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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.

February is dedicated to the Holy Family

Our theme for the Spring term is: 'The Dignity of Work'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Eloquent and Truthful'



Dear parents and carers,

3rd February 2023

We reflect this week on the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. We are reminded of the light and salvation of Christ available to us all - we just need to be open and to present ourselves before God. Thank you to Year 4 for your assembly today about this. It was beautiful.

We have had a wonderful Maths Day in school. The children really enjoyed dressing up in digits for our NSPCC number day and thank you to all those who donated to the charity.

Next week, we focus on children's mental health week in school and as part of this we will be revising how to keep safe online. Please join us on Tuesday morning for a coffee to find out more about how to keep your child safe, and what the curriculum teaches about online safety.

On Thursday next week at 5pm, we have our PTA meeting. This is a really good opportunity for parents (without children) to meet with teachers and myself to work together for the good of the children in the school. I hope to see some of you there. I have added dates coming up to the dates section of the newsletter - with more information to follow. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Yorke

Catholic Life in School

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Matthew 5:1-12

"Jesus taught them: "How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven..."

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for giving us the best instructions for a happy and blessed life. Your way of doing things is the way I want to live. Give me a heart that is eager to love you so I can follow your ways through my whole life.

Amen

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

- Jesus gives us instructions on how to follow him well
- The Beatitudes point us toward the best way to live.
- Happiness from God is an everlasting blessing.



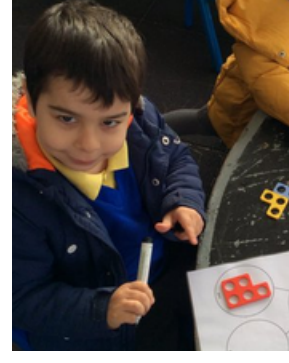
Y1 Mass in Church - 8.2.23 at 9:15am - Our Lady of Lourdes

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 8th February 2023, starting promptly at 9:15am. Year 1 children will be leading our Mass and Year 2 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.



Reception news: -

Reception class have enjoy their outdoor maths learning this week.



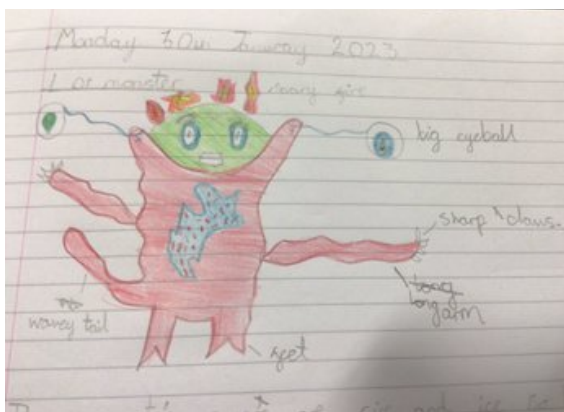
Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been sharing different amounts and making equal groups, this week in Maths.



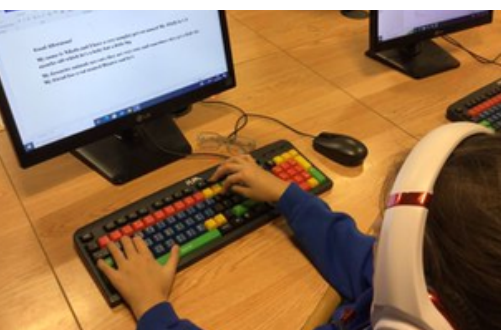
Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have created monsters to describe in their writing.



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have been practising their typing skills using a keyboard and then applied these skills by writing about themselves in a word document.



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 have been exploring fair trade products around the world.



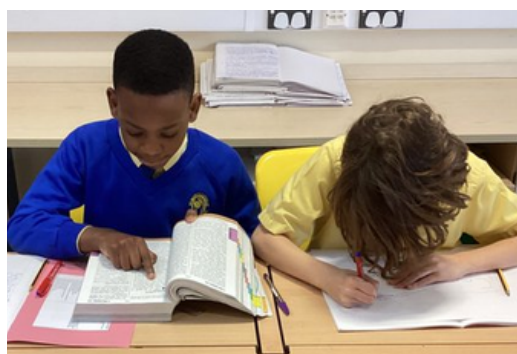
Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have been learning about how to use different processes to separate mixtures of materials.



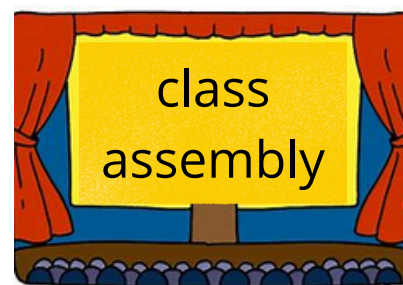
Year 6 news: -

Year 6 have been learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and finding examples in the Bible of when these gifts have been evident.



Year 4 Assembly on Candlemas

Thank you Year 4 for a wonderful assembly about Jesus' presentation in the temple.



NSPCC Number Day

Friday 3rd February 2023

Number Day 'dress up for digits', in order to promote a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards maths, went extremely well today. It was lovely to see children having so much fun in their maths lessons. Thank you to those who gave a contribution - your money will be given to the NSPCC.



Next week

Children's Mental Health Week

We're taking part in Children's Mental Health Week next week. With different activities planned throughout the week to support the children's (and staff) well-being. We'll be looking at all the ways we keep safe and healthy and why it is important to look after ourselves.

