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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.

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Our theme for the Summer term is: 'Stewardship'
Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Learned and Wise'



Dear parents and carers,

12th July 2024

We have just completed our penultimate week in school and we only have one more year of this Academic Year to go. The children continue to work hard to complete their Stewardship learning, and at the start of the week, Year 2 enjoyed their trip to the Botanical Gardens. This week has also been a very exciting week for Year 6, who wowed us in their end of year production 'Shakespeare Rocks'. Well done to all those involved. The show was amazing. SATs results for Year 6 also came out this week and I include in this newsletter the headline results. Individual results will go out with the Year 6 reports at the start of next week. We have so much to celebrate and our Chair of Governors will be writing to all parents next week to summarise the school year before we break up.

Mrs Yorke

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Mark 6: 4-6

'Jesus said to them, "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house", and He could work no miracle there, though He cured a few sick people by laying His hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.'

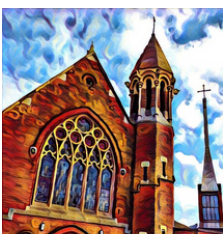
Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn that:

- We can believe and trust in Jesus, the Son of God
- We can have great expectation in Jesus and His power
- The Holy Spirit guides us to be open and loving to others



Jesus Christ, you are truly God, the second Person of the Trinity, the Son, the Eternal Word, who with the Father and Holy Spirit, always was, is, and always will be. Amen

Catholic Life in School



Year 6 Leavers Mass in Church - 17.7.24 at 9:30am

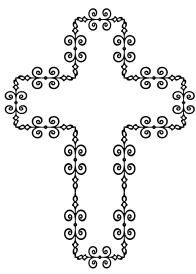
Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 17th July 2024, starting promptly at 9:30am. **Year 6 children** will be leading our Mass for the whole school one last time before they move on to the next phase of their Education... We welcome Year 6 family members to join us.

Catholic Life



Thank you so much to our PTA of St. Mary's and to our families for your donations. The Parish Fete was a huge success!





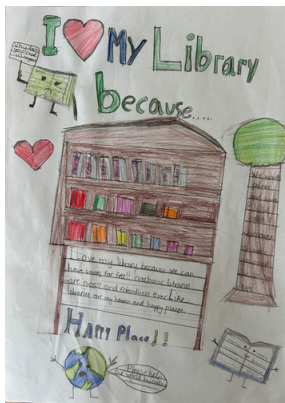
Our prayer focus Transition



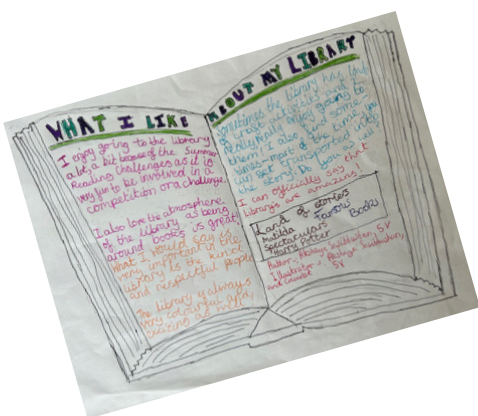
Mrs Detheridge-Whitehouse led Reception and Key Stage 1 children in a prayer assembly this week, focusing on transition. Through prayer and reflection, the children had time to think about the emotions that they might feel when changes happen and how to manage them, especially as they prepare to move on to their new classes.

Catholic Social Teaching

Keep our libraries open



Our children are saddened by proposals to cut library services and have been active in responding with posters that are being displayed across Harborne High Street in shops such as Waitrose! United with 3 other local schools, we have submitted 70 posters and petitioned to keep Harborne Library Open! Not every child has the privilege of being exposed to so many books and stories in their home which our libraries offer. Families - please take your children to Harborne Library and help us with our stand that Library Services should not be cut. Well done to Joseph Leek in Year 5 who was the winner of the competition for St. Mary's.



Reception news: -

Reception worked collaboratively to build their own pirate ship. They were all able to take turns, share resources and solve problems together! What brilliant problem solving pirates we have!



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been learning to tell the time to the hour.



