



Archdiocese of Birmingham

## 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.

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### June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our theme for the Summer term is: 'Stewardship'

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



Dear parents and carers,

12th June 2026

What a wonderful week it has been in school. The children have been busy, joyful, and full of enthusiasm, and it has been a pleasure to see our community come together in so many special ways. I'm delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

#### Celebrating Our Children's Sacraments

A huge congratulations to our wonderful Year 3 and Year 6 children, who celebrated their Sacraments last weekend. Year 3 received the Sacrament of the Eucharist, a truly special milestone in their faith journey, and Year 6 received the Sacrament of Confirmation, marking an important step in their growth as young people in the faith. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their reverence, preparation, and joy.

#### Sports Day at Tudor Grange Stadium

Years 4, 5 and 6 had a fantastic experience at Tudor Grange Stadium this week, taking part in their Sports Day. The children showed brilliant teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our PTA for their continued support, and a particularly big thank you to our parents, especially Mrs Lay, whose organisation and commitment helped make the day such a success. We are also grateful to all our volunteers who ensured everything ran smoothly.

#### Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle

Next week, Year 6 will be heading off on their residential to Alton Castle. Please ensure your child has the correct kit, that any required medication is already in school, and that no electronic devices are brought along. This trip is always a memorable and enriching experience, and we want every child to be fully prepared.

#### Fathers' Day INSPIRE Sessions

On Friday, we look forward to welcoming families to our always-popular Fathers' Day INSPIRE event. There will be two sessions available—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Please confirm your attendance via School Gateway. You must select only one session, as places do fill up quickly, and not signing up may mean we are unable to admit you on the day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, kindness, and partnership. It is a privilege to work with such a warm and engaged school community. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Yorke



# CATHOLIC LIFE

*This week's Gospel*

*John 6:58*

*"Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever"*



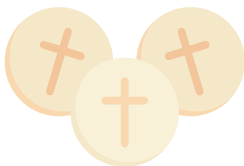
## Reflecting on this week's Gospel, we learn: -

- **Believe** (with eyes of faith) that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist'
- **Know** that Jesus is the 'Bread of Life' who feeds our souls'
- **Welcome** Jesus into our lives, through receiving Holy Communion'
- **Remember** that Jesus is always with us and wants us to grow in closer friendship with him.



## Year 3 Mass - 10.6.26 - Holy Communion

Our Year 3 children made their Holy Communion last weekend and we had a special school Mass and party in school to celebrate them receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.



# CATHOLIC LIFE

Our next Mass – Y1 Mass – Votive Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 17th June 2026, starting promptly at 9:15am. Year 1 children will be leading our Mass and Y2 children will be in attendance. All parents are very welcome to attend.



*O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.*

*Amen*

## PRAYER



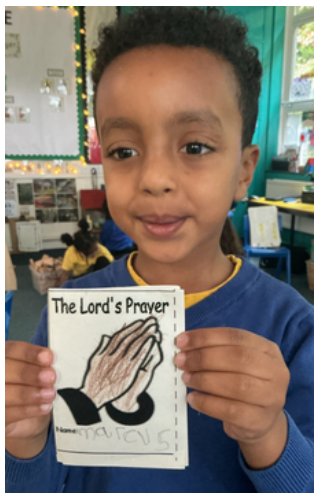
# CATHOLIC LIFE



We are so incredibly proud of Giorgia, who danced at a dementia care home with her dance teacher this weekend. What a kind act of social action and the residents really enjoyed themselves. Well done Giorgia.



