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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.

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Our theme for the Summer term is: 'Stewardship'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Attentive and Discerning'



Dear parents and carers,

8th July 2022

It has been an incredibly exciting week in school - a week of transition, going to new schools, meeting our new teachers, making new friends and welcoming the new families and children who will be joining us in September.

On our INSET day on Tuesday, staff worked hard reviewing this year's curriculum and learning - and they had the chance to work together, to plan the curriculum for the Autumn term. It has been lovely to welcome back previous pupils who came back to St. Mary's this week for work experience - they have been a huge help. Thank you. Our Y6 SATs results came out this week also and we have so much to celebrate. I give headline figures later on in the Newsletter. We have an exciting week of Sports, Science, Geography and History next week as we enter Commonwealth Week - follow our twitter to see all the wonderful events that we have planned in school. Children can come in to school in their PE kit every day next week. I hope you all enjoy the lovely weather this weekend.

Miss Price

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

"Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in Heaven"

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- that peacemakers and activists have done incredible things throughout history.
- that God calls us His children.
- to be inspired to do incredible things in the name of Jesus and that our names are written in Heaven.

Dear Jesus

Thank you for welcoming us into your family and writing our names in Heaven.
We know that sharing your mission won't always be easy, but that you will help us.
Please help me to make incredible choices today.
Amen

Catholic Life in School

Year 3 Mass - Holy Communion Celebration

On Wednesday, Year 3 led us in our weekday Mass of ordinary time where we learned that "The Kingdom of God is at hand". The children wore their special Holy Communion dress for their class party, following the Mass.



Year 1 Mass in Church - 13.7.22 at 9:15am -

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 13th July, starting promptly at 9:15am.

Year 1 children will be leading our Mass and Reception and Year 2 children will attend too.

All parents are welcome to attend.



"To change is to grow..."

Transition Day

The children met their new teachers on Wednesday and went to their new classes. It was a lovely day in school. Most of our Year 6 children were at their new schools too and came back excited about the next step of their learning journey. We also met our new Reception children who will be joining us in September. Transition is about change, which we appreciate comes with worry sometimes - we will support all children through any periods of change and transition.



Class teachers and support staff for September 2023

Year group	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Reception classes	Miss Detheridge Mrs Russell Mrs Woulfe	Mrs Pitt Miss Hunt
Year 1	Miss Bennett Miss Heath	Miss Lawlor Mrs Kopera
Year 2	Miss Busby Mr Gambles	Miss Leacey Mrs Shipman
Year 3	Miss Adams Miss Thompson	Mrs Lassey
Year 4	Miss Heneghan Miss Preedy	Ms Parmar
Year 5	Miss Daykin-Pont Mrs Snios	Mrs Nguyen
Year 6	Miss Horton Mrs Noone Miss Smyth	Miss Wrigley



Welcome to the staff joining us at St. Mary's

We are so happy to have Miss Daykin-Pont and Mrs Snios joining us as teachers, and to welcome Mrs Nguyen and Miss Wrigley to our team as teaching assistants.

Miss Daykin-Pont has been teaching since 2013 and has taught in New Zealand too. Mrs Snios has been a teacher for many years and knows the curriculum and children of St. Mary's so extremely well.

Mrs Nguyen has been a teaching assistant for many years and worked across a range of schools.

Miss Wrigley is joining us following her time at University as a new teaching assistant.

I'm sure that all new staff will bring so much to our already outstanding and hard-working team.

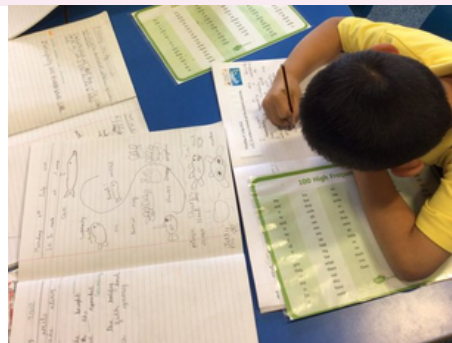
Reception news: -

Reception class have been learning all about the coral reef and their parents came to the transition meeting to find out from our Year 1 pupils what Year 1 is like.



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 completed wonderful exciting writing all about the story 'One day on our blue planet in the ocean' by Ella Bailey



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have been enjoying their computing lessons, creating sets of instructions to make their characters move.

