



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.

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,

10th June 2022

We have now entered the final half term of the school year. This week we have celebrated Pentecost and the birthday of the Church with a massive birthday party and we continue to support the teachings of the Church through the National Curriculum. Our World Ocean theme reminded us of the importance of looking after our 'common home' so that we can enjoy its resources for many generations to come. The children enjoyed their learning about how small changes can make a difference and Years 4 and 5 were fabulous on their field trips. The Diocese are encouraging all Catholic schools to partake in the live simply award and our children have wonderful ideas about how they can make St. Mary's more sustainable from planting bee-friendly plants to increasing our recycling. I am excited to listen to their ideas so that we collectively can make a difference.

Miss Price

This week's Gospel and Prayer

John 20: 19-23 Acts 2: 1-11

"After saying this, He breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit' When Pentecost day came round... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Who the Holy Spirit is
- That the presence of the Holy Spirit helps us to tell others about our faith
- We can be filled with the Holy Spirit, if we believe in Jesus

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Your Spirit living in us reminds us that you are always with us because you love us! Please fill us with your Holy Spirit now, and give us the strength and courage to show God's love to the world.

Amen

Catholic Life in School

Year 4 Mass - Mary Mother of the Church

On Wednesday, Year 4 led us in a wonderful Mass dedicated to Mary, mother of the Church.

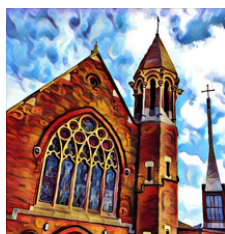


Year 2 Mass in Church - 15.6.22 at 9:15am - Holy Trinity

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 15th June 2022, starting promptly at 9:15am.

Year 2 children will be leading our Mass and Year 1 children will attend too.

All parents are welcome to attend. **(If you are an adult attending Mass, we ask that you continue to wear face coverings and sit in the old part of the Church on the left hand side).**



Pentecost - The Birthday of the Church

We had the biggest birthday party at St. Mary's with all children celebrating the birthday of the Church... we had a firepit, roast marshmallows, cake, we made cards and played party games.



Thank you for supporting our over-arching teaching of Stewardship and Pope Francis' Laudate Si' encyclical. Any donations received will go towards the Ocean Foundation. The children had a lovely day in school.



The whole school wore blue. Above SL in their blue clothes.

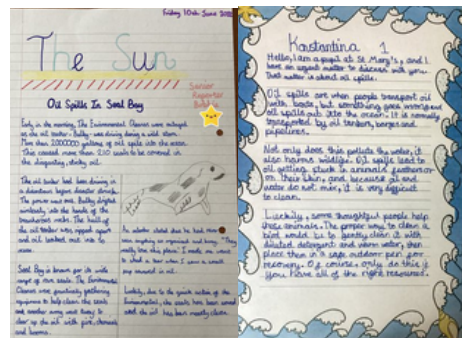


3-2-ISPLASH!
 I took a dive in the deep blue sea a beautiful dolphin swam past me.
 I took a dive in the salty blue sea a breathtaking puffer fish swam past me.
 I took a dive in the sparkling blue sea a shy sea turtle swam past me.
 I took a dive in the bright blue sea a marvellous whale swam past me.
 I took a dive in the amazing blue sea what a beautiful place to be!

Year 2 made powerful posters about how to take care of our seas and wrote deep sea poetry.



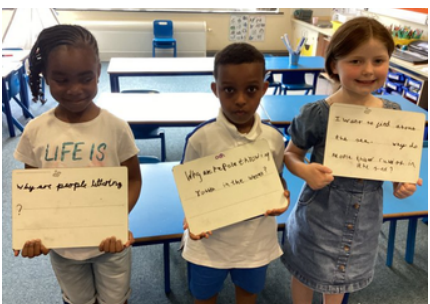
Year 4 went out to Grove Park to explore how clean our local pond was.



Year 6 read all about a fictional oil spill and wrote dramatic reports and wrote to World Leaders.



Year 5 made observations of the natural environment



Year 1 are asking the big questions when it comes to saving our seas.



Year 2 have been singing and dancing. 'The Five Oceans Song'



Year 3 used their map skills to locate the 4 nations of the United Kingdom

Reception news: -

Reception class have led their own collective worship.



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 continue to enjoy gardening club and went out to observe the dill they planted last half term.



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have been thinking about how to save our seas, creating a wonderful display in school.



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have been practising their forehand shots in Tennis.