Online Safety Coffee Morning - 7.2.23 - 9:00am

Parents are invited to our Safer Internet Day Coffee morning on Tuesday 7th February, 9-10am. We will be giving an overview of how online safety is covered in our curriculum and some tips and advice on how to protect your children online. Refreshments provided!



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PTA meeting - Thursday 9th February - 5:00pm



Our next PTA meeting will be on Thursday at 5:00pm.

Join us for the meeting and a coffee, where parents and teachers meet to discuss projects to support fundraising and children's learning in school. It will be lovely if you can support and get to know the teachers (and Headteacher) a little better.

Please do not bring your children if attending this meeting. At this time of the evening, staff have begun to go home and it is not appropriate for children to be sat in the meeting. Thankyou

Reminders

Correct uniform

Please make sure that your child attends school wearing the correct uniform. This **includes a tie** as children are wearing their winter uniform. PE kits should also be in the school colours - children should wear their gold coloured top, cardigan/jumper and dark plain bottoms on PE days.

We appreciate that times are difficult with the cost of living crisis. We do have plenty of spare and new/almost new uniform. Please speak to a member of staff if you require any items of uniform.



Healthy snacks for break time

Parents of KS2 children, you are welcome to send your child to school with a healthy snack (e.g. a piece of fruit) to have at break time. All infant children (YR/KS1) are provided with a piece of fruit through the government's free fruit scheme.



NO PARKING!

Thank you to our parents who are being considerate with their parking. Unfortunately, we do have some parents who continue to park illegally on double yellow lines and in no stopping zones. We are also having complaints that parents are blocking / parking in private roads.

Many of our residents are elderly and this is not acceptable. Your information / car registrations are being passed on to the police and city council. Please report any illegal parking on:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle

Put the safety of our children and community first when parking.



SATs Week for Year 6

Children in Year 6 will be taking their SATs Tests from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May 2023. All Year 6 children are required to be in school every day during SATs week.

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



Let's keep kids safe online

Date: Monday 27th February 2023

Time: 4:45-5:45pm

Location: St Mary's Catholic Primary




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!!!

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 last week was –

Week 23rd – 27th Jan

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	89%	88.3%	94.3%	91.3%	97.7%	89.3%	97%	97%	95.3%	96.3%	95.2%	96.6%	96%	92%
Lates	10	11	4	9	7	4	11	7	4	6	8	4	4	9
Whole School Attendance so far this year						95.2%			School Target				97%	

Well done Y2E: - our Attendance Champions

Spring theme -

Spring 1 Virtues

WB 6.2.23

7th February 2023 - all day

7th February 2023 - 9am

7th February 2023 - am

8th February 2023 - 9:15am

WB 13.2.23

14th February 2023 - am

15th February 2023 - 9:15am

16th February 2023

17th February 2023 - 9:15am

17th February 2023

27th February 2023 - all day

27th February - 4:45-5:45pm

28th February 2023 - am

1st March 2023 - all day

1st March 2023 - 9:15am

2nd March 2023 - all day

WB 6.3.23

7th March 2023 - am

7th March 2023 - 9:15am

10th March 2023

WB 13.3.23

14th March 2023 - am

15th March 2023 - 9:15am

15th March 2023 - all day

16th March 2023 - all day

21st March 2023 - am

24th March 2023 - 9:15am

28th March 2023 - am

28th March 2023 - after school

29th March 2023 - after school

WB 3.4.23

6th April 2023 - 11:00am

6th April 2023

The Dignity of Work

Eloquent and Truthful

Children's Mental Health and Online Safety Week

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Coffee Morning in school for parents

Y6 visit to Harborne Library

Y1 Mass in Church and Y2 children attend - parents welcome

Acts of Kindness Week

Y5 visit to Harborne Library

Y6 Mass in Church and Y5 children attend - parents welcome

Y6 trip to St. Chad's

Y3 Year Group Assembly for parents

Break up for February half-term - finish at normal time

Children return to school

Online Safety coffee evening for parents

Y4 visit to Harborne Library

POSSIBLE STRIKE Action

Y4 Mass in Church and Y2 children attend - parents welcome

World Book Day

Careers Week

Y3 visit to Harborne Library

Reception Mass and Y6 buddies attend - parents welcome

Mothers' Day Activities in school

British Science Week

Y6 visit to Harborne Library

Y2 Mass in Church and Y1 children attend - parents welcome

Potential STRIKE Action

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Y5 visit to Harborne Library

Y2 Year group assembly

Y4 visit to Harborne Library

Parent Consultations

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Holy Week

Y6 Stations of the Cross in Church

Break up for Easter 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

Dates for this term

Star of the week

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

Year RB	Joshua	some fantastic independent writing this week
Year RT	Freya	always working so hard in all her learning activities
Year IF	Aryana	always trying her best in every lesson and being a good role model to others
Year IL	Sophia	working really hard and trying her best
Year 2E	Reese	super reading and writing
Year 2G	Amalie	imaginative writing
Year 3L	Jasnoor	always using beautiful, polite manners
Year 3T	Nikola	her fantastic keyboard knowledge in computing
Year 4J	Brigid	excellent work on Geography day
Year 4M	Aoife	trying exceptionally hard in her exciting writing
Year 5F	Sebastian	great descriptive writing and always being attentive in lessons
Year 5M	Victor	unfailing effort and enthusiasm for all lessons, especially maths and science
Year 6O	Eva	her fantastic opening to the Suffragette story
Year 6R	Eloise	superb writing in RE

