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**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY  
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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.



## November is dedicated to the Holy Souls.

Our theme for the Autumn term is: 'The Dignity of the Human Person'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Learned and Wise'

Dear parents and carers,

5th November 2021

We have entered our month of Remembrance in school. If you would like any of your loved ones remembered in our prayers this month, please send the name in with your child and we will add the names to our remembrance prayer areas in every class. We also have a remembrance prayer tree and remembrance book in school.

This year we are supporting the Christmas toy appeal and would like any donations of new toys (unwrapped) for our local Birmingham children. You're always so generous and I thank you in advance for your support as we count down towards Christmas.

Miss Louise Price

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

*Matthew 5:1-12*

*Jesus said "God blesses you when people mock you because you are my followers. Be very glad because a great reward awaits you in Heaven"*

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

- we are blessed.
- the beatitudes show us what Jesus wants our attitudes to be.
- the Holy Spirit helps us and fills us with God's peace.

*Dear Jesus,*

*Thank you that you love us and can bring good even out of bad situations.*

*Fill us with your Holy Spirit and the joy which comes from being God's children.*

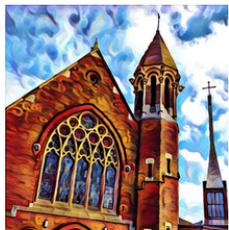
*Help our attitude be like yours - kind, loving, gentle and humble.*

*Amen*

### Catholic Life in School

#### Year 1 Mass - All Saints

Year 1 led us in a beautiful Mass on Wednesday dedicated to the All Saints. The children read and sang beautifully and confidently. It was wonderful to celebrate Mass in Church with so many parents.

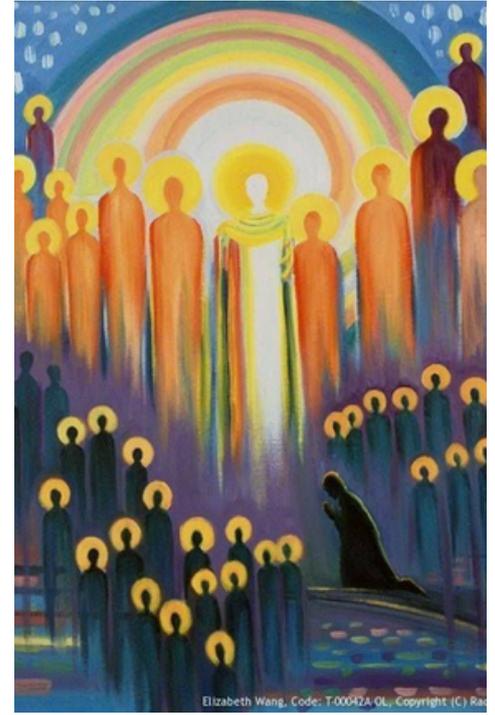


#### Year 2 Mass in Church - 10.11.21 at 9:15am - Remembrance Mass!

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 10th November, starting promptly at 9:15am. Year 2 pupils and staff will be celebrating next week's Mass and **parents are welcome to attend** (If you are an adult attending Mass, we ask that you continue to please wear face coverings).

## All Saints Learning in School

This week, the classes have been learning about the Saints and praying for all Souls.



### This week's news

#### Open day for Reception parents 2022

Yesterday afternoon prospective parents had the opportunity to come in to school and find out a little bit more about St. Mary's and how our school works. The prefects and Head Boy / Head Girl did a marvellous job at showing the parents around and answering all of their questions.

Applications for Reception and Secondary school places for September 2022 have to be made via the Council

Website: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



#### Reception news: -

Reception class have been on a treasure hunt this week outdoors as part of their maths learning.



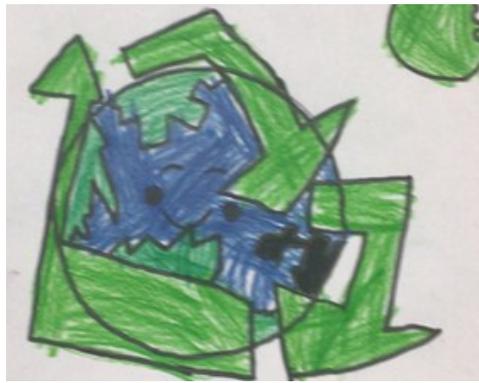
Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been finding one quarter of a given amount.