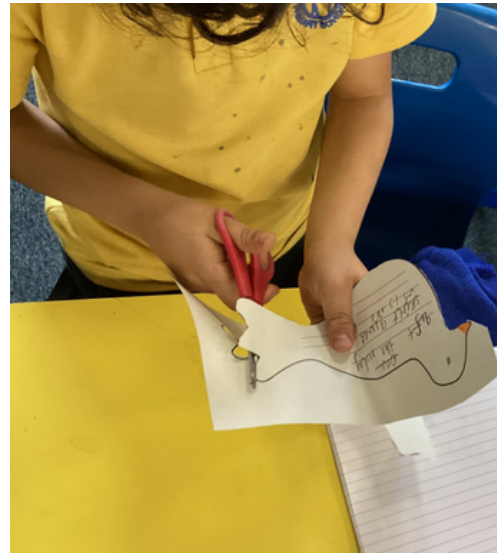
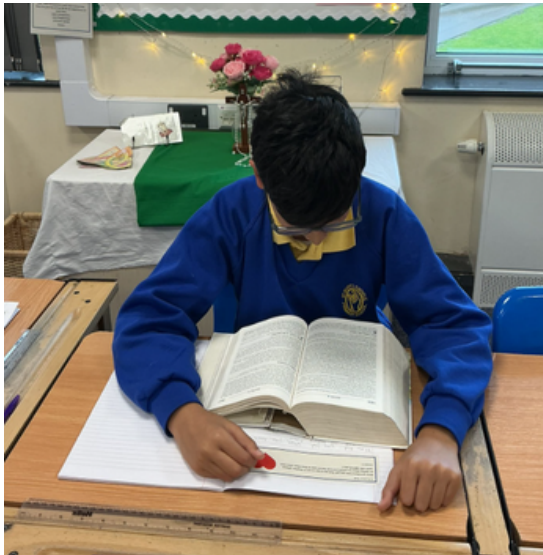
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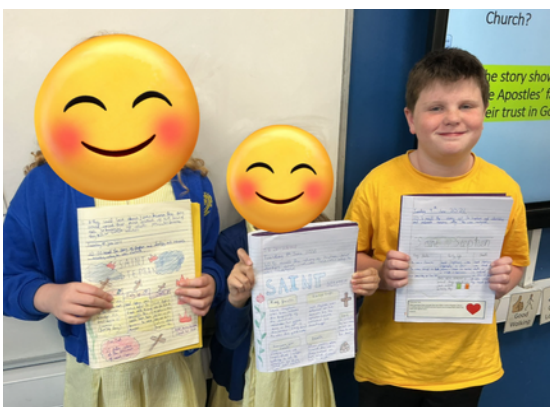
Reception were learning to pray the Our Father. They made mini prayer books to take home so that they could continue learning this prayer with their families!



In RE, Year 5 learnt about St Stephen and how he was martyred.



Year 2 learnt about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit this week in RE.

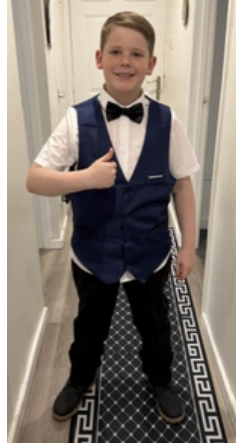


Year 6 continued their learning about the Fruits of the Holy Spirit this week through Bible journaling.

# CATHOLIC LIFE

Congratulations to all children who made their Holy Communion and Confirmation last weekend. We also had one baptism – we are so proud of our young people, moving forward in their journey with Jesus.

Thank you to all those involved in supporting the children with their preparations.





# SPORTS DAY



Years 4, 5 and 6 had a fantastic morning at Tudor Grange Stadium on Wednesday. They took part in a carousel of events including 400m, relay, long jump, high jump and throw. The event finished with a series of 100m sprints. This is the second year of the event and it was another resounding success – the children loved competing in a real athletics stadium and it really brought their sports day alive!

Thank you to Ms Lay and her amazing team of volunteers – without their support, this event would not be possible. Thank you also to the PTA for their refreshments, which were much appreciated by the parents and raised £61.50.

The scores from the day will be combined with the scores from the forthcoming sports days, and the final result will be announced at the end of term.





**Year 6 Alton Castle Residential – 15.06.26 to 17.06.26**

Year 6 will be going on their Alton Castle residential on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Parents/Carers have been provided with the necessary information but it has been uploaded to the school website also. A polite reminder – **all payments must be made by close of today.**



**Fathers' day gifts – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

The PTA will be selling Father's Day gifts during the school day on Thursday 18th June. Each class will have the opportunity to visit the stall. If you would like your child to purchase a small surprise for their father or father figure, please send them into school with £2 in a named envelope. Please note that this is optional, and there is no expectation for children to buy a gift.

**Fathers' Day Inspire – 19.6.26 – 9:15–11:00 or 1:15–3:00**

To celebrate Father's Day, we are hosting a special play-based 'Parents and children Inspire workshop' in school. This workshop has been designed for dads in line with Fathers' day but of course mums or any family member can attend. The person attending must be an adult over 18 years of age. We have planned some fun activities, led by staff in school, where you can work with your children across the year groups.



