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# 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.

## September is dedicated to Mary.

Our theme for the Autumn term is: 'Family and Communities'  
Our virtues for this half term are: - Compassionate and Loving



23rd September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

*This week has been Super Science Week in school with links to creation and our task to protect our 'common home' - the Earth that the Lord has given to us. The children had lots of fun investigating and making observations in their Science lessons. We had our first PTA meeting and it was wonderful to welcome so many of our Reception parents to the meeting. We have lots of ideas for the upcoming year. The children have settled in to their classes wonderfully and are working so hard. Well done Reception children who completed their first full-time week last week. We ask that this week, parents begin to allow Reception to walk in by themselves if possible leaving them at the yellow barrier to walk up following the other children. We appreciate this may take longer for some than others. If they are not ready to walk by themselves yet, please walk with them but do not gather near the front entrance - this is not how the children come in to school. Thank you.*

Miss Price

### *This week's Gospel and Prayer*

*Luke 1: 26-38*

*"I am the handmaid of the Lord," said Mary, "let what you have said be done to me"*

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Mary showed us the importance of trusting in and listening to God.
- We can follow Mary's example and say "Yes" to God.

Dear God,

*Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.*

Amen

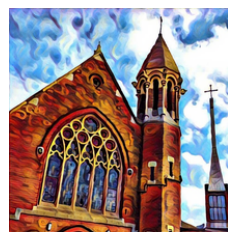


### Catholic Life in School

#### Whole school Mass - St. Matthew

On Wednesday, Year 4 led us in our Mass dedicated to St. Matthew.

We learnt all about the life of St. Matthew and how Jesus inspired him to change his ways.



#### Year 2 Mass in Church - 28.9.22 - St. Therese of Lisieux

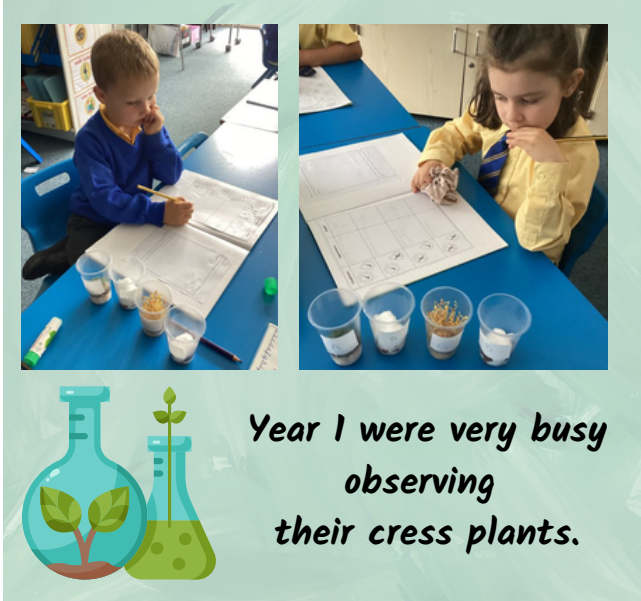
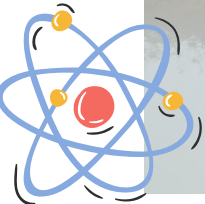
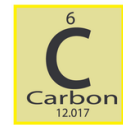
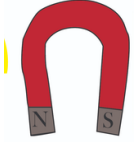
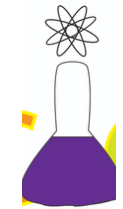
Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 28th September 2022, starting promptly at 9:15am. **Year 2 children** will be leading our Mass and Year 1 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.



# St. Mary's Super Science Week - 2022

We are the future generation of Scientists!  
Our learning will help change the World!

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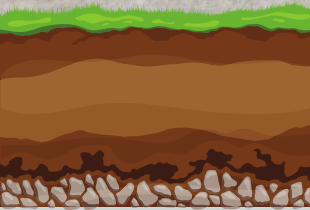
Year 1 were very busy observing their cress plants.



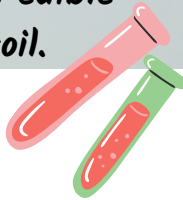
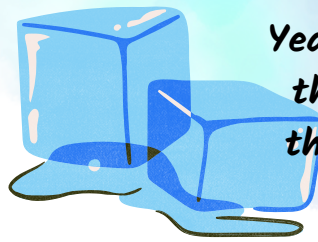
Year 2 made shadow puppets to investigate the impact of climate change.



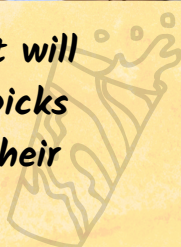
Year 3 learnt what is under our feet and made edible soil.



Year 4 did everything they could to stop the ice-cubes from melting.