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 created a collage of photos of their mums for their Mass dedicated to our Heavenly mother



Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have been studying the Metal Repoussé, creating pieces of Mexican art!



Year 6 news: -

Year 6 have been warming up prior to their gymnastics lessons.



Tuesday 7th June 2022

- Reception Trip -

Ash End Farm

On Tuesday 7th June, Reception class enjoyed their Summer trip to Ash End farm.



Money week in school

Next week, we are taking part in money week and the children will be partaking in a range of economic activities to bring money matters to life.

My money week is a national week in schools, meeting objectives from our maths and PSHE curriculum, designed to raise awareness of the importance of financial education.



Holy Communion

Group 1 - 14.6.22 7:00pm

Group 2 - 16.6.22 7:00pm

Some of our Y3 children will be making their First Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church this week. This marks the third major step on the children's journey of faith, when the children receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.



School Photographer - 16.6.22

The end of year photos will be taken on 16th June 2022. Please make sure that your children are in school on this day to have their photograph taken.

St Mary's School Summer Fair - 17.6.22 3:30pm - 6:30pm

The PTA have been organising our much anticipated Summer School

Fair which will be next Friday 17th June 2022. Tickets can be

purchased from your class representative or any member of the PTA.

Our Summer Fair raises vital funds to enhance the opportunities for the children of St. Mary's and brings the school community together.

The PTA are asking for the following donations to support the event: -

Reception class -

Cakes

Please donate cakes

(avoiding cakes with nuts)

on Friday 17.6.22

Y1 / Y2 / Y3 -

Sweets

Please donate sweets

(avoiding sweets with nuts)

on Tuesday 14.6.22

Year 4 -

Chocolate

Please donate chocolate

(avoiding chocolate with

nuts) on Tuesday 14.6.22

Year 5 -

Teddies / soft toys

Please donate teddies or

soft toys on Tuesday

14.6.22



Other News

BABY NEWS



Massive congratulations to Miss Ruhan and her partner on the safe delivery of their baby daughter. Mum and baby are doing very well.



Year 6 -

Books

Please donate books on

Tuesday 14.6.22

Are any parents or family members yoga instructors, nutritionists, sports coaches, architects of sporting arenas, personal trainers or maybe even athletes themselves?

If any parents would be interested in leading an assembly or physical activity session in our Commonwealth / Health and Fitness Week (wb. 11.7.22), please let Miss Adams know via eSchools by Friday 17th June.





The PTA are in serious need of volunteers and commitment if they are to continue to run as a charity and put on so many wonderful events, raising money for the children in school. They particularly need a treasurer at the moment. If you can commit to this, please speak to Miss. Price or Mrs. Davis.

Parish News

St Mary's Church will [retain all its Covid precautions](#) for the foreseeable future, despite widespread relaxations.



Friday morning adoration

Every Friday after 8:30am Mass, St Mary's will now have a dedicated half hour session in order to worship and adore the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to join for this private and special time with the Lord.

9:00am - 9:30am



The About Being Catholic (ABC)

The About Being Catholic programme is for those interested in knowing what Catholics believe in order to help the children with their faith, will be on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the St Mary's Parish Centre, - with masks and social distancing.



St. Mary's Church is open 8:00am - 4:00pm every day

The Church is open for private prayer, candles at Shrines and personal Stations of the Cross.



Sunday Mass obligation

As from Sunday 29th May 2022, the Bishops of England and Wales urge us to consider Sunday Mass as obligatory again.

Community News

We are incredibly proud of Bori Eniko Toth who made £566.89 for the Little Princess Trust by donating her hair.
Such a selfless thing to do and we love the new hairstyle.



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



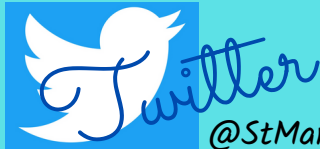
Online Safety

The NSPCC have partnered with Ambitious about Autism to create online safety tips, advice and activities for parents and carers of children with SEND, including children with dyslexia, autism and speech and language difficulties. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/>

Keep your children safe online

Child net advocate that the Internet, when used safely and appropriately can help young people feel a sense of belonging and inclusion. The links below can be used to explore online safety, mental health and well-being. For any support with these issues or further advice, please speak to a member of the pastoral team.

- <https://www.childnet.com/blog/checking-in-this-mental-health-awareness-week/>
- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health>



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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!!!

