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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.

May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Mary

Our theme for the Summer term is: 'Stewardship'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Grateful and Generous'



27th May 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Our final week of the half term concluded today and we have had a very busy but enjoyable week in school. On Tuesday we welcomed Bishop David in to school and he was very impressed with all the children and their learning. He then went and met the Year 6 children ahead of their Confirmation on the evening.

We concluded our week by celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with a wellbeing day in school involving treats and parties, where the children were able to come dressed in red, white and blue. It was a lovely and memorable day for the children and I am sure that many of you will make the most of the Jubilee bank holiday weekend, whilst the children are off. I hope you all have a lovely week off and enjoy the celebrations.

Miss Price

This week's Gospel and Prayer

John 14: 23-29 (Also Acts 1: 1-11)

"If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him."

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Jesus wants to live in the hearts of all those who live in His way.
- We can trust that Jesus is always with us to comfort, strengthen and guide us.
- With Jesus and Holy Spirit we can be an Easter people, spreading His hope, joy and peace.

Dear Jesus,

We know that you are with us wherever we go. You are always with us, in whatever we do and however we are feeling. You rejoice when we are happy and help us when we are sad. Thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit to help us and guide us in our choices. May you live in our hearts forever.

Amen

Catholic Life in School

Whole School Mass - Ascension

May procession and Crowning of Mary

On Wednesday, the whole school gathered for our Ascension Mass and the crowning of our Lady.



Year 4 Mass in Church - 8.6.22 at 9:15am - Mary Mother of the Church

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 8th June 2022, starting promptly at 9:15am.

Year 4 children will be leading our Mass and Year 3 children will attend too.

All parents are welcome to attend. **(If you are an adult attending Mass, we ask that you continue to wear face coverings and sit in the old part of the Church on the left hand side).**



Year 6 Confirmation

Thank you to all those involved in preparing our Year 6 children for their Confirmation. We will continue to pray for all the children. May they always be guided to make the right choices by the Holy Spirit.



Reception Parent Workshops for Maths

We hope that our Reception parents found our Maths workshops useful this week. We know that the children really enjoyed working with their parents in their learning environment.



Trampolining lesson at Bournville School

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed learning trampolining skills at Bournville School.



1L class assembly

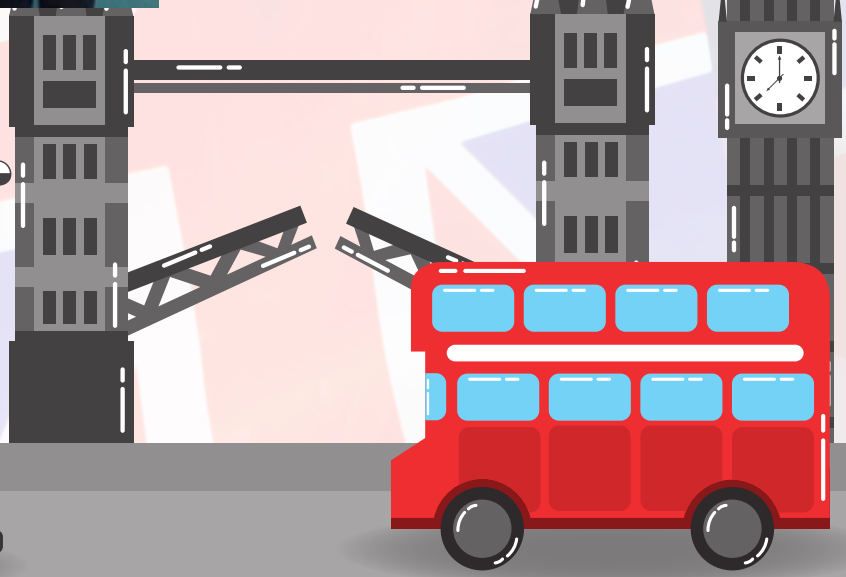
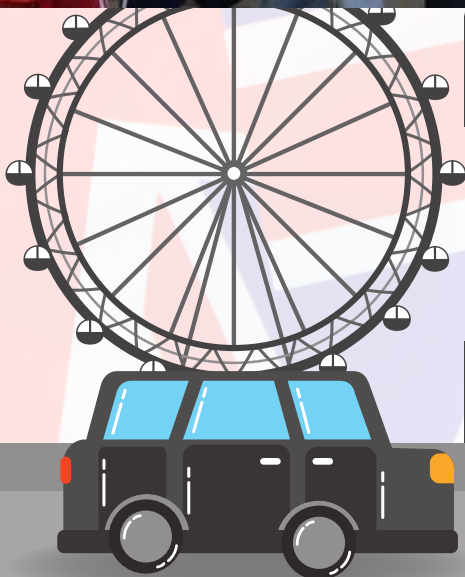
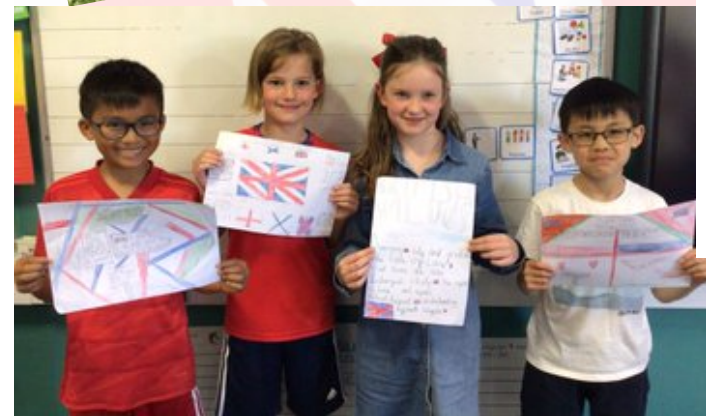
Year 1L led us in an assembly about the Ascension and the example Jesus gave his disciples