Year 5 predicted what will happen to the toothpicks and baking soda in their experiments.



Year 6 made their own greenhouses for super science day, exploring how the 'greenhouse effect' got its name and how we can look after our planet

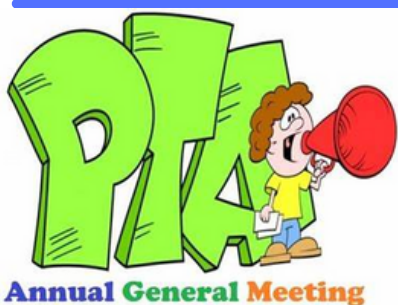
### Bank Holiday

We joined the nation in praying for the repose of the soul of our late Queen Elizabeth II.



### Matisse art work

The children in Year 6 are incredibly proud of their art work.



### PTA - Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all the parents that turned up for our PTA meeting. We have many ideas for the upcoming year.

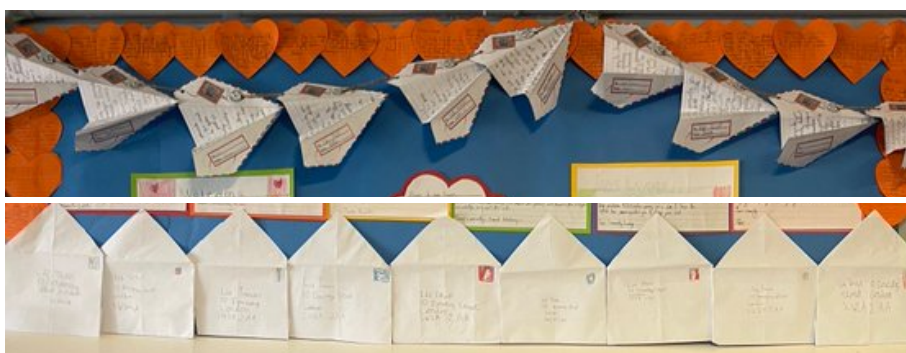


### Reading Challenge Assembly

Jane from Harborne library led our assembly and gave great praise to all our children who completed the Summer reading challenge!

### Fairy tale Story Day

Year 1 had a fabulous day in their fairy tale outfits to launch their new topic. They looked fabulous.



### School of Sanctuary

We have made planes and written letters to our Prime Minister. We welcome refugees and want them to be safe.

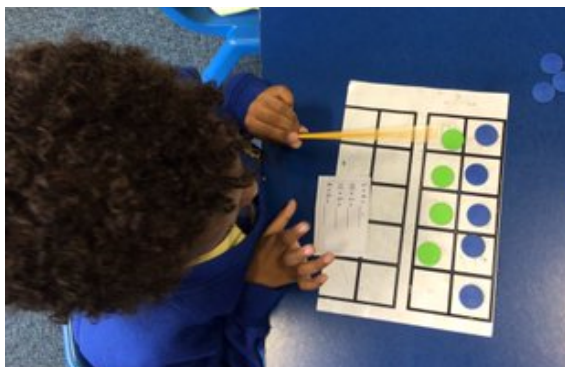
*Reception news: -*

Reception class enjoyed their first PE lesson of the school year.



*Year 1 news: -*

Year 1 worked hard on their maths – counting on within 20, using tens frames and double sided counters



*Year 2 news: -*

Year 2 started work on paintings inspired by the Great Fire of London.



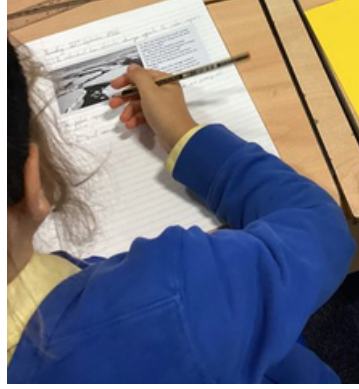
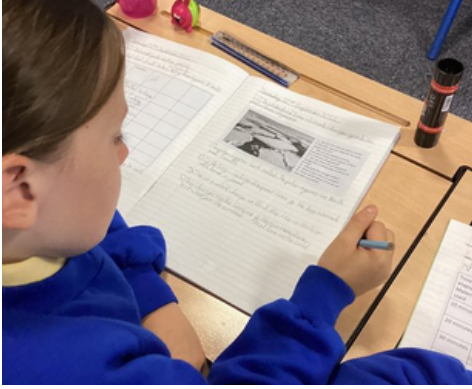
*Year 3 news: -*

Year 3 visited the church and Fr. John spoke to them about what it means to belong to God's family.



### *Year 4 news: -*

Year 4 learnt about the effects of climate change on the Polar regions.



### *Year 5 news: -*

Year 5 made fizzy stars with baking soda and vinegar.



