



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,

It was wonderful to see the children back on the playground and enjoying playing with their friends. A very big welcome to our 9 new Reception children and the 7 new starters. The children have settled well. Staff training has been updated and interventions including RWINC and Fresh start will begin next week. As you are aware children will move into different groups for Literacy and Numeracy where needed.

Teachers are busy preparing for the upcoming information evening where class overviews and termly letters will be given out and the teachers will share important information relevant to their class.

Cooking and Sewing club have been a great success, please ensure that you book through Parent Pay as Mrs McGinley plans the resources to the number of children booked in.

I have prepared SAFEGUARDING information and Internet safety tips for this newsletter. All children in school will be taught INTERNET safety sessions through Purple Mash, KS2 will take part in a workshop led by the PCSO team and Year 6 are booked to attend a Safeguarding and Internet safety day in Northampton this term.

Assembly next week will be led by the Year 6 children who have been encouraged to step forward for Head Boy and Head Girl. They will have to read a speech to all the children then Shepherds class will be asked to vote. School Parliament, Eco Council and Faith Ambassadors will also be selected for each class.

Don't forget that TUCK SHOP begins again on Monday (Monday Munchies!)
Have a lovely weekend,
Laura Concannon

Important dates to note...

Dates for the Diary:

- **Wednesday 14th September- Information evening 5:30pm-6pm Farmers and Fishermen, 6:00-6:30pm Carpenters and Shepherds.**
- **Friday 23rd September- Year 6 Mass 10:30am in Church**
- **Wednesday 5th October- Cauliflower Cards deadline**
- **Thursday 6th October- Maths Reasoning Morning**
- **Friday 7th October- Harvest Mass Year 4**
- **13th October- School Open Morning**
- **13th October- Longtown Information meeting (Year 6) 3:10pm**
- **14th October- Movies and Munchies 6:00pm-8:30pm**
- **21st October- CAFOD fundraiser**

School individual and Family Photo's Thursday 15th September

Safeguarding

All about safeguarding at St Marys

- Staff training is updated annually including governors and cover supervisors.
- Mrs Concannon and Mrs Morgan have completed the designated safeguarding lead training
- PREVENT and medical training is completed annually. First Aid training is completed every 3 years
- Internet safety training is completed annually
- Internet safety is taught termly and we book a number of visitors/ visits to support this.
- An up to date Safeguarding policy can be found on the school website.
- The Behaviour Policy has been updated with staff on 1/09/22
- Termly Safeguarding checks are made and reported to governors
- All staff and Governors are DBS checked
- A safeguarding audit is completed for the County and for the school annually.
- The school safeguarding Governor is Mrs Brimmon



Useful Links

<https://families.google.com/familylink/>

Google Family Link

*Help your family create healthy digital habits
Whether your children are younger or in their teens,
the Family Link app lets you set digital ground rules
to help guide them as they learn, play, and explore
online.**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

NSPCC website

Internet Safety Top Tips

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Help manage what they see and do online

*Parental controls and privacy settings can help you manage
how your child spends time online and help to keep them safe.*

• **Device settings** – manage things like location sharing, screen time and in-app purchases. Most tech

and gaming companies have dedicated pages to support with setting these up.

• **App or game settings** – in-app tools that can help to keep your child's account private and manage who they're talking to. You can normally find information on these in account settings or directly on the platforms website.

• **Mobile or network provider settings** – help to manage browsing access and stop your child from visiting inappropriate sites or downloading apps that aren't suitable. Contact your mobile or broadband provider for more information about setting this up.
Remember it's ok to ask for help!

Remember you don't have to be an online safety expert – that's our job! We're here to help, with resources and advice to help support you and your child.

If your child asks you a question you don't know the answer to, or speaks to you about a negative experience they had online, here are some of things you could do:

- Visit the NSPCC online safety hub: [nspcc.org.uk/online-safety](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety)
- Call the NSPCC helpline 0800 800 5000 to speak to an advisor
- Ask another parent
- Speak to your child's teacher
- If your child needs more support, they can contact Childline: [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)

Value focus : Cooperation and togetherness



Dear God,

As we say farewell to our year 6 leavers we entrust them into your care. We pray for happiness and joy to be ahead of them, for wisdom and guidance to be beside them, and for grace and truth to be behind them, pushing them onwards into your goodness. We know that you will always love and protect them, wherever they go.

Amen.

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