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Reception news: -

Reception class have enjoyed their guided reading lessons and prayer time.



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 made promises and explained how they can show God's love every day in their Collective Worship lesson. They also are enjoying running the daily mile.



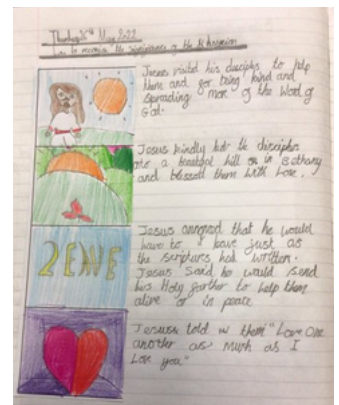
Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have been learning about algorithms in Computing lessons



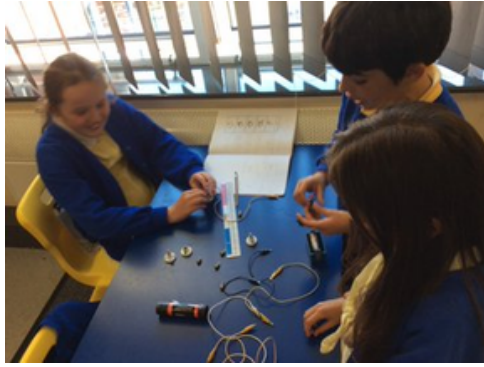
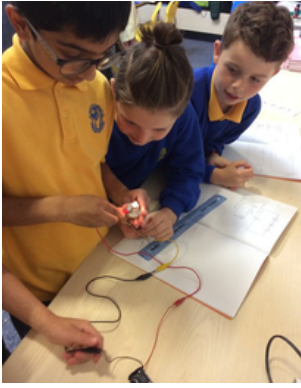
Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have been planning and leading collective worship for the class



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 have been testing circuits and creating aboriginal art.



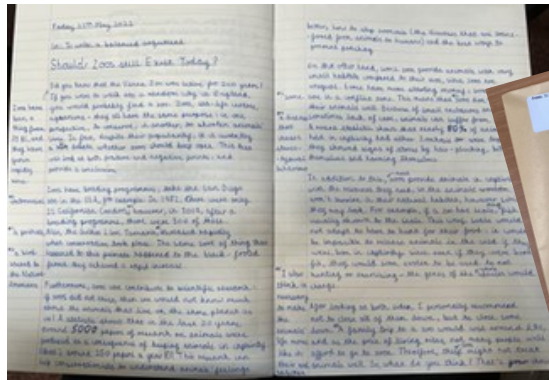
Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have creating 'supporting your partner balances' in gymnastics



Year 6 news: -

Year 6 have produced some excellent writing this week and sent them to



The week that we return, we will be celebrating Pentecost.

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter.

*Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church,
and the start of the church's mission to the world.*

*In order to celebrate the birthday of the Church, we will be hosting a huge birthday party in school
and the children can come in to school on Wednesday 8th June wearing their party clothes.*



Children wear party clothes on Wednesday 6th June 2022



Tuesday 7th June 2022 - Reception Trip

Ash End Farm

On Tuesday 7th June, Reception class will be going on their Summer school trip to Ash End Farm. Letters have been sent out to parents.

For any further information or queries, please contact the school office.

World Ocean Day - Friday 10th June 2022

On Friday 10th June, we will be joining other supporters of Ocean Action across the World in campaigning for protection for our blue planet. Our work links directly with our over-arching Stewardship theme and Pope Francis' Laudate Si' encyclical. Children are allowed to wear their own 'blue' clothes on Friday and we welcome a £1 donation to go towards the Ocean Foundation.

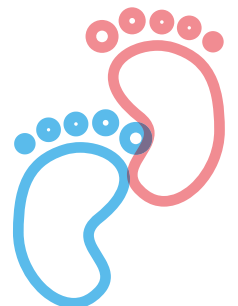


Other News



MATERNITY LEAVE

As Miss Ruhan leaves us today to begin her maternity leave, the staff and families of St. Mary's wish her and her partner the very happiest of times and we can not wait to see pictures.



Are any parents or family members yoga instructors, nutritionists, sports coaches, architects of sporting arenas, personal trainers or maybe even athletes themselves?

If any parents would be interested in leading an assembly or physical activity session in our Commonwealth / Health and Fitness Week (wb. 11.7.22), please let Miss Adams know via eSchools by Friday 17th June.





The PTA are in serious need of volunteers and commitment if they are to continue to run as a charity and put on so many wonderful events, raising money for the children in school. They particularly need a treasurer at the moment. If you can commit to this, please speak to Miss. Price or Mrs. Davis.

Parish News

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



Friday morning adoration

Every Friday after 8:30am Mass, St Mary's will now have a dedicated half hour session in order to worship and adore the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to join for this private and special time with the Lord.

9:00am - 9:30am



The About Being Catholic (ABC)

The About Being Catholic programme is for those interested in knowing what Catholics believe in order to help the children with their faith, will be on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the St Mary's Parish Centre, - with masks and social distancing.



St. Mary's Church is open 8:00am - 4:00pm every day

The Church is open for private prayer, candles at Shrines and personal Stations of the Cross.



Sunday Mass obligation

As from Sunday 29th May 2022, the Bishops of England and Wales urge us to consider Sunday Mass as obligatory again.

Community News

Courses for parents - online

The following courses for parents have been recommended: -

- for everyone, for everyday parenting.

Like antenatal classes, but on to the next stages!

Take advantage of this pre-paid, locally funded offer, www.inourplace.co.uk Access code: **COMMUNITY**.

Create an account (or sign in), and start learning, GO!

- 93% of parents who completed the course said 'Understanding Your Child' was helpful.
- 92% of parents who completed the course said 'Understanding Your Child with additional needs' was helpful.
- 97% of parents who completed the course would recommend 'Understanding Your Teenagers Brain'.

'I really like these courses. I think all parents could benefit from them.'

'You don't actually realise what is going on in your child's brain, this course helped.

Every parent should do this, I wish I'd done it sooner!'

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



Online Safety

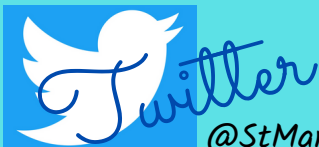


Keep your children safe online

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>



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!!!

Reminders

Hair styles

Pupils are **NOT ALLOWED** two-toned hair colours in school. We will be speaking to any parents in violation of our uniform policy. Large bows, hair accessories and dyed hair is also **not allowed**.

Extreme hair styles and shaved lines are also **not allowed**. All hair styles must be plain and sensible and not a distraction to others. All long hair needs to be tied back.





Water bottles

Please make sure that your child brings their water bottle in to school every day. This is particularly important as the weather is getting warmer. Water bottles should not be glass or heavy metal for health and safety reasons.



Registration for Grammar Schools open - Year 5 pupils

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham, for entry to Year 7 in September 2023. Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

The closing date for registering is **4pm on 30th June 2022**.

The test will take place on 17th September 2022.

