



# School Newsletter

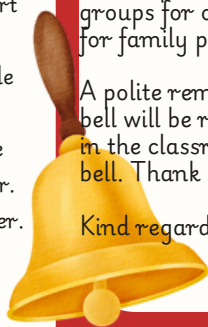
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Autumn 1



## Dates for your diary...

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October- BGN Rugby KS2.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest Service 10:30am in school. Hand in Cauliflower Cards.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October- Individual and Family photos- young leader photos too! Information session for Year 5 and 6 parents for the residential.
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October- Coral Signing Workshops KS2
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October- School Breaks up for Half term.
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November- School Reopens for Autumn Two.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November- Coventry Transport Museum Year 1 and 2.
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November-Whole School Belgrade Theatre Trip- Sleeping Beauty.
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November- **Save the date** for the Aston le Walls Christmas Craft and School Fair. 11am-3pm. More details in next weeks newsletter. We also have an exciting Quiz Night in the new year.



## After School Clubs For Autumn 2

- Monday: Football & Cooking+ additional Christmas Cooking/ Aston Villa Football to continue.
- Tuesday: Multi Skills- Activator Sports
- Wednesday: Arts and Crafts- +additional Christmas Craft (Fencing- Postponed to January)
- Thursday: Film Club (SAINTS Rugby after school club starting January 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 for a full term)
- Friday: No club
- Mon-Fri: Rising Stars



Book on ParentPay

## Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents,

A big thank you to everyone for supporting our Mental health awareness week. You raised a total of £47.80 for Young Minds and £74.14 for the school. Mrs Morgan appointed 'Well-being Champions' who will meet soon to decide on how to spend the money raised! Young leaders meetings begin this week, I can't wait to hear all of your exciting new ideas.

Well done Year 5 and 6 you were amazing on Friday representing the school at the Dunstable Partnership Mass. We also passed on our prayers and Birthday artwork for Bishop David's big birthday celebrations. All our young leaders were inducted as Faith leaders in our school. A special letter from the Bishop was presented to each child in Wednesday's celebration assembly.

The wonderful Christmas Card designs were sent home and we are now collecting them back in so that we can send them off to be transformed! Thank you again for supporting this incentive in school.

School photos are next week, this will include family shots and young leaders groups for our school website. Please arrive from 8:30am in the school hall for family photos with children not in school.

A polite reminder that children should be arriving in school at 8:30am, the bell will be rung at 8:45am followed swiftly by registration. Staff are needed in the classrooms and the gates should be locked as soon as possible after the bell. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Concannon

## Value Focus: Appreciation



## Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy: Mrs Vale

Mental Health: Mrs Morgan

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## Sport Update

BGN sports fixtures this half term:

KS2 Rugby Event.  
KS2 mixed football.



### Exciting events

Autumn Term:

Aston Villa Foundation- Lunch club- Mondays in the Autumn term.

Fencing workshops - All completed. Details of the new after school club will be sent out soon.

## Bread making for Harvest



## Harvest Time

What is the Harvest celebration?

The Harvest Festival is one of the UK's most cherished seasonal celebrations, rooted in centuries of tradition and gratitude for the land's abundance. Marking the end of the growing season, it's a time to give thanks, share food, and honour those who cultivate our crops. From church services and school assemblies to local fairs and family feasts, the harvest festival in the UK brings communities together in a spirit of generosity and reflection. In this guide, we'll explore its history, customs, and how it's celebrated across the country today

Our School harvest celebration will be in school tomorrow at 10:30am. The children in Year 3 and 4 will lead the service and the children in Farmers Class will help to bring up the Harvest offerings. We do hope parents will join us, we will of course be singing our favorite hymn 'Faith as small as a mustard seed...'

Our Head Boy and Head Girl will be collecting up all the donations for our local foodbank and taking them down to the drop off point. In our classes we have been celebrating harvest time in different ways including, prayer writing and bread making.

