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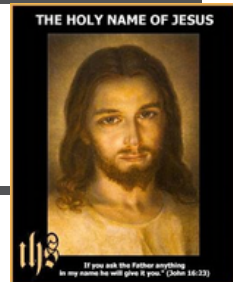


St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Our theme for the Spring term is: 'Options for the Poor and Vulnerable'

Our virtues for this half term are: - Compassionate and Loving



26th January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

The theme this week has been "Christ has no body now on Earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours" (St. Teresa of Avila) and Year 4 led us in a beautiful prayer and liturgy assembly for parents this morning where they spoke about how we can do the work of Christ on Earth. This also links to our learning this week about St. Paul's conversion and thinking about what it means to be followers of Christ.

Just a reminder that we are collecting data regarding the MMR vaccines following guidance from Birmingham City Council - please let us know any details of your child's status by entering the details on Gateway or through email to our enquiry inbox.

Thank you for my well wishes regarding the broken elbow - it is getting better all of the time.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, see you on Monday.

Mrs Yorke

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Mark 1 : 15

"There He proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come," He said, "and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News."

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- The first disciples dropped everything to follow Jesus.
- Jesus invites us to leave our old ways behind and follow Him.
- We can follow Jesus through our words and actions.

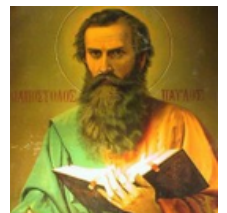
Lord Jesus,

*Thank you for sharing the Good News with us.
Help me to listen and believe in your love,
to say sorry when I get things wrong,
and to be quick to follow you.*

Amen

Catholic Life in School

Year 5 Mass - 24.1.24 - St. Paul the Apostle
Year 5 led their own very special and intimate Mass about St. Paul in the school hall this week for parents. We found out all about how St. Paul changed his ways.



Reception Mass - Presentation of our Lord

Our next Mass will be in the Church on Wednesday 31st January 2024, starting promptly at 9:15am. Reception children will be leading our Mass and joined by their Year 6 buddies - parents are welcome to attend.

Reception news: -

Reception interviewed their school 'superheroes' this week and asked 'the people who help us' some fantastic questions!



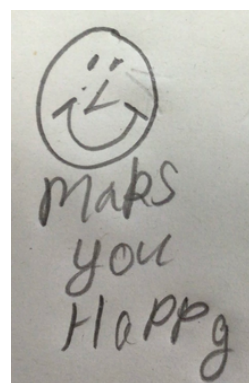
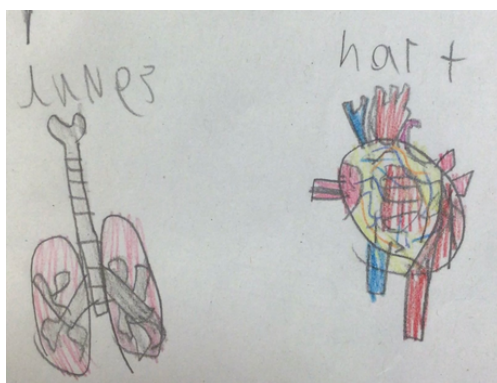
Year 1 news: -

Year 1 had fun outside exploring number lines. They really enjoyed their practical maths and fresh air!



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have been learning about why exercise is important for our bodies.



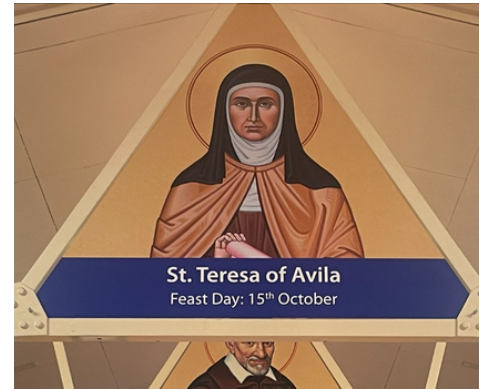
Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have been learning about fables this week - comparing characteristics to write their own.



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 explored the Rights of the Child in PSHE this week and led us in a wonderful prayer and liturgy service for parents about how we can follow the Saints in doing Jesus' work on Earth.



Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have been experimenting with sieving, filtering and using magnetic forces to separate materials in Science.



Year 6 news: -

Historians in Year 6 held a "Bill of Rights" debate this week and represented a variety of views on how it would impact them.





WOW Active



KS2 undertook WOW Active sessions this week led by Premier Education who returned to school to assess progress. Children have been given new logins which enables them to access a platform where they can check their personal progress and access personal challenge cards.

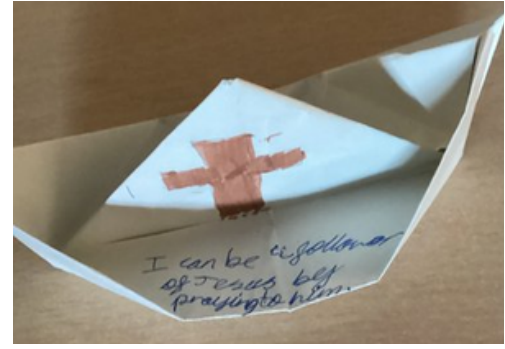
Year 5 achieved overall progress of 3.85% since their last session!



