



# School Newsletter

Autumn 2



## Dates for your diary...

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**- Year 1 and 2 Multi Skills event with the Year 5 and 6 Young Leaders.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**-Whole School Belgrade Theatre Trip- Sleeping Beauty. Scholastic Book Fair.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**- Advent Mass in Church 10:30am. KS2 to lead with the help of Farmers Class.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**- Save the date for the Aston le Walls Christmas Craft and School Fair. 11am-3pm.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**- Christingle Making and Service in School.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**- Parents Evening

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**- Parents Evening

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**- Caritas Bag Collection

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**-Choir Performance

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**- KS1 Performance 1:15pm and 5:30pm drop for a 6pm start in the school hall.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**- KS2 Christmas Carol Service 1:15pm for 1:30pm start. 5:30pm drop for a 6pm start in the Sacred Heart Church.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**- Christmas Mass 10:30am .9am Rock Steady Performance.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**- Christmas Dinner

## 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



Dear Parents,

## Headteacher's Message

Another busy week! The children in Fishermen class had a fantastic day on Wednesday at the motor museum, I will send out the gallery link soon! They particularly enjoyed the workshop on transport throughout time. Back in school the children all attended a performance by the amazing Brass teachers from NMPAT, it is always so powerful when players come together in ensembles.

The Young Sports Leaders are all very excited to be delivering the Year 1 and 2 sports festival at BGN. Our events are nearly finished for this half term!

On to thoughts of Christmas! Children in KS2 have been invited to sing together as the St Marys choir at the Banbury Community Support Service Centre in December. Details to follow soon. The first rehearsal for the Christmas Service (KS2) went well and Mrs Smith will next be auditioning for solo parts. Readings will be given out and children who speak different languages will be given the opportunity to say prayers in these during the performances. Mrs Smith is also helping KS2 to learn a Carol in French which links with our Foreign language teaching in school. Children in Foundation and KS1 will be performing a Nativity performance and letters about parts and costumes will go out soon.

Throughout the school teachers are making progress checks ready for the parents evenings and Interim reports, this means that we will be making small changes to our timetables to accommodate these next week.

The whole school Panto trip to the Belgrade is next week, please book on Parent Pay. Thank you again to the Friends of St Marys for paying for the transport.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Concannon

## Value Focus: Forgiveness




## Safeguarding


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## Sport Update

BGN sports fixtures:

Year 1 and 2- Multi Skills event

Aviator Sport- Multi-skills Tuesdays and Mental Health and well-being sessions for Year 5 and 6.

[A message from Mrs King: Please book on Parent Pay for Rising Stars and activity clubs as the sessions fill quickly.](#)

## Exciting events

Autumn Term:

[Aston Villa Foundation- Lunch club- Mondays in the Autumn term.](#)

[First Aid Training- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November KS2 Young Leader Training- Year 5 and 6.](#)

[Belgrade- Whole School Theatre Trip](#)  
[Mathletics- Launch](#)

## Book Fair

The Book Fair arrives on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November but won't be open until Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> from 3pm. The main door will be opened and parents can come through to the hall to browse for books. The Fair will be available Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November.



## Advent

Children in KS2 and children in Farmers class will be leading the school Mass on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November in the Sacred Heart Church. The children will build the Advent Wreath which will then be used in school to help us throughout the time of Advent. Parents are most welcome to join us in church at 10:30am.

### Navigating the Arrival: Advent 2025

The season of Advent 2025 nears as the days grow shorter and a hint of crispness fills the air. Our thoughts naturally turn towards the upcoming Christmas season. But before the merriment of gift-giving and festive gatherings commences, the Church calls us to a period of preparation known as Advent.

### When Is Advent?

A four-week season, Advent, begins on the Sunday closest to November 30<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>. It marks the beginning of the new liturgical year in the Catholic Church. So for the 2026 Liturgical Year, Advent begins on Sunday, November 30, 2025.

### What Is the Meaning of Advent?

Within the Catholic faith, the season of Advent holds profound meaning. It serves a twofold purpose:

- Preparation for the Birth of Christ: Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the arrival of Jesus. We reflect on the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament, their fulfillment in Jesus our hope (1 Tim. 1:1), and thus the mission of salvation he's given to us as members of the one Church he founded.



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