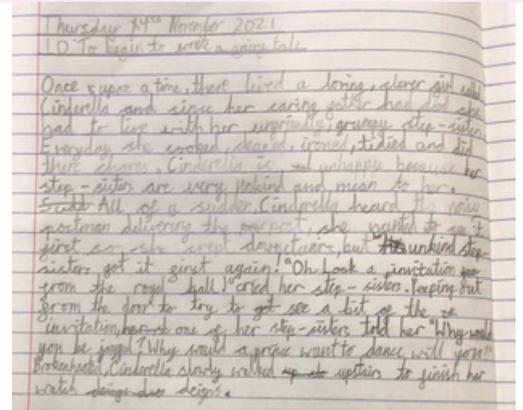
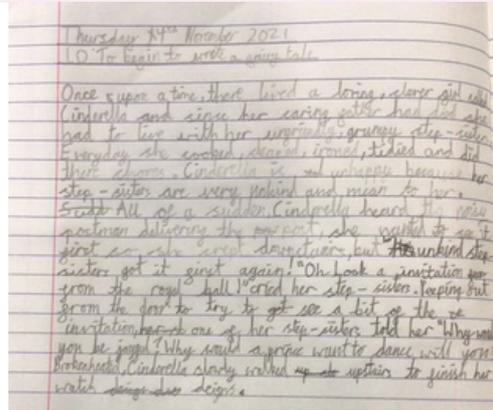
Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have been learning all about how to protect our planet and the importance of recycling.



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have been writing their own adaptations of Cinderella.



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 have been re-enacting Roman battle formations - recreating the tortoise, triple line and wedge.



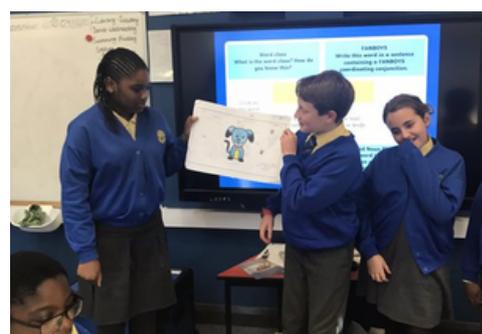
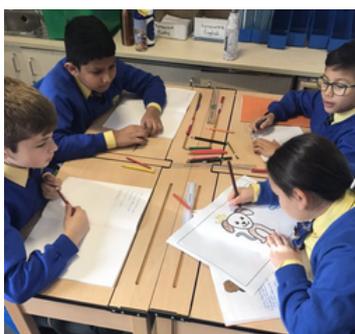
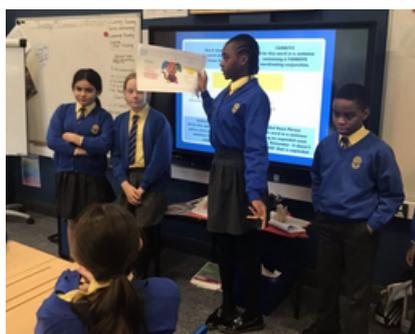
### Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have been exploring the similarities and differences between Romans and Anglo-Saxons.



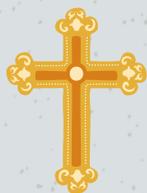
### Year 6 news: -

Year 6 have been challenging gender stereotypes, whilst designing toys for boys and girls.



### Parish News

#### Weekend Masses



Weekend Masses are on Saturdays at 12:00 and 6:00pm

Sundays at 9:30am, 11:00am and 5:00pm

St. Mary's Church is open weekdays at 8:30am for a twenty-five minute Mass and then remains open till 4:00pm for private prayer and candles.

#### First holy Communion and Confirmation meetings

**The First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting** is this Tuesday 9th November at 8:00pm in the Parish Centre; the **Confirmation Parents' Meeting** is this Wednesday 10th November at 8:00pm in the Parish Centre.



#### Baptism

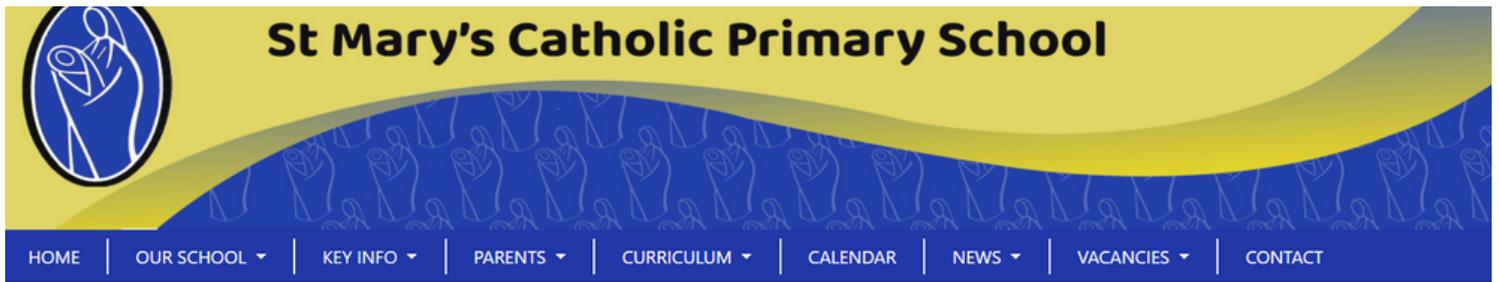
Do you still need your child in Year 2 or Year 3 to be baptised? Please contact Fr. John with the name, phone number and date of birth of your child on [parishpriest@saintmarysharborne.org.uk](mailto:parishpriest@saintmarysharborne.org.uk)