Year 1 had a wonderful time today visiting the residents at Field House. The children read stories and sang lots of songs! Thank you for having us!



Our Collective Worship



Our Year 6 children led a beautiful Prayer & Liturgy service today based on this week's Gospel.



Our Reception class used hand made candles and aid how we are going to try and follow in Jesus' footsteps

Sporting Triumphs!

Football

Our fantastic boys made it to the semi finals at the U11 West Midlands County Finals tournament 🤩 They played amazingly against some very strong teams and we are so proud of them!
Well done, boys 🏆

Netball

Our netball team braved the elements in a friendly against Edgbaston High, but the rain took a turn for the worst after the third quarter so we had to call it a day. Congratulations to the girls at EHS who played a fantastic game and well done to our girls for giving their all 💪



Upcoming dates:

Year 3 Harborne Library Visit - 31.1.24

Year 3 will be visiting Harborne Library next Wednesday.

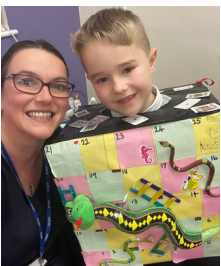
3T will leave at 1:15am

3L will leave at 2:15am

If you are a parent who would like to attend and support walking to and from the library, please let the Year 3 staff know.

NSPCC Number Day - 2.2.24

On Friday 2nd February we are taking part in the NSPCC Number Day! During the day, children will be taking part in exciting maths activities. We are inviting children to 'Dress up for digits.' This can be an item of clothing with a number on it! Or you could get creative and design your own! We are asking for a donation for NSPCC of £1, which can be paid on school gateway. Thank you



Pet Shower - 7.2.24

Year 3 have planned a 'Pet Shower' for the entire school to take part in, in order to support 'Pet Search Rescue West Midlands' - children can dress as their favourite animal or wear any clothes with an animal print on this day. We are asking for donations for the sanctuary i.e. pet food, puppy pads, cat litter, sawdust, blankets...



Thinking Day - 22.2.24


On 'World Thinking Day' any Girl Guides, Rangers, Brownies and Rainbows can come to school wearing their Girlguiding uniform to show that they are committed to international friendship and understanding.





To launch Careers Week, on Monday 4th March 2024, we are inviting the children at St Mary's to dress up as what they would like to be, when they grow up. We look forward to seeing what future jobs you desire

Thursday 1st February 2024 - 3:30 - 5:30 in the School Hall


ST.MARY'S RC SCHOOL PTA
are hosting a Fun Quiz evening




QUIZ NIGHT



THURSDAY 1st FEBRUARY
IN THE SCHOOL HALL
3.30PM - 5.30PM



TEAMS OF SIX (Mix of adults and children) - £12 a Team
You can buddy up with friends to make a full Team
Come along have some fun while raising funds for our school.
Tickets available from your PTA



£12 team
£2 each

Parentkind
Member Association

ELECTRIC DREAMS
THE HARBORNE CLUB NIGHT
PLAYING THE BEST OF THE 80'S



HALF OF TICKETS SOLD!

HARBORNE VILLAGE SOCIAL CLUB
FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024, 8PM - MIDNIGHT

Harborne Village Social Club - Friday 2nd February 2024
8pm - midnight

Tickets are selling fast for a night of 80s music at Harborne Village Social Club. And any money made from ticket sales is shared amongst the local primary schools so you are helping fundraise for St. Mary's if you attend.



Signposting for half-term activities

This section is to sign-post activities that are taking place over half-term, which you may wish to engage with. As a school we are only sign-posting these.



SUCCESS EDUCATION
TURNING THE IMPOSSIBLE INTO POSSIBLE

Lego Coding Challenge

Friday 16th February 2024



Join us for a fun filled 90 minute workshop at Moor Pool Hall aimed for 8-13 yr olds

Cost - £10 per session
Location - 37 The Circle, Harborne, Birmingham B17 9DY
To register scan the QR code

8 - 11 yr old - 9:30 - 11am
10 - 13 yr old - 11:30 - 1pm
12+ yr old 1:30 - 3pm

Places are limited to book now to avoid disappointment




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The Strings Club's multi-award-winning Holiday Camps for 4 to 11-year-olds bring together the very best in childcare and music to engage and inspire your child.

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Come and trial our Harborne Holiday Camp and receive 10% off. Simply call 0121 296 9204 to claim your discount

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- ✦ Free to hire instrument - even to take home
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- ✦ 10% sibling discount and tax-free childcare
- ✦ Received over 200 5* reviews in the past year

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YOUR NEAREST FOOTBALL CAMP

Venue: Harborne Academy, Harborne Road, B15 3JL

Dates: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

Times: 9am - 4pm (4 year olds allowed from 9am - 1pm)

Price: £18.84 full day (£10.77 for 4 year olds 9am - 1pm)

Ages: 4 - 11

Additional info: Extra 10% discount for full week bookings

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Our specialist football camps will whip up a frenzy of footballing fun for your son or daughter this half-term.

