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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.

April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

Our theme for the Spring term is: 'Dignity of Work'

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



Dear parents and carers,

17th April 2025

Today, we break up for Easter and we are all ready for a rest. The children have all worked so hard and have achieved so much this term. Our final week has been a very special and Holy Week in school, and we have been led by the children to Jesus' cross, through our prayer and liturgy. Year 3 have showed us the importance of servant leadership in their re-creation of the Last Supper; and Year 4 taught us about the anguish that Jesus felt in the Garden of Gethsemane, as he was betrayed by one of his own and arrested. Yesterday, Year 5 helped us reflect on all those involved in the persecution of Jesus and how Pilate 'washed his hands' of the whole affair. Today, Year 6 led us in our stations of the Cross, and it was lovely to see so many parents and members of the Parish, in the Church. On Sunday, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection and on behalf of the Governors and all the staff, I wish you all a very happy Easter.

Today, we also say goodbye to Mrs. Davis who is moving on to her new role at the Abbey school. Mrs. Davis is going to be incredibly missed and we wish her all the best as she moves on. Mrs Davis has been a massive support to me in my first years in Headship and I thank her personally for the service she has given to the children, families, staff and myself over the years. Good luck Amy and know that you are always part of St. Mary's family.



Included in this newsletter are key dates for the first part of the Summer term. Please continue to check the dates page of the newsletter for any additions to these dates as the weeks go on. Have a marvellous break and we will see you in 2 weeks time on Tuesday 6th May (normal time).

Have a restful and blessed Easter,
Mrs Yorke

A MESSAGE FROM MRS DAVIS

Dear parents and carers,

As I prepare to leave my role as Deputy Headteacher at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. When I moved to Birmingham from Glasgow 14 years ago, St Mary's welcomed me and quickly became my second family. It's here that I met my husband and started my own family, and for that, I'll be forever grateful.

Over these years, it has been a privilege to work alongside wonderful colleagues, dedicated pupils and supportive parents. The warmth and kindness you have shown have been a tremendous source of encouragement and have greatly enriched my experience at St Mary's. I am deeply appreciative of the unwavering support you have given me during my time here.

Being part of this community has been an incredibly rewarding journey. As I move on to the next chapter in my career, I will carry with me cherished memories and a profound appreciation for the time spent at St Mary's. I trust that God will continue to guide and bless this wonderful school community.

Thank you once again for your kindness, support and encouragement. St Mary's will always hold a special place in my heart.

With heartfelt thanks,
Mrs Amy Davis

Catholic Life



Philippians 2: 8-9

*'Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high'*

It was wonderful to welcome Kevin from Father Hudsons to our school this week, to tell us more about the amazing work of the charity and how we can get involved.





*"Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!"*

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 set our scene: -

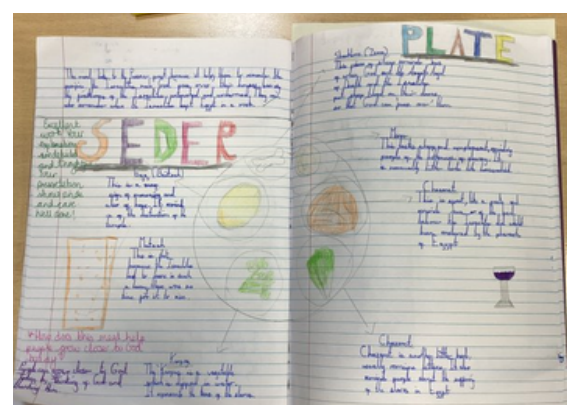
Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they waved palm branches...