### *Year 6 news: -*

In RE lessons, Year 6 classified different types of writing in the Bible and explained the meaning.



### *Other News*

#### ***Technical issues***

*We apologise that we are still experiencing some technical issues when forwarding on emails and logging on to e-schools. Our technician is solving these issues and we will ensure that any urgent messages are placed on our twitter feed. If you have sent an email in to enquiry that has not been replied to within a couple of days, please follow up with a phone call at this time to make sure that we have seen it. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused.*



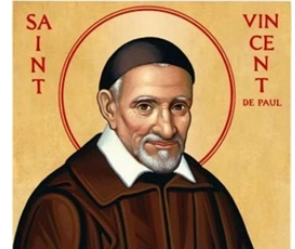
## Year 6 Curriculum Workshop - 26.9.22 - 2:00pm

Year 6 parents are invited to find out all about their child's Curriculum in our Curriculum Workshop on Monday.

It is an opportunity to find out how the curriculum is run at St. Mary's, what topics are planned in for the school year, how maths and English is taught and what you can do to support your child's learning at home.



*On Monday 27th September, the Catholic Church remembers Saint Vincent de Paul, the French, 17th century priest known as the patron of Catholic charities for his apostolic work among the poor.*



## Little Way Week

As we approach St. Therese of Lisieux's feast day on 1st October, we follow 'Little Way Week' in school. Little Way week is about trying to change ourselves in little ways to help us become closer to God - following St. Therese's example "I will seek out a means of getting to Heaven by a little way—very short and very straight, a little way that is wholly new".



## Macmillan Cake Sale

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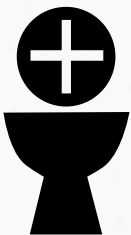
On Friday 30th September, we will be raising money for the Macmillan appeal by supporting the Parish Macmillan Cake Sale.



### Miss Price wedding day - 1st October 2022

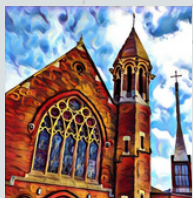
*Please keep Miss. Price and her future husband Mr. Yorke in your prayers on Saturday at 1:30pm as they exchange vows.*

## Parish News



### What do Catholics actually believe? Or do?

*For the puzzled and the curious, or for those faced with their children's questions... The **About Being Catholic** program (ABC) begins with a guided tour of the Church Thursday 29th September 7.30pm, with Fr John explaining all the typically Catholic things you see, - and which you maybe cannot explain to your children. This 'Tour' is open to Catholics and those of other Churches, Faiths and none*



### Cello Concert - each Saturday at 4pm

*The Cello Concerts in St Mary's Church will be led by Ulrich Heinen. It will be live-streamed across Ukraine. Free entry, - but with buckets for donations at the exits, - to purchase medical and surgical supplies which will be driven to Lviv the following weekend, for the para-medics ('Hospitallers') of Ukraine to collect and take to the fronts.*



**School Website and twitter**

We continue to keep our school website and twitter up to date.  
 Any policies ratified by governors can be found on the website under **key info**  
 We have **recently updated our behaviour policy** which can be found in this section.  
 Our most recent assessment information can also be found under **key info -> exam and assessment results.**

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!!!

*Term dates are found in our parents section  
 Please take time to familiarise yourself with the website as most information can be found here*

**Safety Tip of the Week: -  
 Monitor who your children are talking to online.**

**Y6 applications for Secondary Schools -**

All children in Year 6 should have received a letter before the holiday with details on how to apply for a Secondary School place for September 2023. Online application is now open on the Birmingham City Council website at <https://leadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php>

If you need any assistance with this, please come into school and we will be happy to help.

**Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is 31st October 2022.**

**Offer day is 1st March 2023**

**Additional school clubs**

We have several school clubs running in school

**Before school clubs**

- Wednesdays (7:45-8:45) - Karate - For Y4, Y5 and Y6
- Thursdays (7:45-8:45) - Karate - For Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4
- Fridays (7:45-8:45) - Karate - For Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4

**After school clubs**

- Mondays (3:30-4:30) - Netball for Y5 and Y6
- (3:30-4:30) - Football for Y5 and Y6 (boys)
- Tuesdays (3:30-4:30) - Create Club for KS1 (starting after half term)
- (3:30-4:30) - Football for Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (girls)
- Wednesdays (3:30 - 4:30) - Football for Y3, Y4 (boys)
- (3:30 - 4:45) - Chess - For Y3
- Thursdays (3:30 - 4:45) - Chess - For Y4, Y5, Y6
- (3:30 - 4:30) - Create Club for KS2 (starting WB: 19.9.22)
- (3:30 - 4:40) - Football for Y1, Y2 (boys and girls)



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



## Update your contact list

### Contact details

Please make sure that we have the correct contact details for any adults that you wish to pick up your child. School can not release your child to somebody who is not on the contact list.