#### Children's Liturgy

*This Sunday 7th November, St. Mary's children's liturgy begins at the 9:30am Mass for Reception class and pre-school children. Please accompany your child straight to the Parish centre for 9:30am, for the 15 minute session. A church steward will then call you all back in to the Church for the rest of the Mass.*

## New Website



We are very excited to announce the launch of our new website. We hope that with the new design, you will be able to find all the information that you require easier. There are certain pages that we are still building and we will be filling them up over the upcoming weeks with lots of information about school life. We do hope that you enjoy the new website and look forward to finding out your thoughts over the upcoming weeks.

## Bishop Challoner Open Evening

**Bishop Challoner  
Sixth Form College  
OPEN EVENING  
Wednesday 10th  
November 2021**

Bishop Challoner are looking forward to welcoming you from 6.00pm - 8:30pm on Wednesday 10th November 2021! Please pre-book tickets

Supporting our local Birmingham children this Christmas

# CHRISTMAS

# TOY APPEAL

Please give new toys  
(unwrapped) for our local  
children in Birmingham  
for all age groups  
ranging from  
0-15 years

Gloves  
Games  
Dolls  
Hats  
Books  
Pull  
Jigsaws  
Cars  
Jewellery  
Teethers  
Football  
Makeup  
Toiletries  
Teethers  
along toys  
Scarves

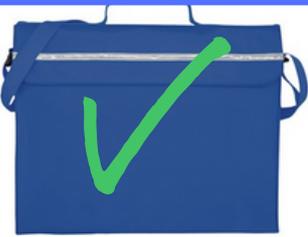
St Mary's Catholic  
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 Birmingham Irish  
ASSOCIATION

Collection Dates:  
1st November -  
16th December

Irish TV are coming to  
school on Friday 26th  
November

## Book bags



A massive thank you to our parents who have worked with us to ensure that bags are within the dimensions needed to safely fit on the pegs designated to the children. As mentioned in previous newsletters, there is not room on the pegs for bulky bags / rucksacks.



Any children bringing bags / rucksacks that can not fit on the pegs will now be asked to leave them at the designated 'rucksack stop' where the lunch boxes are kept.

## Correct Uniform

The children should now be wearing their winter uniform i.e. shirts/blouses and ties.

We also ask that children come to school in their winter PE kit on the days that they have PE. Again children should be in uniform for PE which is black/blue plain jogging bottoms (not patterned / not another colour), yellow t-shirt, school jumper and **black trainers**.



## Jewellery



To **ensure the safety of all children**, we will only allow children to wear small stud earrings (not dangly earrings) and a watch, on the days that they are not doing PE.

On PE days we are asking that children do not wear any jewellery, so that it is not lost if they are asked to remove it for physical lessons. Thank you for supporting us with this, your child's safety is at the forefront of our uniform decisions. .

## Contact details

Please make sure that we have the correct contact details for any adults that you wish to pick up your child. School can not release your child to somebody who is not on the contact list.

If you change address or phone numbers, you must inform school as soon as possible.

## Labelling of clothing

There is a very high volume of unnamed jumpers, cardigans and coats now in the parent shelter.

Please label all belongings for your child (including lunch boxes / water bottles / clothing...)

Items that are labelled are returned to your child's classroom when they are left somewhere else in school.

Items that are not labelled are placed in the parent shelter.



### **Additional school clubs**

We have several school clubs running in school now

### **Before school clubs**

Wednesdays (7:45–8:45) – Karate – For Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

Thursdays (7:45–8:45) – Karate – For Y4, Y5 and Y6

Fridays (7:45–8:45) – Karate – For Y1, Y2 and Y3 (*this club is full*).



### **After school clubs**

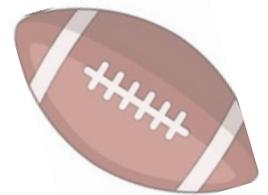
Mondays (3:20 – 4:20) – Rugby – For Y1 and Y2 (*still spaces*)

Wednesdays (3:30 – 4:30) – Netball – For Y5 and Y6

(3:30 – 4:30) – Football – For Y6

(3:30 – 4:45) – Chess – For Y3

Thursdays (3:30 – 4:45) – Chess – For Y4, Y5, Y6



## **This is an Operation Encompass School**

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 ordered and paid for a book online for the book fair, your child needs to bring their reference number and the book title ordered into school FAO Mrs Keating as soon as possible.  
Thank you to those that have done this.*



# KEEPING SAFE

## Online Safety



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!!!