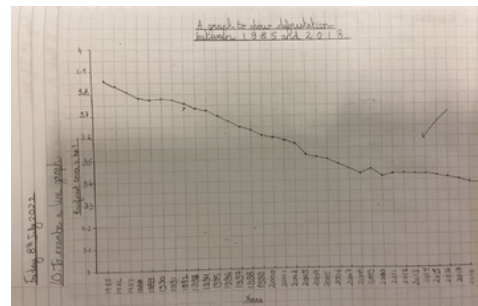
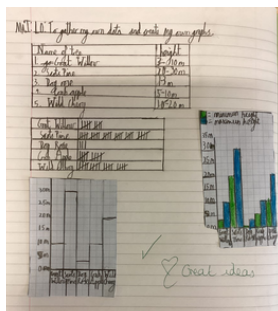


Year 3 news: -
Year 3 enjoyed their Holy Communion party after Mass on Thursday.



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 have been working on their 'Save the Trees' topic. They made line graphs showing deforestation of the rainforest over time and researched the height of different native trees.



Year 5 news: -

Year 5 enjoyed learning to play the glockenspiel in their Music lessons.



Year 6 news: -

Year 6 have been enjoying preparing for their Leavers play in the final week of term.



SATs Results

We are so extremely pleased to share with you our outstanding Year 6 SATs results. We are really proud of the children! Their resilience, hard work and effort will ensure that they will continue to achieve incredible things as they move in to Secondary school and beyond. We would like to thank the parents for their support. It has been hard returning to school after the pandemic and to get back to working at the level and pace expected was no easy task, but the children (and staff) have been marvellous - and the results speak for themselves. Individual results will be sent home in reports next week. Well done Year 6.

Year 6 SATs Results – July 2022

Reading		SPAG		Writing		Maths	
Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth
95%	43%	92%	65%	88%	10%	92%	50%



WB 11.7.22 - Commonwealth and Healthy Eating Week

The following week, we have a week of sports and science in school where children will learn all about the commonwealth games. I will provide more information about this in next week's newsletter. For the entire week, children will need to **come in to school wearing PE kit**. Where possible, we would like children to be wearing school PE kit, as they represent school in competitions.

As part of this week, we have **SPORTS DAY**... *Parents are invited to attend.*



Thursday 14th July 2022

9:00-10:00 = Reception class

10:30-11:30 = Year 1 and Year 2

1:30-3:00 = Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

We have made plans for our Sports Day to be on Thursday 14th July 2022.

The timings are above and we are hoping for good weather.

Monday 11th July 2022

Year 6 will be going on their end of year trip to Drayton Manor. Year 6 have worked so hard this year to catch-up following the Pandemic and prepare for their SATs. They were also selected for writing moderation and the external moderator was extremely impressed with the quality of their writing. They deserve now to enjoy their final weeks at St. Mary's.



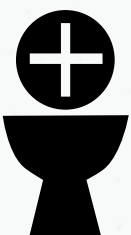
Friday 15th July

We can not wait to receive our School of Sanctuary Award in next week's celebration assembly. Thank you Year 6 for preparing our assembly to show our visitors the journey that we have been on to achieve this award.



Parish News

St Mary's Church will retain all its Covid precautions for the foreseeable future, despite widespread relaxations.



What do Catholics actually believe? Or do?

For the puzzled and the curious, or for those faced with their children's questions: Mummy what should I say in Confession? Etc. Coming late September, Thursday evenings 7.30pm, in the Parish Centre: the *About Being Catholic program* (ABC). Note: it's not about becoming Catholic. No books, no tests, - just voice your questions, doubts, irritations etc. See Fr John if interested.



St Mary's Summer Reading Challenge



- At St Mary's, we want to encourage all children to read over the summer holidays.
- During the summer, we are asking parents to help their children upload photos of their children reading – with their siblings, parents, other family members or friends to the school twitter page to share your love of reading with the school community.
@StMaryB17
- Challenge: Which year group will upload the most photos?

Use any of the hashtags:

- #MyTeacherReads
 - #MyParentReads
 - #MyChildReads
 - #SchoolCouncil
 - #Reading
- and your year group
e.g #YR, #Y2, #Y5,



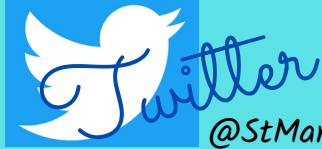
This is an Operation Encompass School

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.

If you require any support from school please speak to a member of our pastoral team





@StMaryB17

Stay up to date with everything that is happening at St. Mary's by following us on our Twitter Page and giving us more likes!!!

