



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

*"a place of educational excellence  
with Christ at its centre"*

Autumn Term 1

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

## Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

The first inter house competition went incredibly well. The captains and vice captains led their teams brilliantly displaying excellent leadership skills. The cross-country event will be held next Thursday and letters have been sent home with the children this week who have volunteered to take part.

I lead the children in our Harvest assembly on Monday introducing the CAFOD fund raising event 'Brighten up for Harvest'. This is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October however as our senior class will be out we will celebrate this on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

As the Forest school session has been moved to Friday please can parents of children in Years R, 1 and 2 ensure that children come to school in full school uniform as their photos will be taken before the start of the forest school session. I have attached details of this years open morning. Please email the school office if you would like to attend.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Laura Concannon.

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary:

- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October:** Cross Country event.
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October:** Year 5 and 6 Dunstable Mass. Year 3 and 4 Mass in church 10am Sacred Heart ALW.
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October:** Princethorpe Maths Challenge Year 5
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October:** Blue butterfly assembly
- **Cauliflower Cards returned by the 11<sup>th</sup> October**
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October:** Shepherds class trip to Cadbury World
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October:** Carpenters class trip to Oxford Castle
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest Mass Years 5 and 6-Dress down Brighten up for Harvest.
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November:** Road safety and Internet safety workshops.
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Whole school Belgrade Theatre Trip for a Christmas Panto production of Cinderella

Safeguarding lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mrs Vale

## Harvest

The school will be celebrating Harvest a little later then the planned Brighten up for Harvest day on the Cafod website! This is due to the Partnership Mass that the Years 5 and 6 will be attending. As a school we are supporting Cafod's Brighten up for Harvest on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Year 5 and 6 will be leading a Mass in church at 10am with the Fishermen children presenting an offering which they will be putting together soon. The children are encouraged to come dressed in brightly coloured clothing donating to Cafod on Parent Pay and we also ask for a tinned food donation so that we can continue to support our local food bank.



### Purple Mash

The children will be issued with their new log in cards for purple mash this week. These cards will be stuck into their planners and they can be used at home to access all the fantastic 2 simple resources.

**What is great about Purple Mash?**

- Lots of interactive games to help children to learn their times tables. These are practiced weekly in school and the children from Year 2 onwards also take part in the Multiples Marathon challenges.
- Purple Mash provide the school with the Statutory spelling lists and the children can practice the spellings online too!
- All the software used in our computing sessions is available at home to the children including excellent coding games.
- [Purple Mash | Computing, Maths, English and more - 2simple.com](https://www.2simple.com)



## Value focus : Unity

Finally, all of you, have  
unity of mind, sympathy,  
brotherly love, a tender  
heart, and a humble mind.

1 Peter 3:8

### St Mary's advertising page

Please like and share the schools advertising Facebook page. We are currently advertising the open morning for perspective parents and for anyone that would like to visit who may considering an in year transfer to St Marys.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=6>

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