



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. Girls Football, please come in school inform for the photos before changing for the event.

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

There is plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks. Next week, our Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visiting Greatworth Hall Farm, where they will enjoy an exciting day of learning, including a hands-on cooking workshop. We are sure this will be a memorable experience for all involved.

A reminder that our Harvest Service takes place tomorrow. It is also our Wear It Yellow Day for children in Reception to Year 5. We kindly ask each child to bring a £1 donation and a tinned or long-life food item. The food donations will be given to our local food bank, while the £1 donations will support the 'YoungMinds' charity. Families can also continue to donate online through the link shared last week. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

On Thursday next week, some of our girls will be representing the school at a football event. As this is also School Photograph Day, all pupils should arrive in full school uniform for their class and individual photographs. Those attending the football event should then change into their sports kit before departing. Family photographs will be available from 8:30am.

Details of our School Open Morning on Thursday 12th November have now been shared on social media. We would be very grateful if you could help spread the word amongst family, friends and the local community. Positive recommendations from current families are invaluable in helping prospective parents learn more about our wonderful school, so please do share any positive experiences and testimonials where possible.

Mrs Taylor has been busy updating our school gallery with the fantastic artwork being produced across the school. The creativity, imagination and skill demonstrated by our children continue to impress us, and we look forward to sharing the gallery link with families very soon.

We were also delighted to receive a very special delivery this week from Queen Camilla. Included was a Christmas gift for every Year 6 pupil as part of a national initiative to encourage children to read and enjoy literature over the festive period.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of St Mary's. We look forward to seeing many of you at our Harvest Service and celebrating another busy and successful week together.

Kind regards,

Laura Concannon

Headteacher

St Mary's Catholic Primary School



Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy: Mrs Morgan

Mental Health: Mrs Morgan



**Apply for Year 7
at secondary school**

Application Deadline:
Saturday 31 October 2026



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Jarbola

This year St Marys will once again join forces with the Aston le Walls Village Christmas Craft Fair. On our school stall we will have a jarbola, lucky dip and the schools special order item! Over the half term please could you We are also looking for donations for our upcoming Jarbola stalls. If you have any clean, empty jars at home and would like to fill them with small items, we would be very grateful. Jars can be filled with a variety of treats and treasures, such as art and craft materials, colouring supplies, stationery, sweets, chocolates, small toys, stickers, hair accessories or other fun items that children would enjoy. Filled jars can be brought into school over the coming weeks. Thank you for your support in helping us make this popular event a success.

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.

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A Christmas Gift

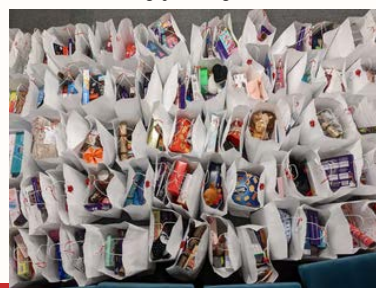
We were delighted to receive a special delivery this week from Her Majesty Queen Camilla as part of her annual Christmas book initiative. Through this programme, children receive a carefully selected book to enjoy over the Christmas period, helping to promote a lifelong love of reading and giving families the opportunity to share stories together during the festive season. Our Year 6 pupils will receive their gift closer to Christmas, and we know they will be excited to discover the book chosen for them. It is a wonderful opportunity to encourage reading for pleasure and to celebrate the important role books play in inspiring imagination, curiosity and learning



Caritas Bags

We are delighted to be supporting the Caritas Christmas Gift Bag Appeal once again this year. This wonderful initiative provides Christmas gift bags for children and young people who may otherwise receive very little at Christmas time. Our Faith Ambassadors will introduce the appeal to the children before the October half-term break and explain how they can get involved.

We have chosen to launch the appeal before half term as we believe this gives families the opportunity to build their gift bags together, making it a meaningful family activity and a wonderful way to reflect on the values of kindness, generosity and service to others. Further information about age categories, suggested items and collection dates will be shared shortly. We hope that, as always, our school community will show its incredible generosity in supporting this important cause. We have ordered the bags and I will send one out with every family when they arrive.



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