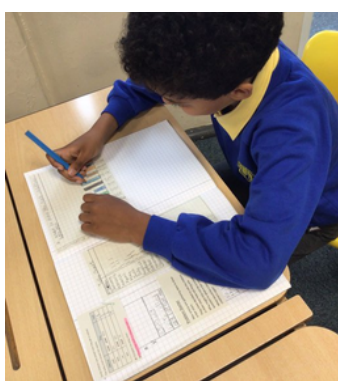
Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have been making prayer wheels with bidding prayers for people in our school, parish, church and world.



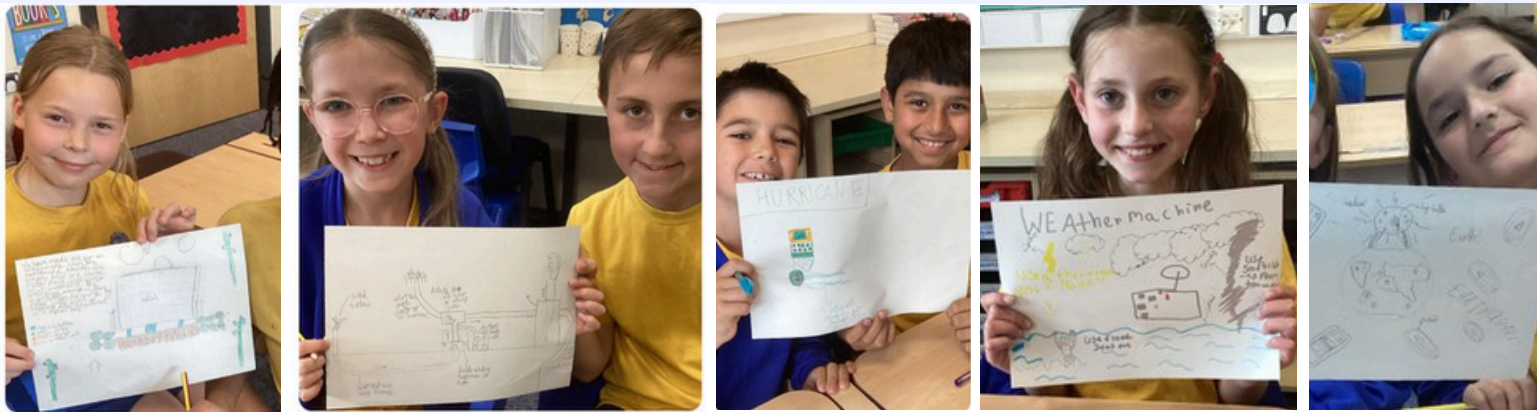
Year 3 news: -

Year 3 collected data about the children's birthdays in their class. They represented this data using a pictogram and a bar chart.



Year 4 news: -

In Computing lessons, Year 4 designed a weather machine that will use data from sensors to trigger a weather response.



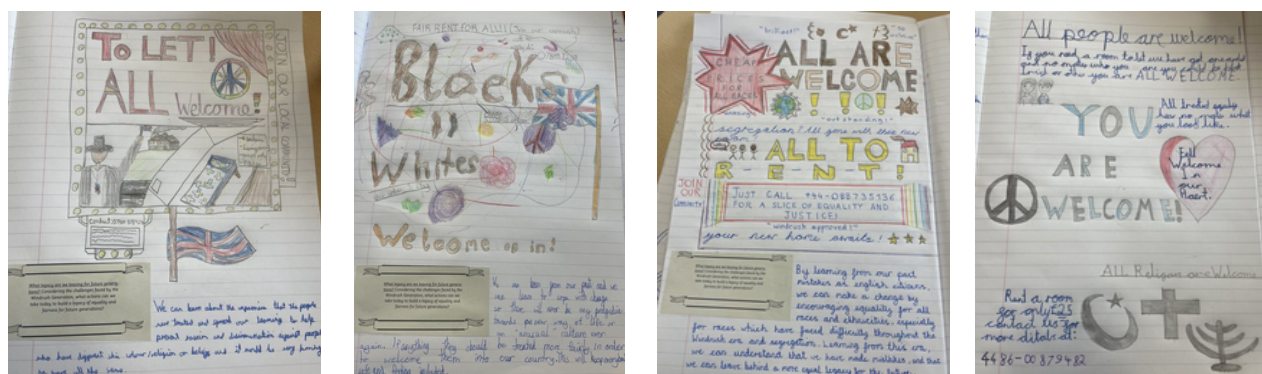
Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have been learning about the Archbishop of Birmingham. They have researched his vestments, Coat of Arms and his special roles and responsibilities.



