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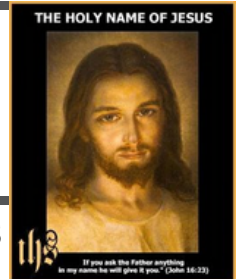


St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

## January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus

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

Our virtues for this half term are: - Eloquent and Truthful



30th January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We have just had another wonderful week of learning in school and a week where our OfSTED inspection has taken place. I would like to thank all of you who completed parent surveys and encouraged your children to do so too. We are delighted to have received some really positive comments about all aspects of our school life and work, and look forward to sharing the report with you when it is ready. Friday was a very exciting day in school, as children learnt about a chosen country for their Geography day. I saw some fantastic costumes and learning. Please note that there will be disruption to the school timetable this week, due to school closing to all pupils on Wednesday. Many of our teachers are in the NEU and will be on strike that day. Therefore, any lessons that normally take place on a Wednesday i.e. swimming, PE, tutoring, may have been postponed or moved to another time in the week. Teachers will let you know if PE kit / equipment is needed on a different day to usual. I have been asked about snacks at breaktime. Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack - it must be healthy i.e. a piece of fruit, and the snack must not contain nuts. Thank you.

Mrs Yorke

### *This week's Gospel and Prayer*

*Matthew 4:19-20*

*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." And they left their nets at once and followed Him."*

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

- We follow those who love us and want what is best for us.
- God wants what is best for us and sent Jesus to show us the way.
- We can follow Jesus by living as He did.

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving us and asking us to come and follow you. Help me to follow you well, so that I can know the way that leads to a life of true joy and closeness to God. Give me courage to live like you and share your love with others.

Amen

### Catholic Life in School

#### Y3 Mass - conversion of St. Paul - 25.1.23

We gathered to celebrate how Jesus spoke to Saul on the road to Damascus and helped him change his ways!



*There will be no Mass on Wednesday 1st February*

*Y1 Mass - Votive Our Lady of Lourdes*

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 8th February 2023, starting promptly at 9:15am. Year 1 children will be leading our Mass and Year 2 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.



Reception news: -

Reception class have been comparing lengths of objects and talking about who is taller or shorter.



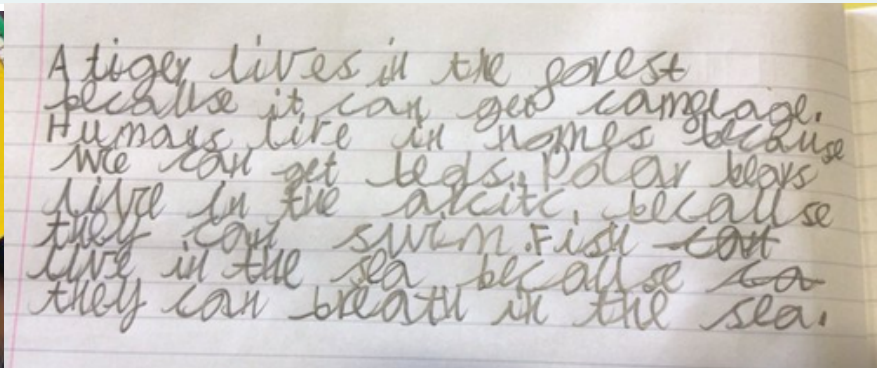
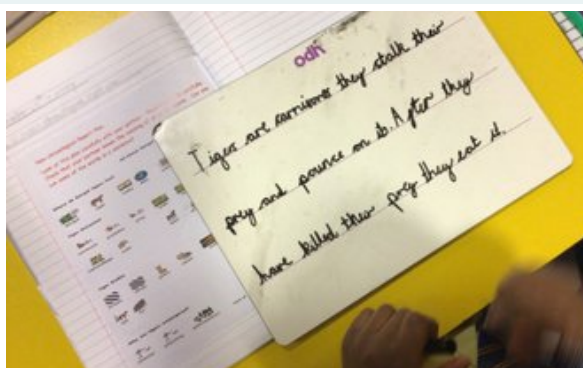
Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been creating arrays, to show repeated addition.



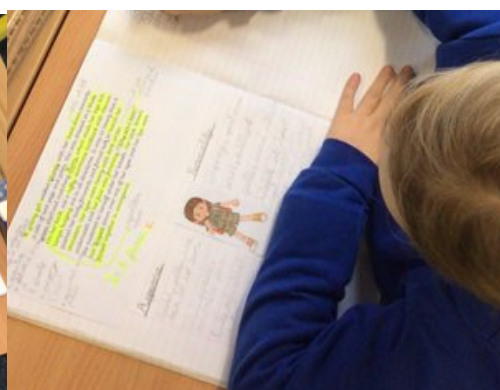
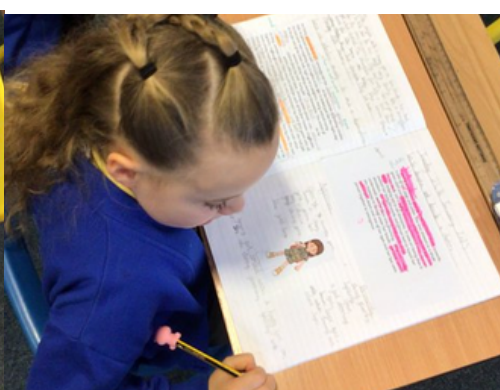
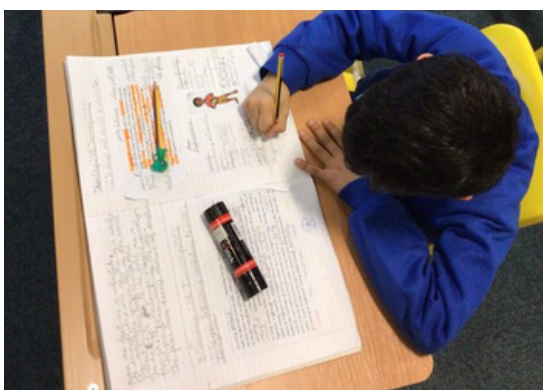
Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have produced some wonderful writing this week.



