



School Newsletter



Autumn 1



Dates for your diary...

- Thursday 23rd October**- School Breaks up for Half term.
- Monday 3rd November**- School Reopens for Autumn Two.
- Tuesday 4th November**- New Mental Health and Well-being sessions for Year 5 and 6. New Multi skills after school club
- Wednesday 5th November**- Mathletics Assembly
- Thursday 6th November**- KS2 Football
- Wednesday 19th November**- Coventry Transport Museum Year 1 and 2.
- Tuesday 25th November**-Whole School Belgrade Theatre Trip- Sleeping Beauty.
- Saturday 29th 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 8th 2026 for a full term)
- Friday:** No club
- Mon-Fri:** Rising Stars



Book on ParentPay

Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents,

What an amazing term! Please find attached to the email a link to all the exciting after school clubs that will be running in Autumn 2 and a sneak peak to the Spring. Christmas special sessions are included in the Cooking and Arts and Crafts club booking or you can attend the individual sessions (all bookable on Parent Pay).

Young leaders have spoken and we have planned a Christmas Movies and Munchies night, details will follow after half term. The school is also joining forces with our parish to host a Christmas Craft fair. All children will bring home a cup to fill with goodies for the cup bola. Each child will make a Christmas decoration for sale at the craft fair, we will also be selling St Mary's Coffee Cups and Christmas Sacks. We are in search of raffle donations too! If you can help on the day then please let our Parent Governors know (Carol Appleby and Paula Atkins).

As a school we are committed to supporting as many charities as we can throughout the academic year. Each family will be provided with a Caritas bag to fill with suggested items which will then be donated to families in need this Christmas. If you are unable to support this incentive this year then please return the bag to school. Bags will be sent home after half term. I am thrilled to announce that in the first celebration assembly of the Autumn 2 term St Marys will be introducing our new homework platform 'Mathletics'. Further details can be found below.

Drop offs on the playground are now swifter and communication through Miss Bothwell on the gate or messages in the planners is working well. Mrs Hooper on the playground is very busy supervising the children. We would like to now ask that children in KS2 (Years 3-6) be dropped at the first gate where they can then make their own way into school.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Concannon

Value Focus: Appreciation



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Sport Update

BGN sports fixtures:
KS2 mixed football.

Well done KS2 Rugby!



Exciting events

Autumn Term:

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

Drop off times:

Beginning immediately, Miss Bothwell will be at the school gate each morning to greet students as they arrive. Mrs Hooper will be on duty in the playground, ensuring students are well supervised before the school day commences. We encourage parents to communicate any messages to Miss Bothwell during the drop-off or to document such messages in your child's planner. Students may then place their planners on the teacher's desk upon entering the classroom. Furthermore, we would like to remind parents that Key Stage 2 children are now permitted to enter the school playground independently from this point onward. This change supports the development of their confidence and responsibility as they prepare for the journey towards greater independence.

Mathletics

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhance the educational experience of our students, I am pleased to announce that our school will be introducing Mathletics as a primary tool for mathematics homework. This innovative online resource will replace the current paper-based homework system in our pursuit of engaging the children in their mathematical learning.

Mathletics offers a range of interactive activities tailored to suit the needs of each individual learner. This platform not only allows students to practice their maths skills in an enjoyable manner but also provides instant feedback and the opportunity for self-directed learning. We believe that this approach will foster a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts and promote a love for the subject.

In addition to their Mathletics assignments, students will continue to receive spellings and reading tasks to complete as part of their homework routine. We recognise the importance of maintaining a balanced approach to learning, and therefore, traditional paper copies of the learning materials can still be requested for those who prefer them or require additional support.

We strongly encourage you to discuss this new approach with your child and to support them in accessing the Mathletics platform at home. You will soon receive information on how to log in and navigate the site, along with tips to facilitate their learning experience.

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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Top 10 Tips for using Mathletics to support your child's learning at home.

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1 Weekly Parent Report

Keep up to-date on your child's progress by signing up for our parent reports delivered straight to your inbox each week. Sign up here using your child's username and passcode: [Weekly Parent Report](#)



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Mathletics can be accessed on PC / Mac, iOS and Android devices as well as Windows tablets and Chromebooks. For use on iPads, Mathletics can be accessed through Safari or downloaded as a free app.



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Your child's teacher has set them up with the correct curriculum content, allowing them to explore independently as well as complete any assigned work.



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Encourage your child to achieve a weekly certificate by earning 1,000 points or more. They can only achieve 1 certificate each week.



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Mathletics uses a traffic light system to show children's achievement in each activity. Activities completed with a score of 85% or more will show green. Your child can see which activities they need to practise a little more by looking for any with an orange indicator – meaning they scored 50-84%. Activities in red, they will need some extra help with.



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If a teacher has assigned an activity to complete, it will appear in your child's To-Do List. Any items in the To-Do List need to be completed before your child can access other areas of Mathletics. If there are no items on the To-Do List, students can access curriculum and problem-solving activities under the Explore tab.



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If your child finds a question difficult, remind them that there is a button at the top right-hand side of each question and clicking on this will open up some support to help them.



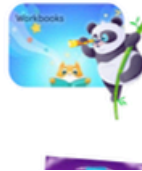
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Mathletics is full of great additional activities that make learning mathematics fun. Students can use their maths skills to do games, such as Rainforest Maths, Multiverse and Meritopia. These games allow your child to practise their maths skills in a fun and engaging way!



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Practising mathematics offline is important too! You and your child have access to printable worksheets right in their student console.



10 Celebrate achievements and effort

Celebrate your child's learning success by viewing what achievement level they are at. They can move up in the ranks from Bronze to Legend by earning 1,000 points per week!

Mathletics rewards and recognition

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Mathletics understands the importance of keeping your child motivated and engaged.

Motivating your child to use Mathletics is easier than ever. Some students are motivated by avatar customisations and some are motivated by how many question sets they complete throughout the year.

Students can easily see their metrics right on their Student Console.

Points: Students are awarded points for every correct answer they give in Mathletics curriculum activities and Live Mathletics. The student's weekly points score is displayed at the top of the Student Console. When a student earns 1,000 points in a single week, they are awarded a certificate.



The Student Console

The Student Console displays each student's statistics, including points earned, questions answered, sets completed and gold bars earned. This tracks each student's progress and their accomplishments.



Points this week

Points this week are displayed in the Student Console on the home page.



Earning points

Curriculum content (Quests & Activities):

- 1 x correct answer = 10 points
- 1 x correct test answer = 20 points
- 1 x correct "Are you ready" answer = 20 points

Live Mathletics:

- 1 x correct answer = 1 point
- 1 x correct bonus level answer = 2 points

How to earn merits

- 1 x completed Quest step = 1 merit



Bonus:

- Level up or complete a Quest = 50 points

For example, if they complete a Quest with 3 steps, they will earn 3 merits!

Earning certificates

Earn certificated by earning 1,000 points per week. Students start at Bronze and can move all the way up through the ranks by reaching Legend status!



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