We are aware of the Netflix series 'Squid Game' being big news at the moment and its popularity is beginning to spread across various online platforms. The content connected to this show – ranging from memes to apps – is very violent, so it is important for parents, carers and educators to understand the basis of Squid Game and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it. Please continue to monitor carefully all content that your children are viewing online.

## Parking Safety



Parking enforcement officers are now circulating at the start and the end of the school day. Please be aware of this as they are issuing fines to those parked illegally.

Own clothes day - Friday 26th November. All money raised to go towards small people bollards!



### NO STOPPING

The yellow lines outside of school have a 'NO STOPPING' rule between the hours of 8-9 am and 3-4 pm.

### SAFE PARKING

There are places where you can park safely around the school area – please be considerate and keep our children safe by choosing one of these options.



When should my child self-isolate or miss school?



YES

- If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PRC test, **NOT** a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PRC test.
- If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test.



NO

- All children **MUST** attend school unless they are ill.
- From 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid.
- Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.

*Half-term homework*

8th November 2021 - all week -  
8th November 2021 3:30 - 5:00 -  
10th November 2021 - 9:15am -  
10th November 2021 - 3:45 - 5:15  
12th November 2021 - all day -  
12th November 2021 - 9:15am -  
15th November 2021 - all week -  
16th November 2021 - 1:30-3:00 -  
17th November 2021 - 9:15am -  
17th November 2021 - 1:30-3:00 -  
19th November 2021 - 1:30-3:00 -  
22nd November 2021 - 1:30-3:00 -  
23rd November 2021 - 1:30-3:00 -  
24th November 2021 - 9:15am -  
24th November 2021 - 1:30-3:00 -  
26th November - all day -  
26th November 2021 - 1:30-3:30 -  
30th November 2021 - 6:45 - 8:45pm  
1st December 2021 - 9:15am -  
3rd December 2021 - 9:15am -  
7th December 2021 - 3:15 - 4:15 -  
9th December 2021 - 3:30 - 4:30 -  
10th December 2021 - all day

*WB 13.12.21 - Nativities in school*

*17th December 2021*

*Create a piece of art work for our 'all Saints display'*

Remembrance week in school.  
Film night for Reception and KS1 (PTA)  
Y2 Mass in Church (Y2 parents welcome).  
Film night for KS2 (PTA)  
Children in Need non-uniform day in school.  
Year 5F Class Assembly in school (5F parents welcome).  
Anti-bullying Week in school.  
Y3 Advent Inspire (parents and children work together in school).  
Y6 Mass in Church (Y6 parents welcome).  
Y4 Advent Inspire (parents and children work together in school).  
Y5 Advent Inspire (parents and children work together in school).  
Y1 Advent Inspire (parents and children work together in school).  
Y2 Advent Inspire (parents and children work together in school).  
Y5 Mass in Church (Y5 parents welcome).  
Reception Advent Inspire (parents and children work together).  
Non-school uniform day in school to raise money for school council.  
Y6 Advent Inspire (parents and children work together in school).  
PTA Wreath making workshop for parents in school.  
Y4 Mass in Church (Y4 parents welcome).  
Year 5L Class Assembly in school (5L parents welcome).  
Reception and KS1 disco in school  
KS2 disco in school  
Christmas jumper day and Fr. Christmas in school

*More information about nativities to follow...*

*Break up for Christmas break!*

*1:40 finish time - Reception classes*

*1:45 finish time - KS1 classes*

*1:50 finish time - sibling group*

*2:00 finish time - KS2 classes*

# Star of the week

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

Year RL	Tess	<i>always being a good role-model</i>
Year RF	Waran	<i>improving his writing this week - writing his whole name</i>
Year 1L	William	<i>super behaviour and effort in class</i>
Year 1F	Sebastian	<i>brilliant effort in English and creating a super story board</i>
Year 2L	Noah M	<i>positive attitude in everything he does</i>
Year 2F	Eliza-Rose	<i>a wonderful piece of writing describing the wedding at Cana</i>
Year 3L	Isadora	<i>working hard in Maths and challenging herself</i>
Year 3F	Max	<i>dedication and effort in all areas of the curriculum</i>
Year 4L	Melisanda	<i>great contributions to class discussions</i>
Year 4F	Olivia	<i>outstanding attitude to learning in French lessons - tres bien</i>
Year 5L	Henri	<i>excellent defensive skills in netball</i>
Year 5F	Oliver	<i>always contributing well in all lessons across the curriculum</i>
Year 6L	Batseba	<i>contributing well in all class discussions</i>
Year 6F	Edison	<i>producing an excellent psalm in RE</i>

