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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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: - 'Learned and Wise'



19th July 2024

Dear parents and carers,

The school year has drawn to an end and I would like to take a moment to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication to the children. I would also like to say a massive thank you to the Parish Priests, you our parents, and our Governors, who support the school and the wonderful work that takes place here. Your children are incredible and have achieved marvellous things this year, particularly in their learning. Every single child can look back with a sense of pride and satisfaction. I wish those leaving us all the best and for them to know that they will always be part of the St. Mary's family. We will continue to pray for you all, throughout the Summer holidays, and beyond. Finally, I wish you all a very happy Summer. The team look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 3rd September at normal time. Stay safe, live, have fun and laugh! God bless,

Mrs Yorke

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Mark 6:7

'Jesus called the twelve Apostles and began to send them out two by two.'

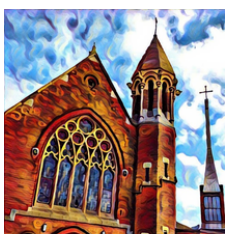
Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn that:

- Jesus sent His disciples into the world to spread God's message of love.
- The disciples trusted that God would give them all they needed.
- God calls us to follow Jesus through our words and actions.



Heavenly Father,
The disciples trusted that you would give them all they needed to do your work. Help us to trust that you will give us what we need too. Help us to joyfully spread your love through our words and actions this summer. Help us to be good friends to those around us, to work well with others, and to grow our family, the Body of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Catholic Life in School



Year 6 Leavers Mass

Year 6 led us in a beautiful Leavers Mass on Wednesday. The Homily was poignant and the singing was joyful - the Mass was a wonderful way to say farewell to our leavers.



Reception news: -

Paleontologists in EYFS drew what they think the dinosaurs looked like.



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 learnt about different objects that float and sink in Science. The children made predications and then carried out their experiment!

SCIENCE



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 enjoyed their potato Olympics. They did gymnastics, weightlifting, diving and long-distance rolling.



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 researched how to stay safe online and wrote some top tips to remember in Computing.



Year 4 news: -

In DT this week, Year 4 made delicious biscuits!



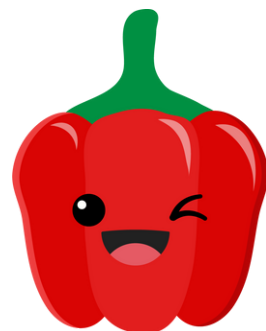
Year 5 news: -

In Science, Year 5 researched Neil deGrasse Tyson and produced some beautiful posters!



Year 6 news:-

In DT this week, Year 6 made yummy stuffed peppers.
They helped each other prepare and cook the food, then enjoyed eating it!



A Celebration of our God-Given Gifts

CONGRATULATIONS!

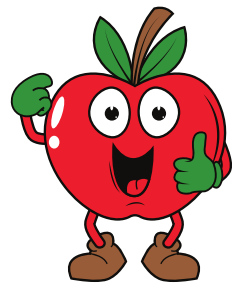
On Thursday, we celebrated the God-given gifts of our wonderful children. Awards were given for outstanding effort, achievement, kindness and enthusiasm this term, as well as awards for showing spirituality and resilience and for demonstrating our school virtues of eloquence, truthfulness, learnedness and wisdom.



100%

100% Attendance

Congratulations to our children who have attended school every day this year and were awarded our 100% Attendance Certificate.



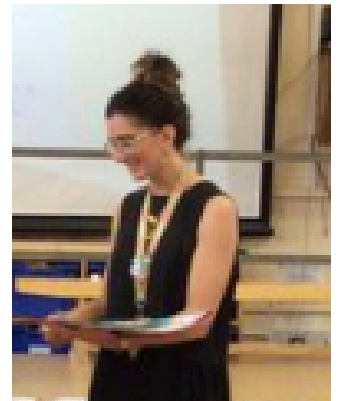
THANK YOU

Mrs Davis and Mrs Tame thanked all of the Spiritual Council and School Council Representatives for their service this year. Great work, children!



GOODBYE

***Farewell to
our Leavers!***



Good Luck

We will miss you



Change of Name!