Our passionate coaches teach new skills through friendly practices and in-game play, supporting the social growth of every child.

Whether they're 5, 11 or somewhere in-between, our 5-star football camps are the best way to spend the school holiday.

Book now for a half-term full of joy!



TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!
*T&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.



Based on over 15,000 reviews

YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Harborne Academy, Harborne Road, B15 3JL

Dates: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

Times: 9am - 4pm (4 year olds allowed from 9am - 1pm)

Price: £18.84 full day (£10.77 for 4 year olds 9am - 1pm)

Ages: 4 - 11

Additional info: Extra 10% discount for full week bookings

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

CAMPS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!
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February Fun club

Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th
February
7.30am - 5.30pm
£35 per child per day

School's Out
C/O Oasis Church
South Street
Harborne, B17 0DB
Claire: 07488 270 149
Harborneschoolsout@outlook.com

April Fun club

Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April
7.30am - 5.30pm
£35 per child per day

School's Out
C/O Oasis Church
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Community support

Please scan to find out more

Clothes

We have a recycling box outside our office for any clothes, bric-a-brac, bags, shoes... that can be used to support a range of local charities. If you are having a sort out and have good quality items to donate - please use our recycling box.

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



What's On Online:

TAWS
Virtual Wellbeing



What is...
Zumba?



FREE

Zumba is an aerobic dance class. The routines feature Latin American moves and music. Zumba is enormously fun, very energetic, and a great way to get moving and endorphins flowing.

Why not try our free classes every Thursday at 6pm over Zoom - email virtualwb@theaws.org to join



Swipe next →



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.

Attendance and Punctuality: –

Our attendance for last week was –

Week 22nd – 26th of Jan

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	98.3	99.3	96.9	97	94.3	98	96.3	98.6	94.1	95.6	99.3	98.6	95.8	98.2
Lates	4	3	8	4	2	4	1	0	2	5	7	1	2	3
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.3			School Target				97%	

Well done: RT and 5M - our joint Attendance Champions

Dates for next term

Spring theme -

Spring 1 Virtues

31st January 2024 -pm

31st January 2024 - 9:15am

1st February 2024 - 3:45-5:30

2nd February 2024 - all day

WB 5.2.24

6th February 2024 - all day

6th February 2024 - pm

7th February 2024 - all day

7th February 2024 - 9:15am

8th February 2024 - pm

9th February 2024 - 9:00am

9th February 2024 - end of day

19th February 2024 - all day

20th February 2024 - 8:45am

Options for the Poor and Vulnerable

Compassionate and Loving

Year 3 visit to Harborne library (1:30 3T and 2:30 3L)

Reception Mass in Church (with Year 6 buddies) - parents welcome

PTA event - Quiz evening in school (against staff too - with prizes)

World number day - £1 donation for NSPCC

Online Safety Week

Safer Internet Day

Tea and Talk

Pet Shower - dress up in all things animal and bring a donation for pet sanctuary

Year 4 Mass ONLY for Year 4 parents in school hall

Year 2 visit to Harborne library (1:15 2G and 2:15 2E)

Year 3 Year group Assembly

Break up for half-term break - normal time

INSET DAY - school closed to children

Children return to school at normal time



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

<i>Year RB</i>	<i>Rogan</i>	<i>Trying really hard with his letter formation this week!</i>
<i>Year RT</i>	<i>Alex</i>	<i>Really good listening this week</i>
<i>Year 1F</i>	<i>Asha</i>	<i>Producing excellent work across all subjects and displaying enthusiasm for learning</i>
<i>Year 1L</i>	<i>Thea</i>	<i>For always trying her best and having a positive attitude!</i>
<i>Year 2E</i>	<i>Agatha</i>	<i>Trying hard to improve the quality of her work</i>
<i>Year 2G</i>	<i>Sophia</i>	<i>Making a real effort to improve behaviour this week</i>
<i>Year 3L</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Super prosody and comprehension in guided reading</i>
<i>Year 3T</i>	<i>Sebastian</i>	<i>Superb working attitude this week and for his marvellous manners</i>
<i>Year 4J</i>	<i>Scarlett-Rose</i>	<i>Practising her times tables and improving her score</i>
<i>Year 4M</i>	<i>Alfie</i>	<i>For his effort and hard work in maths</i>
<i>Year 5F</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Fantastic improvement in attitude to learning this term</i>
<i>Year 5M</i>	<i>Trinity</i>	<i>For an excellent start to his journey at St. Mary's - listening well and always participating</i>
<i>Year 6O</i>	<i>Harry</i>	<i>Working extremely hard and making excellent contributions in History!</i>
<i>Year 6R</i>	<i>Indiana</i>	<i>Man of the Match! For playing fantastic football and being such a wonderful sportsman at the U11 county finals</i>

