up on your dreams.



Reception news: -

Reception class have been learning all about repeating patterns this week. They have copied and continued them and even created their own independently.



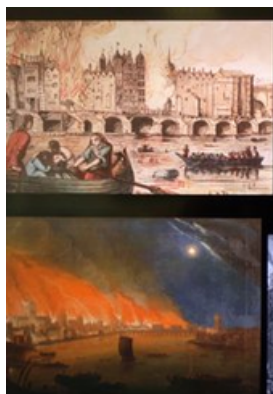
Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been using guides and bridges to control the sliders in their moving pictures, in DT.



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have been enjoying learning about the Great Fire of London.



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have researched, designed and created Stone Age dwellings as part of their DT learning.



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 have been learning that all roads lead to Rome.



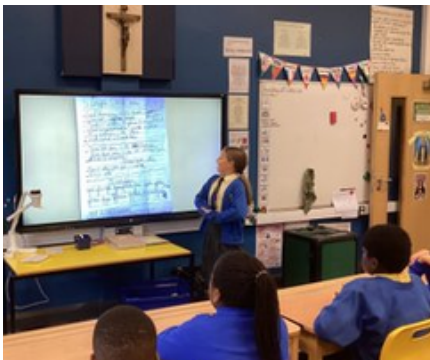
Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have enjoyed their wonderful Anglo-Saxon learning.



Year 6 news: -

Cinnamon and Marlowe led the Greek lesson in Year 6, after learning some Greek phrases at home as part of their Ancient Greece topic.



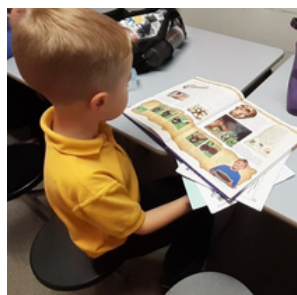
Year R Curriculum Workshop - 17.10.22

Thank you parents who came along to the Reception Curriculum Workshop this week. We hope 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.



Book Fair

Is there anything better than getting a new book to read?



Staff News

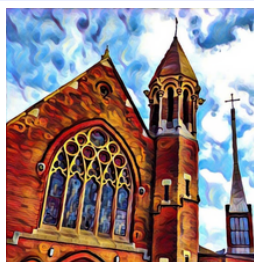
Miss Smyth news

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.



Other News



Change in date for our 'All Saints Feast Day Whole School Mass

A whole school All Saints Mass will now be

Tuesday 1 November at 9:30am:

All children will be attending Mass this day.

Parents are welcome to attend and to sit in the old part of the Church.



Arrangements for when money is sent into school

Please can we ask that any cash sent into school for PTA things be placed in a sealed envelope with the child's name, registration group, what the money is for, and amount enclosed written on the front. This is important so that the PTA can keep track of who has paid for their organised events - it is harder to keep track when loose change is handed in.

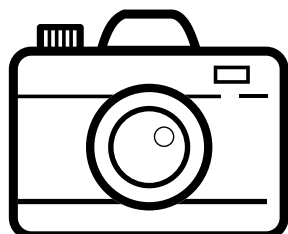


Photo day - 31st October

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



All Saints - Half-term project?

The week we return - we will be learning about the Saints. This half term, your child **may** like to learn about a particular Saint in more detail. Any work can be used for our All Saints learning and display work. Children could learn more about their class Saint, their chosen Saint for their Confirmation name, or a Saint that they are particularly interested in.

Autumn Inspire Workshops

We are hosting a series of Autumn 'Inspire' workshops in school over the next few weeks.

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 1st November - Year 5
 Wednesday 2nd November - Year 3
 Friday 4th November - Year 2
 Tuesday 8th November - Year R
 Wednesday 9th November - Year 1
 Thursday 10th November - Year 6
 Friday 11th November - Year 4

All workshops begin at 1:45pm. We will gather numbers of those attending on the Monday we return to school.



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Open Afternoon



Do you or someone you know have a child due to start school in September 2023? If so, and you would like to have a tour of the school and ask some questions, please call the school office (0121 464 2141) to book your preferred slot:

Thursday 3rd November - 1:30 - 2:00

Thursday 3rd November - 2:00 - 2:30

Thursday 3rd November 2:30-3:00



We look forward to welcoming you to our lovely school.



**Flu immunisation day:
Wednesday 2nd November**

NHS nurses will be in school on Wednesday to administer the flu vaccine.



4M Feast Day - St Martin De Porres - 3rd November

Thursday 4th November will be 4M's class Saint feast day so they will be celebrating in school. Children in 4M can come to school in their own clothes on Thursday and will be doing lots of fun activities learning about St. Martin De Porres.