A big congratulations to Miss Thompson who is soon to be married and will return to school as Mrs Birchenall!
We will be thinking of you on your wedding day.



Alvechurch Football Club

We are really pleased that Alvechurch Football Club will continue to be running our after-school football clubs again next year! An email was sent out this week with information about how to register your child for September - please check your inbox.



Mini Athletics

If your child is in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 next year, please check your inbox to sign up to our popular Monday breakfast club run by Mini Athletics commencing on Monday 9th September 2024



Signposting

THE STRINGS CLUB

Enter promo code **STMARYS2024** for 10% off

EXCLUSIVE HOLIDAY CAMP DISCOUNT FOR PUPILS AT ST MARY'S

Make your child's Summer Holidays unforgettable!

Join our award-winning Holiday Camps in Birmingham

Secure your place today

WWW.THESTRINGSCLUB.ORG

Childcare Vouchers Accepted

The Strings Club is passionate about creating unforgettable experiences for children aged 4-11 that deliver the very best in childcare and music education, every school holiday.

Since 2012, we've opened our doors to nearly 500,000 children, and we're thrilled that our Ofsted-registered Holiday Camps are at your child's school.

WHY JOIN THE STRINGS CLUB?

- Age specific activities for 4-7s/8-11s
- Morning sessions in guitar, violin or ukulele
- FREE to hire instrument - even to take home
- One trained adult to 8 children - for all ages
- Book from 1 day to the whole experience
- Discounts including 10% sibling discount & tax free childcare
- Different theme every week
- Afternoon workshops, from sport to art to drama
- Daily Diaries and Newsletters - with access to gallery

Celebrate your child's new musical skills at our Grand Concert, where you can see what they've learnt with their new friends!

NEW GRAND CONCERT

Strings Club provides our Ukulele lessons and are offering holiday camp discount for any pupils at St. Mary's if you're interested.



SIGN UP TODAY
WWW.THESTRINGSCLUB.ORG



0121 296 9204
or connect via social





S/O SCHOOL'S OUT

Ofsted registered after school
& holiday club based in
Harborne

School pick up from:

- * Harborne Primary School
- * Chad Vale Primary School
- * St Mary's RC School
- * Vivian Road Pre School

 3pm – 6pm after school
7.30am – 5.30pm holiday club

 Oasis Church, South Street
Harborne, B17 0DB

 Harborneschoolsout@outlook.com



Price
£12.50
Per session for
after school club

Price
£38.00
Per day for
holiday club

Price
£14.50
Per ad hoc session
for after school
club

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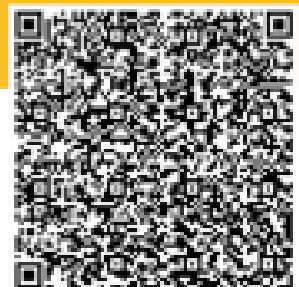
LEGO CODING SUMMER CAMPS



Come and join us for 2.5 hours of
Lego coding fun!

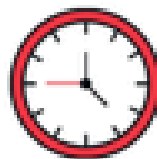
Each session will be adaptable
so if you would like to attend all
three that is not a problem

Scan this QR code to see one of
our young people discussing one
of his builds



SESSION INFORMATION

Sign up
using link



10am - 1230pm
Each Session



6th AUGUST
13th AUGUST
20th AUGUST



Moor Pool Hall
37 The Circle,
Harborne, B17 9DY

For further information
johnpaul@successeducation.org



Harborne Academy Summer Holiday Camp

Multi-Activity Camp

Our Multi-Activity Camp offers a wide range of different sessions (from Archery to Fencing alongside many other sports/team games and enrichment activities) for children to enjoy.

Dates: Tuesday 23rd July To Friday 30th August

Times: 9am- 4pm (4-year olds allowed for half days 9am-1pm)

Price: £18.84 (£12.30 for half day)

Early Bird 30% Discount on offer until 30/06/2024 (Reduced to 20% from 01/07/2024)

Booking Link- [Harborne Academy – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)



Football Camp

Our Football Camp will look to develop children's football skills each day with plenty of opportunities for games and lots of teamwork.