*Forthcoming dates*

**Non-school uniform day for children will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 – Children wear their own clothes and donate: –**

**Donations needed for Summer Fayre**

The PTA have asked for the following donations to sell at the School Summer Fayre on Friday 26th June 2026...



Reception and Year 1 – Chocolates – bars or small boxes of chocolates



Year 5 – cakes, cupcakes etc...



Year 2 – Sweets – bagged up, rolled or boxed



Year 3 – sweets cellophane cone and secured with tie



Year 4 – books



Year 6 – surprise bags





### Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle - 24.06.26

Year 1 will be going to Warwick Castle on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The trip will give children the opportunity to explore medieval life and deepen their understanding of castle history. All lunch choices should be submitted by **11.06.26**.

# Party in the Playground

## Friday 26th June

## 3.30pm-6.30pm

**Inflatables  
DJ  
Rides**

**Raffle  
Food  
Refreshments**



**Tickets on sale NOW  
Shocal 2606**

**Family Ticket £15  
Individual Tickets £4**



### Non-school uniform day for donations for Parish Fair Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

There will be a non-uniform day for all children on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June in exchange for a donation of bottles for the Parish Fair - the PTA will be waiting outside of school on this day to collect your donations of bottles... this can be bottles of pop or alcohol. We thank you for your generosity.

# WORLD SPORTS

## SUMMER FETE

St Mary's Parish Centre  
Vivian Road, Harborne

**SUNDAY 5 JULY**  
12.00 – 3.00pm

*Join us for a day of fun!*  
Bring your friends and family.  
**Come in sportswear, prizes to be won!**

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# FREE ENTRY

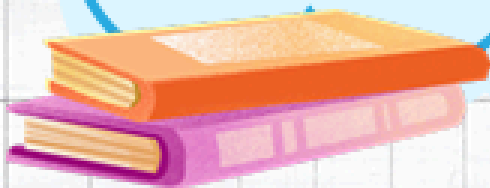
Reception 2027

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2026

- Morning Tour: 10:30 - 11:30
- Afternoon Tour: 13:45 - 14:45

Email: [enquiry@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk)  
to book your place



## OUR MISSION

TO LOVE GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS  
BY

LEARNING TOGETHER  
LOVING OURSELVES  
LOVING EACH OTHER  
LOVING ALL PEOPLE  
LOVING LIFE ITSELF

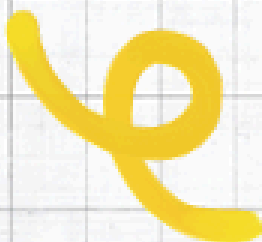
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CONSTANTLY STRIVING FOR  
EXCELLENCE

WORTHY OF OUR GOD GIVEN GIFTS.

For more information call our school  
office on: 0121 464 2141 or visit our  
website:

[https://www.stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk/web/  
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Funded by the Department for Education, Bring it on Brum! provides funded holiday club sessions, including a healthy meal, for school-aged children who receive benefit-related free school meals in Birmingham.

There is a range of different activities available at the holiday clubs, including indoor and outdoor games, cookery skills, arts and crafts, sports, fitness and dance, health and wellbeing, quizzes, park activities, nature trails and more!

See the information below for details on how to book.

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION-FUNDED  
**HOLIDAY CLUBS  
IN BIRMINGHAM**  
FOR AGES 4-16

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
[bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://bringitonbrum.co.uk)

STREET GAMES | Birmingham City Council | Department for Education

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**HOLIDAY CLUBS  
IN BIRMINGHAM 2026**

**MORE INFORMATION**

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also access funded spaces at holiday clubs?

Through the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Birmingham as Bring it on Brum!, children can attend local holiday clubs packed with fun activities, learning opportunities and healthy meals—all at no cost to you.

If your child is aged 4-16 and eligible for benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to funded places at Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs.\*

Our clubs offer a wide variety of activities, including sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music, and more—so there's something to suit everyone! Each session also includes a nutritious meal to keep children happy, healthy and energised throughout the day.

Every club runs its own unique programme depending on its location, meaning there's always something new to discover.

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child can still get involved and enjoy the fun.

\*See website for full eligibility criteria.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**SPRING**  
Bookings open: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Holiday clubs open: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**SUMMER**  
Bookings open: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Holiday clubs open: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**WINTER**  
Bookings open: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026  
Holiday clubs open: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2026 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026  
All dates exclude bank holidays and weekends.