## Caritas Christmas Bag Campaign

Love Christmas Campaign 2025

Many thanks to all of our parishes and schools who so generously supported the diocesan Love Christmas 2024 Campaign. It was a tremendous success again this year due to all the wonderful donations, help, support, and prayers. This meant we could share God's love for us with so many locally who are in real need and poverty. All parts of the diocese took part and we were able to donate 1700+ gift bags supporting over 4000 individuals this Christmas.

We supported families with young children, the elderly, the lonely and isolated, young carers, children from broken homes, children in care, young people leaving the care system, and many others. So, thank you again to all those involved for all your love, kindness, and generosity for those in need.

This year St Mary's will take part in this amazing incentive. Bags will be sent home after the half term to fill with donations if you can. The bags can then be returned to school where we will arrange collection. Please see the attached packing guide.



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## Allergies in School

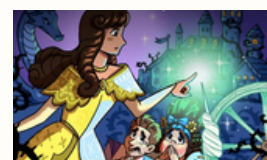
I am writing to inform you about our school's ongoing commitment to providing a safe environment for all our pupils, particularly those with allergies to peanuts. The safety and wellbeing of our students is our utmost priority, and we are continuously striving to ensure that our school is as nut-free as possible.

As part of our nut-free school policy, we kindly request that parents refrain from including any peanuts or peanut-based products in their children's packed lunches or snacks. This includes, but is not limited to, peanut butter and any snacks that may have been prepared in facilities that handle peanuts. Although we make every effort to maintain a nut-free environment, it is important to note that we cannot guarantee absolute absence of peanuts due to the possibility of cross-contamination during food preparation and handling in our school.

We encourage parents to read food labels carefully and consider alternative snack options that do not contain peanuts. In doing so, we can all work together to minimise the risk and protect those students who are severely allergic to peanuts.

Additionally, in the event your child has a diagnosed allergy or intolerance, we request that you inform the school office. This will enable us to ensure that all staff members, including lunchtime supervisors, are aware and able to respond appropriately in case of an allergic reaction.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter, as we all play a part in fostering a community that prioritises health and safety. Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding our nut-free policy, please do not hesitate to contact us.



## Exciting Whole School Trip!

### Whole School Christmas Theatre Trip to see 'Sleeping Beauty' and the Belgrade Theatre

This year's show is the dreamy tale of Sleeping Beauty – one of our most popular titles ever. When Princess Aurora pricks her finger on an enchanted spinning wheel she's cursed to fall asleep for 100 years, unless she's kissed by her one true love. Enter the dashing Prince (and his two rather calamitous sidekicks) who embark on a brave adventure to save the Princess from her terrible fate. But with the wicked Fairy Carabosse determined to ruin their plans, will our trusty trio be triumphant or is the Princess doomed to a century of snoozing? You'll have to come along to find out! Sleeping Beauty will be full to the brim with all of the wonderful elements that make a trip to the Belgrade such a well-loved Christmas tradition for thousands of families every year.

We have been fortunate to get tickets for our all our students to see a traditional pantomime, Sleeping Beauty, at The Belgrade Theatre, Coventry on Tuesday 25th November 2025.

The students will need to be in school for a slightly earlier registration time of 8:15am to ensure we arrive promptly for the morning performance. The coaches will return for parents to collect children from school at normal pick up time.

Your child will need to be in their school uniform with their coat. We will eat lunch before returning to school so children will need a water bottle and a disposable packed lunch. If your child normally has meals from Nancy's Cookhouse please select the packed lunch option for this day or contact Nancy's cookhouse to change the order: Nancy's Cookhouse [nancyscookhouse1@gmail.com](mailto:nancyscookhouse1@gmail.com) .

The cost to parents for the trip will be £6.50 per child. This wonderful price is due to a very generous donation from the Friends of St Mary's Association (FOSM) to whom we extend our thanks. Payment and consent are via ParentPay by Friday 21st November.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Laura Concannon Head Teacher