The NSPCC have partnered with Ambitious about Autism to create online safety tips, advice and activities for parents and carers of children with SEND, including children with dyslexia, autism and speech and language difficulties. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/>

Keep your children safe online

Child net advocate that the Internet, when used safely and appropriately can help young people feel a sense of belonging and inclusion. The links below can be used to explore online safety, mental health and well-being. For any support with these issues or further advice, please speak to a member of the pastoral team.

- <https://www.childnet.com/blog/checking-in-this-mental-health-awareness-week/>
- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health>

Year 6 end of year farewell



Oliver!

Tuesday 19th July 2022

Year 6 are putting on two performances of Oliver for Y6 parents only. At the moment, we are restricting tickets to two per child, but hoping to open up any spare tickets when we know numbers. The performance will also be recorded so can be shared with loved ones later.

Performances are **9:30am** and **2:00pm**.

Year 6 Leavers Mass - Wednesday 20th July 2022 - 9:30am

We will be celebrating Year 6 and their time at St. Mary's with a whole school Leavers Mass on Wednesday 20th July at 9:30am. All parents and family members are able to attend this Mass. For the Mass, we will ask parents to sit in the old part of the Church.

After Mass, the rest of the school will leave and return to have break time. Year 6 will remain in the Church and parents will join them to watch their slideshow of memories in the Church.

This will be when we hand out presents too.

The rest of the school / siblings will watch the slideshow in their classrooms.



Thursday 21st July 2022 - all day

Shirt signing will take place on the final day of term. We also continue to encourage parents, staff and children to join us in the guard of honour as they leave school for the final time as Year 6 pupils. Collection times of all children are in red in 'dates for this term' - all children will need to be collected by 2pm and then Year 6 (and any staff leavers) will come out.

Dates for this term

Summer 2 theme -

11th July 2022 - all day

14th July - SPORTS DAY

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19th July - 9:30 prompt start

19th July - 2:00 prompt start

20th July - 9:30am

21st July -

Save our seas, save our trees - Take Action!

Year 6 end of year trip to Drayton Manor

9:00-10:00 Reception Sports Day (parents welcome)

10:30-12:00 KS1 Sports Day (parents welcome)

1:30-3:15 KS2 Sports Day (parents welcome)

Y6 production of Oliver (Y6 parents only)

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Y6 leavers Mass (Y6 parents welcome)

Break up for Summer holidays

1:40 finish time - Reception classes

1:45 finish time - KS1 classes

1:50 finish time - sibling group

2:00 finish time - KS2 classes

Summer 2

Starts: Monday 6th June

Tuesday 5th July -
INSET - Children NOT in School

Ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

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.

Eschools

Eschools is a platform that teachers use to communicate with parents and set homework.

This is checked regularly by teachers but not necessarily daily. Eschools is not the most efficient way to communicate with the Leadership team - please contact enquiry email or phone school for more urgent matters.

If your child needs a new password for Eschools, please contact the class teacher. If a parent needs a new password, please email school on

forgottenpassword@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk

Again, this may take a few days to reset.

We encourage parents to keep their passwords safe so that they do not miss any key information.



Attendance and Punctuality: -

Good attendance, after the disruptions of the last two years, continues to be a school and government priority. During Parent consultations, staff will be giving out your child's attendance this term and discussing any concerns. 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.

Week 27th June – 1st July

Class	YRF	YRL	Y1F	Y1L	Y2F	Y2L	Y3F	Y3L	Y4F	Y4L	Y5F	Y5L	Y6F	Y6L
%	93.1%	96%	99.3%	97.7%	97%	93.3%	98.7%	96.3%	99%	98.7%	89.1%	93.3%	94.4%	96.9%
Lates	9	4	10	4	14	10	8	5	13	9	15	3	3	8
Whole School Attendance so far this year						95.7%		School Target				97%		

Well done Y1F: - our Attendance Champions



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

- Year RL Harrison being wonderful on transition day when meeting his new teacher
- Year RF Fabio always being kind to all of his friends
- Year 1L Peonya-Rose working hard and being a kind role model
- Year 1F Alex working hard to improve handwriting
- Year 2L Raman great listening skills and always trying his best
- Year 2F Rohan marvellous maths
- Year 3L Annabel her fantastic retelling of her playscript and her kindness towards every one
- Year 3F Max always being ready to learn and doing the right thing
- Year 4L Anna reverence during prayer time and Masses
- Year 4F Henry fantastic contribution to Guided Reading this week
- Year 5L Ayomide excellent sportsmanship
- Year 5F Cieran showing love and kindness towards his peers
- Year 6L Benjamin always being kind to others and a wonderful listener
- Year 6F William working hard to develop his Maths skills