Year 6 news:-

Historians in Year 6 became landlords for the day to advertise a room to let to reflect attitudes in today's multicultural Britain.



Year 3 and Year 4 children had a wonderful time at the tennis skills festival.



Shakespeare ROCKS!



Massive Congratulations to our incredibly talented Year 6 children for performing in 'Shakespeare Rocks' this week - you were brilliant!

SATs Results

We are so extremely pleased to share with you our outstanding Year 6 SATs results. We are really proud of the children! Their resilience, hard work and effort will ensure that they will continue to achieve incredible things as they move in to Secondary school and beyond. We would like to thank the parents for their support and our incredible teachers who work so hard for the children. Individual results will be sent home in reports next week. Well done Year 6.

Year 6 SATs Results – July 2024							
Reading		EGPS		Writing		Mathematics	
Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth	Expected	Greater Depth
93%	55%	92%	62%	90%	18%	88%	33%

Our final week in school

We have lots of fun activities for children to do in school in their final week.

We break up on Friday 19th July at our earlier times of

1:40 finish time – Reception classes

1:45 finish time – KS1 classes

1:50 finish time – sibling group

2:00 finish time – KS2 classes

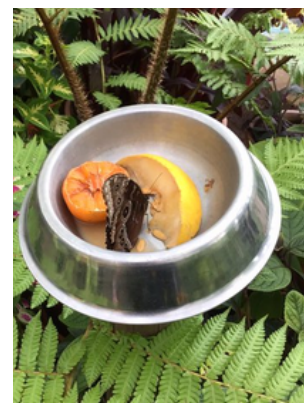
GOODBYE



The black gates will be open – once children have been collected – parents and children will be invited to help us create our 'guard of honour' for all children (and staff) who are leaving us.

Year 2 trip to the Botanical Gardens

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to the Botanical Gardens on Monday as part of their Stewardship work, and their learning about how to look after plants, micro-habitats and our common home - Planet Earth - as instructed to by our Father in Heaven.

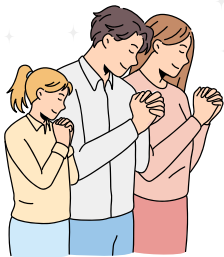




*St. Mary's children are cheering for both England and Spain in the Euro final!
 Celebrating diversity and unity in sports reminds us of the importance of equality for all children.
 Whoever wins on Sunday night - we hope you all enjoy the final!*



WB 15.7.24



**Year 2 prayer service for parents
 Monday 15th July at 9:00am**

Year 2 will be leading an end of year prayer service for their parents on Monday 15th July at 9am.

This is their last prayer service in the infants - before they join the juniors next year. We hope that you can join us.

Year 6 Leavers Mass - Wednesday 17th July 2024 - 9:30am

We will be celebrating Year 6 and their time at St. Mary's with a whole school Leavers Mass on Wednesday 17th July at 9:30am.

All parents and family members are able to attend this Mass. For the

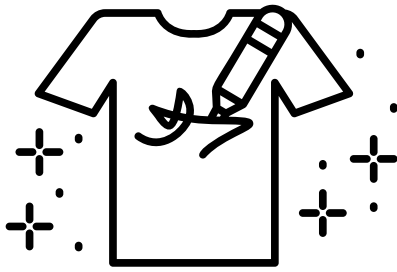
Mass, we will ask parents to sit in the old part of the Church.

After Mass, the rest of the school will leave and return to have break time. Year 6 will remain in the Church and parents will join them to watch their slideshow of memories in the Church.

This will be when we hand out presents too. The rest of the school / siblings will watch the slideshow in their classrooms.



Friday 19th July - all day



Shirt signing will take place on the final day of term. We also continue to encourage parents, staff and children to join us in the guard of honour as they leave school for the final time as Year 6 pupils. Collection times of all children are in red in 'dates for this term' - all children will need to be collected by 2pm and then Year 6 (and any staff leavers) will come out.

