



School Newsletter

Autumn 1



Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 30th September: Flu Sprays

Friday 9th October: Partnership Mass for Year 6 pupils.

Tuesday 13th October: Year 1 and 2 Greatworth Farm Trip.

Thursday 15th October: Individual Photos and Family photos with Mango.

Friday 23rd October: School Closes for Half Term Holiday.

Monday 2nd November: School reopens to all pupils.

Tuesday 1st December: Parliament Trip Year 5 and 6. (Early drop off to be planned and late return)

Wednesday 18th November: Year 5 and 6 RAF Museum

Friday 27th November: Belgrade Panto Trip

Future dates

Tuesday 1st December: Year 5 and 6 Houses of Parliament trip.

Monday 14th December: KS1 Christmas Performances 1:30pm and 6pm

Tuesday 15th December: KS2 Christmas Reflection in the Church, 1:30pm and 6pm.

Wednesday 16th December: Rock Steady Concert

Thursday 17th December: End of Year Mass and Carols round the Crib Service.

FLU IMUNISATIONS- [please complete the parent registration forms.](#)

Clubs Autumn - Please book all on Parent Pay

Monday: Football & Cooking after school clubs.

Premier Education Football lunch club.

Tuesday: Dodgeball after school club.

Wednesday: Arts and Crafts after school club

Thursday: Tennis after school club

Mon-Fri: Rising Stars

Book on ParentPay



Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Message

As we settle into the new term, there are plenty of exciting opportunities and events on the horizon. Rock Steady have opened up an additional band slot, and our NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust) teachers currently have availability for certain instruments. NMPAT provides high-quality instrumental tuition, helping children develop confidence, creativity and musical skills, while Rock Steady offers children the exciting opportunity to learn as part of a real band and perform to an audience. If your child is interested in learning an instrument or joining a band, please contact the school and Rock Steady directly for further information.

Mrs Morgan is currently busy preparing the class letter for the upcoming Greatworth Farm trip, which will be closely followed by a letter from Mr Causebrook regarding the RAF Museum visit. We are also looking forward to the return of Blessed George Napier (BGN) Sports Partnership fixtures, which provide our children with valuable opportunities to represent the school, compete against other schools and develop teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship. Our first event will be the Cross Country competition, with teams of 16 children from Years 3 and 4 and 16 children from Years 5 and 6. We wish all of our runners the very best of luck.

This week, class teachers will be meeting to review pupil profiles that were set during the summer term. If you have not yet done so, please confirm your appointment with Mrs Morgan so that these meetings can be scheduled efficiently.

We are also excited to share that work is underway to further enhance the appearance of our school. New artistic window screens are being installed on the front-facing windows, and updated signage will soon be displayed above the school gates. These improvements will help create an even more welcoming and vibrant first impression for visitors and better reflect the pride we have in our school community. I have included images within this week's newsletter so that you can see the designs for yourself. Finally, Mathletics and Purple Mash login details have now been distributed. Mathletics provides engaging activities to support and reinforce mathematical learning, while Purple Mash offers a wide range of interactive resources across the curriculum, including computing, writing and problem-solving activities. Both platforms play an important role in supporting learning at home. If you experience any difficulties accessing online homework, please contact your child's class teacher directly, who will be happy to help.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another busy and successful week at St Mary's.

Kind regards,

Laura Concannon

Headteacher

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Please use the RS gate for Pick ups and Drop offs for Farmers Class- Select Nursery



Safeguarding

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Outside Artwork

New window films, new signs and new Sports board to replace stage.





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Aston Villa Football Development Team

A big thank you to the Football Development team for spending the day with us on Monday and for the very special invites passed out to many of our children. Mr Causebrook also got to use the new Go Pro to begin our log of sport this year.



Art and Design

Our Art and Design lessons with our specialist art teacher, Mrs Taylor, are proving to be a huge success. Children across KS2 have thrown themselves into their learning with great enthusiasm, demonstrating creativity, imagination and a real willingness to develop new skills. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they explore different techniques and styles.

I know Mrs Taylor will be sharing galleries of the children's work with parents throughout the year, but I simply couldn't resist taking a few photographs during lessons this morning! The focus, engagement and enjoyment on display were fantastic, and I am sure you will agree that the children are producing some truly impressive work. We look forward to sharing more of their artistic achievements with you soon.

Healthy Food Survey

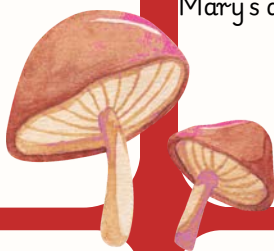
Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent Healthy Food Standards consultation questionnaire. We were delighted to receive a strong response from families and appreciate the valuable feedback provided.

The results showed broad support for the school's plans to align with the new School Food Standards being introduced in September 2027. 88% of respondents agreed that healthy eating should be promoted through school snack and tuck shop provision, while 84% supported the introduction of healthier tuck shop options such as raisins, plain popcorn, breadsticks, pretzels and wholemeal bagels. In addition, 91% agreed that encouraging fruit and vegetable snacks at break time is an important part of supporting children's health and wellbeing. A number of parents also provided helpful suggestions, such as oat bars which will be considered as part of our ongoing review.

Following the consultation, a draft Healthy Food Policy has been prepared and will now be presented to the Governing Body for consideration. The policy reflects both the upcoming statutory requirements and the feedback received from our school community. Once governors have reviewed the draft and any final decisions have been made, parents and carers will be informed of any agreed changes. To allow families time to prepare, any new arrangements will be introduced from the start of a half term, with clear communication provided in advance.

We are also keen to showcase the excellent lunchtime provision provided by Nancy's Cookhouse. Many parents have told us that they would like to see more of the meals on offer, how food is served, and the range of choices available to children each day. Over the coming weeks, we will therefore be sharing photographs and information to give families a better insight into the high-quality meals, presentation and dining experience enjoyed by our pupils.

We are proud of the variety and nutritional quality of the meals provided and hope that by sharing this information, parents will have an opportunity to see first-hand the excellent provision available at St Mary's and the positive experiences children have at lunchtime.



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