Reminders

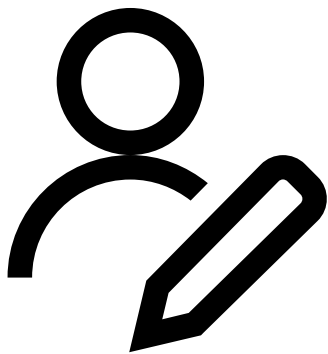
Registration for Grammar Schools open - Year 5 pupils

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham, for entry to Year 7 in September 2023. Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

The closing date for registering is **4pm on 30th June 2022**.

The test will take place on 17th September 2022.

<https://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/apply-onlineapp.php>



Water bottles

Please make sure that your child brings their water bottle in to school every day. This is particularly important as the weather is getting warmer. Water bottles should not be glass or heavy metal for health and safety reasons.



Dates for next term

Summer 2 theme -

WB 13th June 2022 -

14th June 2022 - 7:00pm

15th June 2022 - 9:15am

16th June - all day

16th June 2022 - 7:00pm

17th June - 3:30pm-6:30pm

20th June - 9:15am-11:00am

20th June - 1:15pm-3:00pm

21st June 2022 - 7:00pm

22nd June 2022 - 9:15am

23rd June 2022 - 7:00pm

24th June 2022 - am

29th June 2022 - 9:30am

1st July 2022 - 9:15am

3rd July 2022 - 12:00pm-3:00pm

5th July 2022 - all day

6th July 2022 - all day

7th July 2022 - 9:15am

11th July 2022 - all day

Save our seas, save our trees - Take Action!

Money Week in school

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 1

Y2 Mass in Church (Y2, Y1 and YR parents welcome)

School photographer in school all day

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 2

St. Mary's School Summer fair

Fathers' Day INSPIRE - morning session

Fathers' Day INSPIRE - afternoon session

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 3

Y6 Mass in Church (Y6, Y5 parents welcome)

Y3 children Holy Communion Mass - Group 4

Refugee Retreat morning

Whole School Mass for SS. Peter and Paul (parents welcome in old Church)

Reception class Assembly (parents welcome)

St. Mary's Parish Fete

School closed for children - INSET day

Transition Day - children meet their new teachers for the next academic year

Y3 Mass in Church (Y3, Y4 parents welcome)

Year 6 end of year trip to Drayton Manor

Summer 2

Starts: Monday 6th June

**Tuesday 5th July -
INSET - Children NOT in School**

Ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

**Friday 22nd July -
Closed for Queen's Jubilee**

**Summer Holidays:
Start Monday 25th July 2022**

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. Term dates are on this newsletter and on the website.

Attendance and Punctuality: -

Good attendance, after the disruptions of the last two years, continues to be a school and government priority. During Parent consultations, staff will be giving out your child's attendance this term and discussing any concerns. 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 Miss Price or Mrs. Davis.

Class	YRF	YRL	Y1F	Y1L	Y2F	Y2L	Y3F	Y3L	Y4F	Y4L	Y5F	Y5L	Y6F	Y6L
%	94.3%	93.3%	95%	95.3%	94.3%	96%	95%	100%	96.9%	99.4%	98.3%	95%	92.6%	98.3%
Lates	10	3	5	3	5	7	3	8	4	3	7	0	7	7
Whole School Attendance so far this year						95.6%			School Target			97%		

Well done Y3L: - our Attendance Champions



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

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| Year RL | Sophia | <i>fantastic listening skills and a really good attitude to her learning.</i> |
| Year RF | Yoaden | <i>listening well to teacher instructions and writing super sentences.</i> |
| Year 1L | Noah | <i>doing brilliantly in phonics.</i> |
| Year 1F | Jian | <i>writing a wonderful prayer to the Holy Spirit.</i> |
| Year 2L | Patrick | <i>trying really hard in all lessons and being a super table monitor.</i> |
| Year 2F | Nathan | <i>for working really hard at telling the time in Maths.</i> |
| Year 3L | Olivia | <i>attentive design on her Pentecost Party hat.</i> |
| Year 3F | Benjamin | <i>always trying his hardest and bringing joy to the classroom.</i> |
| Year 4L | Melisanda | <i>reading beautifully at Mass and setting a wonderful example.</i> |
| Year 4F | Catherine | <i>being an outstanding role model.</i> |
| Year 5L | Luke | <i>working hard to improve the presentation of his work and showing resilience.</i> |
| Year 5F | Orla | <i>asking very thoughtful questions during our Pentecost discussions.</i> |
| Year 6L | Ismail | <i>working really hard to improve his writing this week.</i> |
| Year 6F | Karson | <i>effort and enthusiasm in writing lessons this week.</i> |