Sign up for our clubs

Alvechurch Football Club

We are really pleased that Alvechurch Football Club will continue to be running our after-school football clubs again next year! An email was sent out this this week with information about how to register your child for September - please check your inbox.



Mini Athletics

If your child is in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 next year, please check your inbox to sign up to our popular Monday breakfast club run by Mini Athletics commencing on Monday 9th September 2024



Signposting

THE STRINGS CLUB

Enter promo code **STMARYS2024** for 10% off

EXCLUSIVE HOLIDAY CAMP DISCOUNT FOR PUPILS AT ST MARY'S

Make your child's Summer Holidays unforgettable!

Join our award-winning Holiday Camps in Birmingham

Secure your place today

WWW.THESTRINGSCLUB.ORG

Childcare Vouchers Accepted

The Strings Club is passionate about creating unforgettable experiences for children aged 4-11 that deliver the very best in childcare and music education, every school holiday.

Since 2012, we've opened our doors to nearly 500,000 children, and we're thrilled that our Ofsted-registered Holiday Camps are at your child's school.

WHY JOIN THE STRINGS CLUB?

- Age specific activities for 4-7s/8-11s
- Morning sessions in guitar, violin or ukulele
- FREE to hire instrument - even to take home
- One trained adult to 8 children - for all ages
- Book from 1 day to the whole experience
- Discounts including 10% sibling discount & tax free childcare
- Different theme every week
- Afternoon workshops, from sport to art to drama
- Daily Diaries and Newsletters - with access to gallery

Celebrate your child's new musical skills at our Grand Concert, where you can see what they've learnt with their new friends!

OUR GRAND CONCERT

Signposting
Strings Club provides our Ukulele lessons and are offering holiday camp discount for any pupils at St. Mary's if you're interested.



EYFS Ofsted registered

SIGN UP TODAY

WWW.THESTRINGSCLUB.ORG



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or connect via social





S/O SCHOOL'S OUT

Ofsted registered after school
& holiday club based in
Harborne

School pick up from:

- * Harborne Primary School
- * Chad Vale Primary School
- * St Mary's RC School
- * Vivian Road Pre School

 3pm – 6pm after school
7.30am – 5.30pm holiday club

 Oasis Church, South Street
Harborne, B17 0DB

 Harborneschoolsout@outlook.com



Price
£12.50
Per session for
after school club

Price
£38.00
Per day for
holiday club

Price
£14.50
Per ad hoc session
for after school
club

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Harborne Academy Summer Holiday Camp

Multi-Activity Camp

Our Multi-Activity Camp offers a wide range of different sessions (from Archery to Fencing alongside many other sports/team games and enrichment activities) for children to enjoy.

Dates: Tuesday 23rd July To Friday 30th August

Times: 9am- 4pm (4-year olds allowed for half days 9am-1pm)

Price: £18.84 (£12.30 for half day)

Early Bird 30% Discount on offer until 30/06/2024 (Reduced to 20% from 01/07/2024)

Booking Link- [Harborne Academy – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)



Football Camp

Our Football Camp will look to develop children's football skills each day with plenty of opportunities for games and lots of teamwork.

Dates: Monday 12th August To Friday 16th August

Times: 9am- 4pm (4-year olds allowed for half days 9am-1pm)

Price: £18.83 (£12.30 for half day).

Early Bird 30% Discount on offer until 30/06/2024 (Reduced to 20% from 01/07/2024)

Booking Link: [Football Holiday Camp – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)



FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

We are able to offer FREE places (12pm – 4pm) for any children who are Free School Meal (FSM) from 23rd July – 9th August 2024 funded by the governments Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF). You must supply your FSM code when booking (the code will be provided by your school). We will provide your child with a free packed lunch, all your child will need is a water bottle and suitable clothing plus lots of energy!