Dates: Monday 12th August To Friday 16th August

Times: 9am- 4pm (4-year olds allowed for half days 9am-1pm)

Price: £18.83 (£12.30 for half day).

Early Bird 30% Discount on offer until 30/06/2024 (Reduced to 20% from 01/07/2024)

Booking Link: [Football Holiday Camp – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)



FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

We are able to offer FREE places (12pm – 4pm) for any children who are Free School Meal (FSM) from 23rd July – 9th August 2024 funded by the governments Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF). You must supply your FSM code when booking (the code will be provided by your school). We will provide your child with a free packed lunch, all your child will need is a water bottle and suitable clothing plus lots of energy!

Booking link:

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/892512>



For any queries, please contact our Community
Lead, Evan Heritage:

eheritage@premier-education.com

Open Evening

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 18th September 2024

6pm - 8.30pm

**SAVE THE
DATE**

Scan to book your tickets:



Institute Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7EG
Tel: 0121 444 4161 Fax: 0121 441 1552
enquiry@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

The 2024 Summer Challenge is now open!
This year's challenge theme is Marvellous Makers
and is all about creativity.

Summer Reading Challenge

It is that time of year again -
join Harborne Library and St. Mary's to
encourage as many children as we can
to read over the Summer Holidays.

Step 1: - sign up to the challenge at
Harborne Library

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

#library

Step 2: Upload your photos on to our
school twitter feed. Photos of children
reading with siblings, parents, other
family members, friends and on their
holidays - share your love of reading
with the whole school community.

@StMaryB17

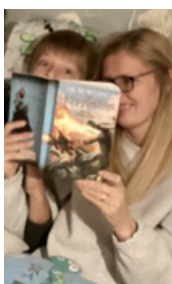
Challenge: - Which year group will
upload the most photos?

Winners will
be announced
in the new
school year!

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



#StMarysLovesToRead



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



Reminders

End of year donation

Further Information:

We have been asked by parents whether there is any way online to place a donation back in to school as an end of year gift, particularly from families who are leaving St. Mary's and wish to make a donation. Of course you are not obliged to do this but we have set up a gateway payment for this reason for anybody who wishes to give the school a donation. We will also have buckets out next week following our Year 6 performances.



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 this Academic Year –

04/09/23-19/07/24

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	95.9	95.5	95.7	95.7	93.2	97.9	97.3	97.6	96.2	97.2	96.4	97.3	95.6	97.3
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.4%	School Target					97%		

Well done 2G: - Our attendance champions for the year!

Term Dates for next year 2024-2025

Autumn Term	Tuesday 3rd September - Thursday 24th October
	<i>Half-term</i>
	Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December
Spring Term	Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February
	<i>Half-term</i>
	Monday 24th February - Thursday 17th April
Summer Term	Tuesday 6th May - Friday 23rd May
	<i>Half-term</i>
	Monday 2nd June - Friday 18th July

School Closed:

- Monday 5th May 2025 - Early May Bank Holiday

INSET DAYS

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Friday 25th October 2024
- Monday 21st July 2025

2 more INSET days to be confirmed

Star of the week

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

- Year RB RB For having such a wonderful year!
- Year RT Sophia For being so enthusiastic about all of her learning this year in Reception!
- Year IF Jayden For consistent hard work and excellent progress over the year!
- Year IL JOsh For consistent hard work and excellent progress over the year!
- Year 2E James For being a fabulous St Mary's pupil - we will miss you. Good luck in your new school.
- Year 2G Alonso For being a wonderful member of St. Mary's - we will miss you lots!
- Year 3L Miguel For being a helpful and attentive member of the class, this week!
- Year 3T Milo For always being a super role model to others and a joy to teach!
- Year 4J Vincent For being a fabulous friend and fantastic member of 4J - we will miss you!
- Year 4M Cara For being a fantastic role model in 4M all year!
- Year 5F Thomas For being a very helpful student both to his friends and his teacher all year!
- Year 5M Isabella For being an amazing member of the class and the teacher's right arm all year!
- Year 6O Sebastian For excellent behaviour and attitude to learning all year!
- Year 6R Anaiah For always being so kind and caring towards hr classmates and teachers