We legally need two contacts for each child.

If you would like somebody to pick up your child that is not you – please make sure that you provide school with contact details of who is picking up your child.

### 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, 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 Miss Price 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 6<sup>th</sup> Sept – 9<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	98.3%	97.3%	99.1%	97.5%	97.5%	100%	96.7%	98.3%	97.9%	96.7%	99.2%	98.7%	92.5%	93.8%
Lates	2	0	2	10	2	6	7	9	4	1	6	4	0	7
Whole School Attendance so far this year						97.4%	School Target					97%		

**Well done Y2G: - our Attendance Champions**



# Dates for this term

## *Autumn theme -*

*WB: 26.9.22*

*26th September 2022 - 2:00pm*

*28th September 2022 - 9:15am*

*30th September 2022*

## *October 2022 - all month*

*1st October 2022 - 1:00pm*

## *From 3rd October onwards -*

*3rd October 2022 - 2:00pm*

*4th October 2022 - 3:15pm*

*5th October 2022 - 9:15am*

*6th October 2022 - all day*

*10th October 2022 - all day*

*10th October 2022 - 2:00pm*

*11th October 2022 - 3:30pm*

*12th October 2022 - 9:15am*

*14th October 2022 - 9:15am*

*14th October 2022 - morning*

*14th October 2022 - after school*

*WB 17th October 2022 - all week*

*18th October 2022 - 3:40pm*

*19th October 2022 - 9:30am*

*20th October 2022 - all day*

*20th October 2022 - 3:40pm*

*21st October 2022 - all day*

*WB 24th October - all week*

*1st November 2022 - 1:45pm*

*2nd November 2022 - all day*

*2nd November 2022 - 9:30am*

*2nd November 2022 - 1:45pm*

*3rd November 2022 - afternoon*

*4th November 2022 - 1:45pm*

*4th November 2022 -after school*

*7th November 2022 - 2:00pm*

*8th November 2022 - 1:45pm*

*9th November 2022 - 9:15am*

*9th November 2022 - 1:45pm*

*10th November 2022 - 1:45pm*

## *Families and Communities*

*Little Way Week*

*Y6 Curriculum Workshop*

*Y2 Mass in Church (Y2, Y1 parents welcome)*

*Macmillan Coffee Morning*

## *Black History Month*

*Choir singing*

*Collection for our harvest begins*

*Y2 Curriculum Workshop*

*Reception and KSI film club*

*Y5 Mass in Church (Y5, Y6 parents welcome)*

*Poetry day in school*

*World Mental Health Day*

*Y1 Curriculum Workshop*

*KS2 film club*

*Y3 Mass in Church (Y3, Y4 parents welcome)*

*Year 6 Assembly*

*Year 1 walk around the local area*

*Monster Stomp Disco - KS2 in Parish Centre*

*Book Fair in school*

*Parents' Evening*

*Reception Welcome and Harvest Mass*

*Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Day in School*

*Parents' Evening*

*School closed for children - INSET day*

*October half term holiday*

*Y5 Autumn Inspire*

*Flu immunisation day*

*Whole school Mass for All Saints and All Souls*

*Y3 Autumn Inspire*

*New Reception parents 2023-2024 open afternoon (New YR parents welcome)*

*Y2 Autumn Inspire*

*Monster Stomp Disco - KS2 in Parish Centre*

*Y4 Curriculum Workshop*

*YR Autumn Inspire*

*Y1 Mass in Church (Y1, Y2 parents welcome)*

*Y1 Autumn Inspire*

*Y6 Autumn Inspire*

# Star of the week

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

Year RB	Tobenna	always trying really hard during lessons and always helping his friends
Year RT	Ava	being polite and helpful to both children and teachers
Year 1F	Alvin	always listening, following instructions and trying his best
Year 1L	George	amazing effort, participation and quality of work in every lesson
Year 2E	Henry	super listening skills and an improvement in written work
Year 2G	Anthony	incredible Science home learning
Year 3L	Alicia	demonstrating exemplary behaviour and asking carefully-considered questions
Year 3T	Ben	his super Science week vocabulary and brilliant contributions to lessons
Year 4J	Leo	very good behaviour all week
Year 4M	Cecile	producing a fantastic exciting writing piece
Year 5F	Harry	enthusiastic participation in every lesson
Year 5M	Audrey	outstanding effort, participation and quality of work in every lesson
Year 6O	Dubem	excellent effort in his summary of the Greek myth Perseus
Year 6R	Sammy	working really hard in all lessons - particularly in French