**HOW TO BOOK**

- 1 Get your unique BIOB/ HAF code from your child's school
- 2 Go to our website [bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://bringitonbrum.co.uk)
- 3 Follow our handy How to Book Guide
- 4 Subscribe to the Bring it on Brum! Newsletter

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**HOW TO BOOK**

**GET YOUR CODE**

- 1 Get your BIOB code from your child's school. If you haven't received your code, but believe you are eligible for the programme, please contact your child's school.

**CHOOSE YOUR CLUBS**

- 2 Go to [bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://bringitonbrum.co.uk) and click **BOOK NOW**
- 3 Enter your criteria E.g Location, participant age, date and click **SEARCH**

To view the session details click **MORE INFORMATION**

- 4 Once you've found a holiday club you like, click "BOOK NOW" and choose a date and time that works for you.
- 5 Enter your child's details- you can add more than once child. You may need to add 'Supplementary Information' Please write 'none' in any fields that do not apply.
- 6 Repeat to add more sessions.

**CREATE A LOG-IN**

- 7 Once you have chosen all your sessions, go to your cart and click **CHECKOUT**
- 8 To complete your booking, you will need to create a login. You can then view/ edit and add any additional bookings at any time by logging in.

Create a Log-in

- Add your details
- Sign up for our session reminders
- Enter your child/children's details
- Sign up for the Bring it on Brum! newsletter

**COMPLETE BOOKING**

- 9 Click **COMPLETE BOOKING**

Why not take a photo of these instructions?

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
[www.bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk)

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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

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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:



Laura Noone  
Lead DSL  
DHT



Louise Yorke  
Headteacher



Jade Preedy  
AHT



Rachel Jones  
Senior Teacher



Sharon Tame  
School  
Counsellor



Rachel Richards  
EYFS Lead



Shania  
Birchenall  
SENDCo

## 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. Noone.

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 08/06/26-12/06/26

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	98	96	97	99	98	97	93	98	100	99	97	99	95	96
Lates	3	0	2	0	0	4	4	2	1	4	1	1	0	4
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.7%			School Target			97%		

Well done 4j: - Our attendance champions!

# Dates for next half term

Summer theme -

Summer 2

WB 08.06.26

15th to 17th June 2026

17th June 2026 - 9:15am

18th June 2026 - pm

19th June 2026 - 9:15 or 1:15

22nd June 2026 - all day

24th June 2026 - all day

24th June 2026 - 9:30am

26th June 2026 - 3:30pm

29th June 2026 - all day

1st July 2026 - all day

2nd July 2026 - 2pm

3rd July 2026 - 1:45pm

5th July 2026 - 12:00-3:00pm

8th July 2026 - 9:15am

9th July 2026 - 2pm

10th July 2026 - 2pm

14th July 2026 - 9am

14th July 2026 - all day

15th July 2026 - 9:30am

16th July 2026

17th July 2026

20th July 2026

21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

Stewardship

Attentive and Discerning

Year 4 Multiplication check window - week 3 of 3

Year 6 Residential at Alton Castle

Year 1 Mass (and Year 2 classes attend) - parents welcome

Opportunity to buy Fathers' day gifts in school - send children in with £2

Fathers' Day Inspire for Reception to Year 6

Non-school uniform day - bring in items to support school Party in the Playground

Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle

Whole School Mass - parents welcome

PTA event - Party in the Playground (ticketed event)

Non-school uniform day - bring in 'bottles' for the Parish Fair

Transition Day (inc. new Reception cohort) - children meet their new teacher

Reception Sports Day - wear house colours

Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day - wear house colours

St. Mary's Parish Fair

Year 2 Mass in Church (and Year 1 classes attend) - parents welcome

Performance of Year 6 production to parents

Performance of Year 6 production to parents

Year 2 Prayer Service for parents

St Alphonsa House Feast Day - wear own clothes

Year 6 Leavers Mass (Whole School) - parents welcome

Break up for Summer holidays

Early finish time

1:40 finish time - Reception classes

1:45 finish time - KS1 classes

1:50 finish time - sibling group

2:00 finish time - KS2 classes

Year 6 shirt signing on final day in school and 2:00pm guard of honour

{ **INSET Days (CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL)**

## Next Year's Term Dates - 2026-2027

<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>
	<i>Half-term</i>
	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>
	<i>Half-term</i>
	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>
	<i>Half-term</i>
	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>

### School Closed:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027 - May Bank Holiday

### INSET DAYS

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026
  - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026
  - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027
- 2/3 more INSET days to be confirmed