Booking link:

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/892512>



For any queries, please contact our Community
Lead, Evan Heritage:

eheritage@premier-education.com

Open Evening

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 18th September 2024

6pm - 8.30pm

**SAVE THE
DATE**

Scan to book your tickets:



Institute Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7EG
Tel: 0121 444 4161 Fax: 0121 441 1552
enquiry@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

The 2024 Summer Challenge opens tomorrow - 6th July. This year's challenge theme is Marvellous Makers and is all about creativity.



#StMarysLovesToRead

Summer Reading Challenge

It is that time of year again - join Harborne Library and St. Mary's to encourage as many children as we can to read over the Summer Holidays.

Step 1: - sign up to the challenge at Harborne Library

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

#library

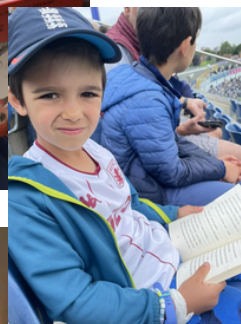
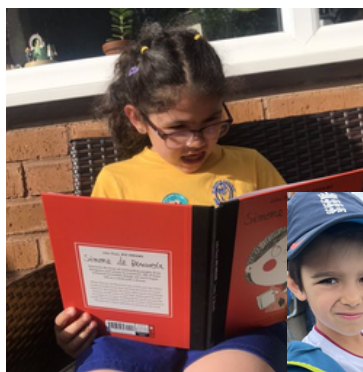
Step 2: Upload your photos on to our school twitter feed. Photos of children reading with siblings, parents, other family members, friends and on their holidays - share your love of reading with the whole school community.

@StMaryBI7

Challenge: - Which year group will upload the most photos?

Winners will be announced in the new school year!

- #MyTeacherReads
- #MyParentReads
- #MyChildReads
- #SchoolCouncil
- #Reading and your year group e.g #YR, #Y2, #Y5,



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



Reminders

End of year donation

Further Information:

We have been asked by parents whether there is any way online to place a donation back in to school as an end of year gift, particularly from families who are leaving St. Mary's and wish to make a donation. Of course you are not obliged to do this but we have set up a gateway payment for this reason for anybody who wishes to give the school a donation. We will also have buckets out next week following our Year 6 performances.



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 the last week of term was –
Attendance

Week 08/07/24-12/07/24

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	96.6	99.6	94.6	94.6	94	99.3	94.3	99.6	93.6	99.3	92.6	96.6	96.1	94.4
Lates	8	8	1	7	9	1	2	0	3	5	2	4	3	2
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.4%			School Target				97%	

Well done RT and 3T: - Our attendance champions!

Term Dates for next year 2024-2025

Autumn Term	Tuesday 3rd September - Thursday 24th October
	<i>Half-term</i>
	Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December
Spring Term	Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February
	<i>Half-term</i>
	Monday 24th February - Thursday 17th April
Summer Term	Tuesday 6th May - Friday 23rd May
	<i>Half-term</i>
	Monday 2nd June - Friday 18th July

School Closed:

- Monday 5th May 2025 - Early May Bank Holiday

INSET DAYS

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Friday 25th October 2024
- Monday 21st July 2025

2 more INSET days to be confirmed

Star of the week

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

- Year RB Azrael *For writing a really imaginative poem about pirates this week and being my star helper all year!*
- Year RT Nandi *For being such a wonderful role model for others!*
- Year IF Chigemezu *For always producing fantastic work in Maths.*
Michelle *Excellent work in all subjects*
Amira *For living out the school virtues in everything she does.*
- Year 1L Zikora *For always being a wonderful role model.*
- Year 2E Harley *For being a wonderful member of 2E.*
- Year 2G Harrison *For being a super helper to Mrs Gall*
- Year 3L Sienna *For always being a fantastic role model for others and living out the school virtues*
- Year 3T Issak *For his exceptional kindness and consideration towards everybody*
- Year 4J Safa *For being a kind, helpful friend and supporting her peers*
- Year 4M Alfie *For his super effort and hard work with his exciting writing*
- Year 5F Kaya *For working very hard and her positive attitude and beautiful manners*
- Year 5M Isla *For fantastic effort across all subjects this week, being a very active learner!*
- Year 6O Jahzi *For wonderful enthusiasm during the performances! Well done!*
- Year 6R Yisen *For being an exceptional pianist in the Y6 production (and in rehearsals!)*