The Last Supper

*"Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you are proclaiming the death of the Lord"*

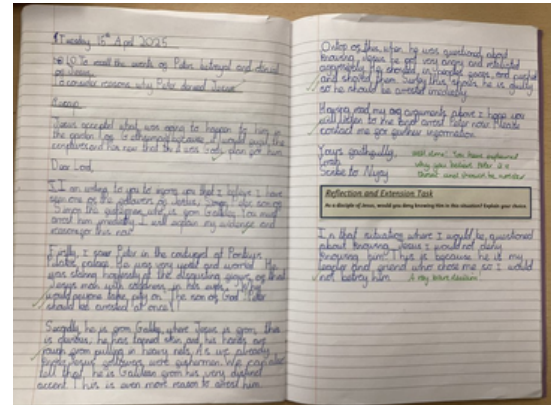
Year 3 showed us the love of Christ. Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples and washed their feet at the Last Supper.



The Garden of Gethsemane

"The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak"

Year 4 helped us to reflect upon the events that took place in the Garden of Gethsemane and then Peter's denial. We were asked to consider how Jesus was feeling as he prayed to His Father in Heaven.



Good Friday

"My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world"

Year 5 re-enacted Jesus' trial and sentencing to death. They encouraged us to reflect on how by washing his hands of Jesus' blood, Pontius Pilate sentenced him to death.



The Stations of the Cross

"Truly this was the Son of God"

Year 6 retold the Stations of the Cross and linked the suffering of Jesus, to the suffering and persecution that still takes place today.



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

If you have a concern that a child is being harmed, is at risk of harm, or you receive a disclosure (intentionally or unintentionally) you must contact one of the following staff members as quickly as possible:



Amy Davis	Louise Yorke	Rachel Jones	Rachel Richards	Sharon Tame	Laura Noone	Jade Preedy
Deputy Headteacher	Headteacher	Senior Teacher	EYFS Lead	School Counsellor	AHT	AHT
Lead DSL	Deputy DSL	DSL	DSL	DSL	DSL	DSL

Alternatively, email DSL@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk

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. Good attendance is 96% and above. 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.

Celebrating our fantastic attendance:-

Our attendance for last week was -

Week 14/04/25-17/4/25

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	88.7	88.6	85	82.9	84.1	91.6	90	92.9	99.1	90	84.1	93.3	83.6	90
Lates	1	0	0	2	3	4	0	4	0	1	0	1	1	0
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.2%		School Target					97%	

Well done 4J: - Our attendance champions!

Dates for next half-term

Summer theme -

Summer 1

6th May 2025 - all day

7th May 2025 - 9:15am

WB 12.5.25

16th May 2025 - all day

WB 19.5.25

21st May 2025 - 9:15am

21st May 2025 - all day

23rd May 2025 - pm

24th May 2024

Solidarity and the Common Good

Compassionate and Loving

Children return to school at normal time

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

Year 6 SATs Week

PTA event for children in school

Year 2 SATs Week

Year 6 Mass in Church (and Year 5 classes attend) - parents welcome

Year 6 leavers photos

VE day afternoon - wear WWII clothing or red, white and blue for our party

Break up for half-term break - normal time



Year RB	Kendrick	For being a friendly and positive member of RB
Year RT	Kian	For always trying his best in everything he does.
Year IF	Zoe	For her excellent effort in Maths.
Year IL	Priam	For trying so hard with sitting on the carpet.
Year 2E	Norrie	For being a hard-working, polite and all-round fabulous member of the class!!
Year 2G	Robyn	For trying really hard with her behaviour this week! Very Proud!
Year 3L	Aaron	For super effort this week in his learning and trying his best!
Year 3T	Gabriel	For trying incredibly hard on his presentation and handwriting this week!
Year 4J	Lucia	For always being attentive during lessons
Year 4M	Oscar	For great portrayal of Jesus during our Garden of Gethsemane prayer
Year 5F	Ted	For his authentic performance in our Holy Week assembly
Year 5M	Aadya	For always putting 100% effort into all her work, constantly striving for excellence
Year 6O	Erina	For consistently showing great effort in maths
Year 6R	Arthur	For his efforts to increase the depth of his written responses in RE and English

