



School Newsletter

Autumn 1



Dates for your diary...

Friday 9th October: Partnership Mass for Year 6 pupils. Harvest Service in School at 10:30am.

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



Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy: Mrs Morgan

Mental Health: Mrs Morgan



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A polite reminder to all parents and carers to take extra care when parking at the beginning and end of the school day. To help ease congestion and improve safety for everyone, we recommend following the one-way route by travelling up Main Street and around Butlers Close where possible. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children, families and local residents safe.

Congratulations to all of our Young Leaders on their recent appointments. We are looking forward to seeing them take on their new responsibilities, with meetings beginning next week. We are also very proud of our Key Stage 2 football team for their excellent performance in the Bob Moore Cup, where they secured a fantastic second-place finish. The teamwork, encouragement and support they showed one another throughout the competition were a credit to our school. Well done to everyone involved!

We would also like to let parents know that the date of the Year 5 and 6 RAF trip has been adjusted to make coach travel more affordable for all families. We are incredibly excited about the range of educational visits coming up this term, including the RAF trip for Years 5 and 6, Greatworth Farm Park for Years 1 and 2, and the Roald Dahl Museum for Years 3 and 4. These experiences enrich our curriculum and provide wonderful opportunities for learning beyond the classroom.

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent snack survey and shared additional suggestions. We will be trialing some new snack options within Rising Stars before introducing our healthier snack provision, including changes to tuck, after the half-term break. Your feedback has been invaluable in helping us develop a healthier offer for our pupils.

Finally, we are exploring a fundraising idea to create a school calendar featuring artwork and photographs from across the school year. We would love for all children to be included; however, parental permission will be sought before any photographs are used. We will share more information soon and hope this could become a wonderful keepsake for families as well as a fundraiser for the school.

Kind regards,
Laura Concannon
Headteacher
St Mary's Catholic Primary School



Open Day- Post to follow soon

Please help us spread the word about our upcoming School Open Morning by sharing the details with friends, family and anyone who may be considering a place for their child. Parents of children currently attending Pre-School are very welcome to attend; however, please note that attendance is entirely optional. As our school is a busy and active learning environment throughout the day, all visits and tours are available by appointment only. This allows us to provide prospective families with a personalised tour while minimising disruption to pupils' learning. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about our wonderful school, please encourage them to get in touch to arrange a visit. We look forward to welcoming new families and showcasing all that our school has to offer.



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Cooking

Our young chefs had a fantastic time in Cooking Club this week, making a delicious savoury rice dish. The children did an excellent job preparing the ingredients and showed great confidence and skill by cutting all of the vegetables themselves under supervision. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing independence in the kitchen.

Mrs McGinley has been very impressed with the children's efforts and is already busy planning some very special festive treats for our Christmas baking sessions. We can't wait to see (and smell!) the delicious creations that will be coming out of the Cooking Club kitchen in the weeks ahead.

Harvest Service

We warmly invite families to join us in supporting our annual Harvest celebration, which will take place in school and be led by our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils. Children from Farmers Class will also play a special role by bringing forward our harvest offerings during the service. As part of our celebration of gratitude and community, we will be collecting donations for the Woodford Halse Food Bank. If you are able to contribute, the Community Hub has identified the following items as particularly needed: vegetarian and vegan foods, free-from products (including gluten-free and dairy-free items), tinned meals, tinned vegetables and fruit, cooking oil, tea and coffee, and long-life desserts such as custard, rice pudding, fruit pots and jelly. Every donation, no matter how small, helps provide much-needed support and a wider choice of food for local people. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make a difference in our community.



School Lunches

Let's take a look at lunchtime!

Lunches are provided by Nancy's Cookhouse and should be ordered by parents/carers through ParentPay. Dietary requirements and allergy information are collected during the ordering process, and completed dietary information forms are securely stored in the Nancy's Cookhouse folder in the school hall. Any allergies or specific dietary needs are clearly identified on the daily lunch list to ensure that all pupils receive the correct meal.

Upon delivery, hot meals are placed under a heat lamp and food temperatures are checked and recorded in accordance with food safety procedures. Meals are then served to children by staff, with some elements of the meal, such as side dishes, offered as a choice. Fresh fruit is available as a dessert option. Children may remain in the hall for the duration of the lunch sitting if they wish, with outdoor playtime commencing from 12:15pm.



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