Parentkind
Member Association

MONSTER STOMP DISCO

Friday NOVEMBER 4th
Reception, Yr1, Yr2
6.30pm-8.30pm
£4 per ticket (cordial and sweets included)
Location: **PARISH CENTRE**

FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL

- Photo area with props
- Chocolate stall
- Glitter tattoos &
- Nail paints
- Games
- Sweet stall
- Soft drinks
- Snack food available to purchase

Limited tickets available due to Parish Centre Capacity

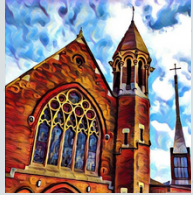
Tickets available from Mon 17th Oct

Tickets for children and one parent

RUBY DOO ENTERTAINMENT

Tickets available from your PTA REPS or from committee members Hayley Rochelle-Floyd, Joanna Leek or Sumaira Asghar.
VOLUNTEERS on the night would be very much appreciated. Please contact Year REPS or email ptaofstmarys@hotmail.com.





All Saints Feast Day – Tuesday 1st November:

All Saints Feast Day – Tuesday 1 November: Masses at 8.30am, 9.30am (whole school), 12.00pm and 6.00pm – a day to remember all your deceased loved ones.



All Souls Day – Wednesday 2 November:

Masses at 8.30am, 12.00pm and 6.00pm. Light a candle for your loved ones: from 10.30am to 7.00pm, there will be three candle stands before the altar – please leave room for those lighting candles after you. Please place donations in candle stand.



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.

Reminders

Y6 applications for Secondary Schools –

All children in Year 6 should have received a letter before the holiday with details on how to apply for a Secondary School place for September 2023. Online application is now open on the Birmingham City Council website at <https://leadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php>

If you need any assistance with this, please come into school and we will be happy to help.

Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is 31st October 2022.

Offer day is 1st March 2023

Coats



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



Correct Uniform – Winter Uniform

When we return to school, the children should wear their winter uniform i.e. **shirts/blouses and ties**.

We also ask that children come to school in their winter PE kit on the days that they have PE.

Again, 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**.



Remembrance book

We have a remembrance book in school – please add anybody you would like us to pray for to the book when you are in school. Alternatively, let school know, via email or by sending in the names on a strip of paper with your child, if you would like any names added to our book of remembrance.

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

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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 10th Oct – 14th Oct

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	89.3%	90.7%	99.3%	98%	97.7%	92.7%	98.7%	96%	99.7%	96%	95.8%	99.7%	96.3%	98.7%
Lates	12	3	6	5	5	3	7	7	3	6	10	2	3	6
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.7%		School Target				97%		

Well done Y4J and Y5F: - our Attendance Champions

Dates for this term

Autumn theme -

Autumn Virtues

21st October 2022 - all day

WB 24th October - all week

31st October 2022 - all day

1st November 2022 - 9:30am

1st November 2022 - 1:45pm

2nd November 2022 - all day

2nd November 2022 - 1:45pm

3rd November - all day

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 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

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

9th December 2022 - all day

Families and Communities

Faith-filled and Hopeful

School closed for children - INSET day

October half term holiday

Photographer in school

*Whole school Mass for All Saints and All Souls *change of date**

Y5 Autumn Inspire

Flu immunisation day

Y3 Autumn Inspire

Y4M non-school uniform day for Class Saint feast day - St. Martin de Porres

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

BCSSA Chess Competition

Y6 Mass in Church (Y6, Y5 parents welcome)

Non-school Uniform Day - Children in Need

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)

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 KSI Christmas disco

KS2 Christmas disco

Christmas jumper or festive clothing day in school

Star of the week

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

Year RB	Elizbeth	settling in really well to her new school and always trying her best
Year RT	Massimo	working hard to complete super maths learning
Year IF	Waran	always trying his hardest in all of his learning
Year 1L	Margaret	being a fabulous, caring and kind member of 1L
Year 2E	Marta	working really hard in her maths learning
Year 2G	Phoebe	marvellous instruction writing and editing
Year 3L	Xavier	being really helpful and responsible at all times
Year 3T	Bruce	Super scientific learning and scientific knowledge
Year 4J	Shaun	showing excellent perseverance and making mature decisions
Year 4M	Amelia	fantastic prediction skills in English
Year 5F	Erin	working hard in all areas of learning
Year 5M	Indiana	outstanding standard of work and always demonstrating St. Mary's values
Year 6O	Eva	a fantastic balanced argument about whether Theseus is a real hero
Year 6R	Lewin	making a conscious effort this half-term to follow feedback and improve work

