



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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with Christ at its centre"*

Autumn Term 1

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

## Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

A big well done to Carpenters class who read in church for the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, it is an excellent opportunity for the children to develop their speaking and listening skills. The children in KS2 through the month of October will be working in small groups to make a Rosary each with one of our Foundation Governors to mark this important feast day.

The children this week have all brought home their cauliflower Christmas card designs that they made in class. Please complete the online order form and send back your design to school by next week. The money raised is spent on exciting new resources or enriching activities.

The children representing the school on Thursday at the Cross country event displayed excellent resilience and perseverance, two of our school golden threads. Well done St Marys!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Laura Concannon.

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary:

- **Friday 6th October: Year 5 and 6 Dunstable Mass. Year 3 and 4 Mass in church 10am Sacred Heart ALW.**
- **Monday 9th October: Princethorpe Maths Challenge Year 5**
- **Monday 9th October: Blue butterfly assembly**
- **Tuesday 10th October: World mental Health Day- Wear Yellow**
- **Cauliflower Cards returned by the 11th October**
- **Thursday 12th October- TAG rugby event**
- **Friday 13th October: Shepherds class trip to Cadbury world**
- **Monday 16th October: Carpenters class trip to Oxford Castle**
- **Friday 20th October: Harvest Mass Years 5 and 6- Dress down Brighten up for Harvest.**
- **Monday 6th November: Road safety and Internet safety workshops.**
- **Thursday 23rd 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 than 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.



### Blue Butterfly Assembly

The children on Monday will take part in a Blue Butterfly assembly led by our local policing team. It will help the children to recognize a safe adult.



### St. Mary's Catholic Primary School is taking part in #HelloYellow on 10th October 2023 for World Mental Health Day.

We can all struggle with how we're feeling, but sometimes things get tough and it can be difficult to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't get the help they need, when they need it. But together, we can change this. That's why we've signed up to take part in #HelloYellow. By taking part and wearing yellow, we're showing young people that we're with them. We're showing them that they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what. We'll be joining thousands of other schools by wearing yellow to stand out and show up for young people's mental health, and raise vital funds for YoungMinds. To take part, students can wear yellow to school on 10th October and we ask parents and carers to consider making a donation to YoungMinds.

Here is our JustGiving page where you make a donation if you'd wish:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/stmarysnn116uf?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fstmarysnn116uf&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/stmarysnn116uf?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fstmarysnn116uf&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

Together, we can create a brighter future for children and young people.

If you have any questions about the day, please let us know.



## Value focus : Peace



### Congratulations to our amazing girls football team!



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