<https://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/apply-onlineapp.php>

Books that I have read and shared			
Date	Book	Page No.	Comments

Reading diaries

Please remember to sign the reading diary for your child when you have read with them at home. Children learn to read best when they read to an adult every day, who can support them with intonation, pronunciation, new words and meaning. Children have daily reading lessons in school, but make most progress when they read at home too. Teachers keep a record of the book children read at home and this helps with our assessments of the range of books your child reads.

Parking outside school!

We are sure most of you are all aware of the continuing issues regarding parking outside school during drop off and pick up times. Unsafe, inconsiderate and dangerous parking is an offence and an increasing problem, causing chaos for local residents and ultimately putting the safety of our children and others at risk.

Please STOP and THINK before parking!!

Consider, am I being respectful? Am I parking illegally? Is my parking dangerous? We can all do our bit to reduce the issues of parking during school drop offs & collection times. For the safety of your child, their friends and the local community we kindly request that you all park safely, legally and considerately.

Remember:

- DO NOT park on single or double yellow lines
- DO NOT double park
- DO NOT stop or park on the zig zag lines or pedestrian crossing
- DO NOT park on pavements, corners or junctions
- DO NOT obstruct footpaths or cycleways
- Consider car sharing
- Walk or cycle to school where appropriate
- And finally...DO NOT block the driveways of local residents



Dates for next term

Summer 2 theme -

6th June 2022 - 8:30am

7th June 2022 - all day

8th June 2022 - all day

8th June 2022 - 9:15am

10th June 2022 - all day

WB 13th June 2022 -

14th June 2022 - 7:00pm

15th June 2022 - 9:15am

16th June - all day

16th June 2022 - 7:00pm

17th June - 3:30pm-6:30pm

20th June - 9:00am-11:00am

20th June - 1:15pm-3:15pm

21st June 2022 - 7:00pm

22nd June 2022 - 9:15am

23rd June 2022 - 7:00pm

24th June 2022 - am

29th June 2022 - 9:30am

1st July 2022 - 9:15am

3rd July 2022 - 12:00pm-3:00pm

5th July 2022 - all day

6th July 2022 - all day

7th July 2022 - 9:15am

11th July 2022 - all day

Save our seas, save our trees - Take Action!

Children return to school at normal time

Reception trip to Ash End Farm

Pentecost Birthday party - children wear their own PARTY clothes

Y4 Mass in Church (Y4, Y3 parents welcome)

World Ocean Day - children wear blue to school

Money Week in school

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 1

Y2 Mass in Church (Y2, Y1 and YR parents welcome)

School photographer in school all day

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 2

St. Mary's School Summer fair

Fathers' Day INSPIRE - morning session

Fathers' Day INSPIRE - afternoon session

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 3

Y6 Mass in Church (Y6, Y5 parents welcome)

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 4

Refugee Retreat morning

Whole School Mass for SS. Peter and Paul (parents welcome in old Church)

Reception class Assembly (parents welcome)

St. Mary's Parish Fete

School closed for children - INSET day

Transition Day - children meet their new teachers for the next academic year

Y3 Mass in Church (Y3, Y4 parents welcome)

Year 6 end of year trip to Drayton Manor

Summer 2

Starts: Monday 6th June

**Tuesday 5th July -
INSET - Children NOT in School**

Ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

**Friday 22nd July -
Closed for Queen's Jubilee**

**Summer Holidays:
Start Monday 25th 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.

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.



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

Year RL	Georgie	Fantastic independent writing using her sound mat for spellings
Year RF	Meredith	labelling a picture of Jesus holding her hand as part of her RE learning
Year 1L	Keira	showing reverence during Mass
Year 1F	Michael	participating in class discussion and always trying his best
Year 2L	Mussie	being a responsible and helpful member of the class
Year 2F	Nathan O	super sentences about Jane Goodall
Year 3L	Kaya	having resilience in her learning and for always working hard
Year 3F	Thomas	creating an excellent power project on airports
Year 4L	Amelie	excellent ideas in her writing
Year 4F	Rufus	consistently living out the virtues
Year 5L	Markas	singing beautifully and enthusiastically in Mass and hymn practice
Year 5F	Tallulah	singing enthusiastically during our whole school Mass
Year 6L	Jasmine	working very hard in writing lessons and always seeking to improve
Year 6F	Nathanael	trying hard to make the right choices and do his best