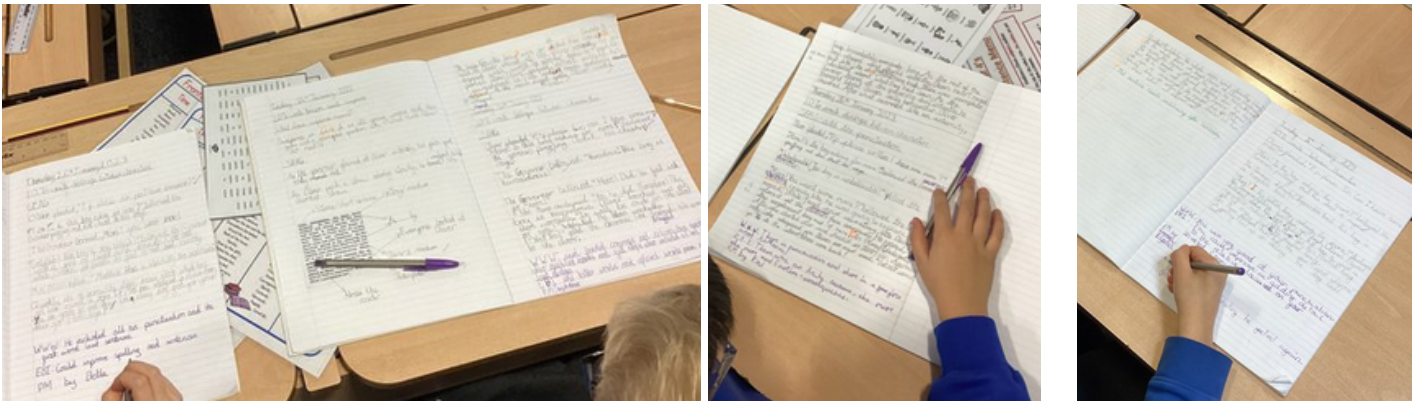
Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have been designing their own characters for an adventure story.



## Year 4 news: -

Year 4 have been peer marking each others' English writing.



## Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about the parables and their meanings.



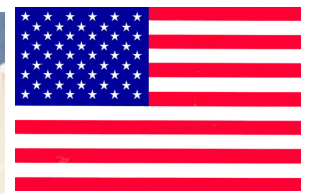
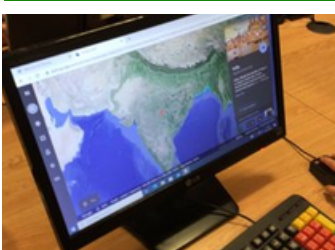
## Year 6 news: -

Year 6 have been using unifix cubes to develop their understanding of volume.

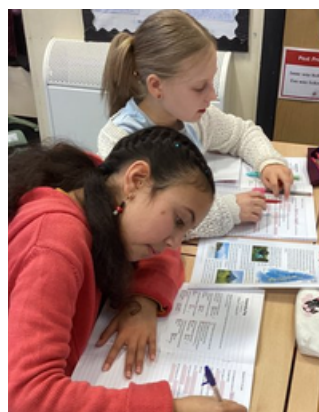
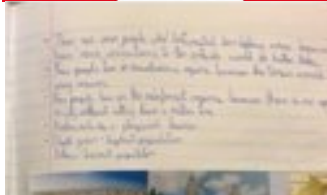
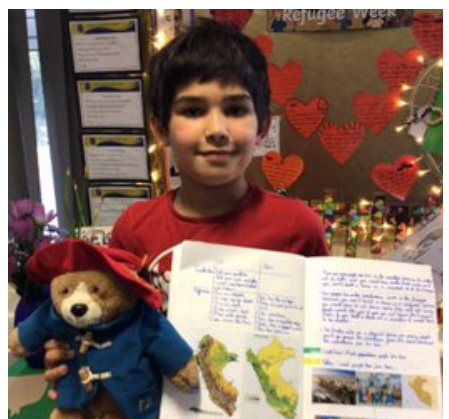


We are so proud of Jackson in Y6R for representing our school at the BSGA Trampoline Championships yesterday!  
He came 10th in his age category!  
What a superstar





# GEOGRAPHY Day



### KS2 Quidditch day - Monday 23rd January 2023

On Monday 23rd January, KS2 had a wonderful day of sport and lessons linked to Harry Potter as we enjoyed our Quidditch day. We had so much fun and the costumes were great too!



### Y6 Police talk

Thank you to Bartley Green WMP who came in to work with Year 6 about keeping safe in their community.



### Charity Work

Simon from Haven Community Projects was so thankful to collect a cheque for £507.27, which came from our Advent charity donations. Thank you for your generosity.



## Lunchtime Clubs

Our Year 6 prefects enjoy running lunchtime clubs so that there are games for everybody to play. We have indoor and outdoor options, including computing club too.



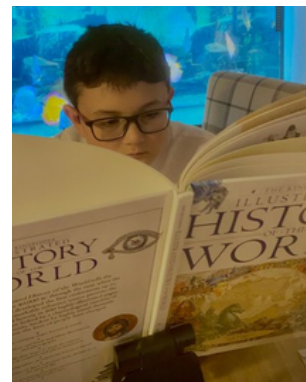
## Karate Club

Karate Club is on three times a week before school and the children love it!



## Reading - #StMarysLovesReading

Remember to keep using the #StMarysLovesReading - whether you are reading at home or in the library... we love seeing how much our children love reading.



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



The online world is an important part of kids' lives nowadays. It's an exciting place for them to explore, with all sorts of fun and educational stuff to discover, but there can be some risks too.

'Keeping children safe online' will teach you how to help kids explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. Our workshop will:

- help you understand how children experience the online world
- show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe

Date: Monday 27th February 2023  
Time: 4:45-5:45pm  
Location: St Mary's Catholic Primary

empower you to guide them in their journey.

**NSPCC**



## 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 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	81.5%	89.3%	91.3%	96.7%	95.7%	89.7%	97%	98%	97.7%	98.3%	97.7%	95.9%	94%	93%
Lates	6	9	4	9	6	2	11	8	7	1	11	9	7	10
Whole School Attendance so far this year						95.3%		School Target				97%		

**Well done Y4M: - our Attendance Champions**

# Dates for this term

Spring theme -

Spring 1 Virtues

31st January 2023 - am

1st February 2023 - all day

3rd February 2023 - all day

3rd February 2023 - 9:15am

WB 6.2.23

7th February 2023 - all day

7th February 2023 - am

7th February 2023 - am

8th February 2023 - 9:15am

WB 13.2.23

14th February 2023 - am

15th February 2023 - 9:15am

16th February 2023

17th February 2023 - 9:15am

17th February 2023

27th February 2023 - all day

27th February - 4:45-5:45pm

28th February 2023 - am

1st March 2023 - all day

1st March 2023 - 9:15am

2nd March 2023 - all day

WB 6.3.23

7th March 2023 - am

7th March 2023 - 9:15am

WB 13.3.23

14th March 2023 - am

15th March 2023 - all day

16th March 2023 - all day

The Dignity of Work

Eloquent and Truthful

Y3 visit to Harborne Library

Strike Action - School closed to all children

World Maths Day

Y4 Year Group Assembly for parents

Online Safety Week

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Coffee Morning in school for parents

Y6 visit to Harborne Library

Y1 Mass in Church and Y2 children attend - parents welcome

Acts of Kindness Week

Y5 visit to Harborne Library

Y6 Mass in Church and Y5 children attend - parents welcome

Y6 trip to St. Chad's

Y3 Year Group Assembly for parents

Break up for February half-term - finish at normal time

Children return to school

Online Safety coffee evening for parents

Y4 visit to Harborne Library

STRIKE Action

Y4 Mass in Church and Y2 children attend - parents welcome

World Book Day

Careers Week

Y3 visit to Harborne Library

Reception Mass and Y6 buddies attend - parents welcome

British Science Week

Y6 visit to Harborne Library

Potential STRIKE Action

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# Star of the week

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

Year RB	Rakeb	<i>always trying so hard with everything that she does</i>
Year RT	Erina	<i>working hard to achieve her best learning in all areas of our curriculum</i>
Year IF	Meredith	<i>fabulous attitude to learning and trying her best always</i>
Year IL	Harrison	<i>a brilliant attitude towards his learning</i>
Year 2E	Reese	<i>super sentence writing</i>
Year 2G	Ethan	<i>super shapes in gymnastics</i>
Year 3L	Cara	<i>contributing so enthusiastically in all class discussions</i>
Year 3T	Vincent	<i>superb science knowledge</i>
Year 4J	Kitty	<i>a fantastic piece of writing recounting the opening of 'Oliver Twist'</i>
Year 4M	Aiden	<i>a fantastic improvement in his handwriting</i>
Year 5F	Raffaelle	<i>representing the class well this week and always helping her classmates</i>
Year 5M	Joshua	<i>always working to his very best of his abilities and being a fantastic role model</i>
Year 6O	Tallulah	<i>being a 123Maths Club superstar</i>
Year 6R	Andrew	<i>excellent work in Maths and a great attitude to learning</i>



*Also pictured Aurora and Ian who received star of the week the previous week.*