School Newsletter

Autumn 1



Dates for your diary...

Thursday 15th October: Girls Football, please come in school inform for the photos before changing for the event.
Thursday 22nd October: School Calendar Photo Shoot
Friday 23rd October: School Closes for Half Term Holiday.
Monday 2nd November: School reopens to all pupils. School Photo morning. 2:15pm Friends of St Mary's meeting. Heights and Weights check.
Tuesday 3rd November: Roald Dahl Museum Trip 1/2
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.
New exciting club enquiry: Nerf Club. As with all our sports, Premier Education Nerf Games sessions are for boys and girls alike. Nerf games are great for building spatial awareness, coordination and strategy. Exhilarating and exciting, our Nerf Games clubs keeps children active and engaged all session long, in a safe and secure environment.

Clubs Autumn - Please book all on Parent Pay

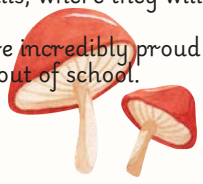
Monday: Football & Cooking after school clubs. Premier Education Football lunch club.
Tuesday: Dodgeball after school club.
Wednesday: Arts and Crafts after school club
Thursday: Tennis after school club
Mon-Fri: Rising Stars

Book on ParentPay

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been at St Mary's, with so much to celebrate across our school community.
Last week, our Year 6 pupils represented the school beautifully at the Dunstable Partnership Mass. They were exemplary ambassadors for St Mary's and should be very proud of themselves. During the Mass, our Faith Ambassadors received their Letters of Commissioning as they begin their important roles within our school community this year.
This week also saw the first meetings of both our Faith Ambassadors and School Parliament. The children have already started planning their work for the Autumn Term and have shared some exciting ideas for improving school life and supporting our wider community. Please see the next page for further details of their plans.
Today, our KS2 girls are taking part in a football event, and we wish them the very best of luck. We are incredibly proud of all our children who represent the school in sporting activities. Looking ahead, the next sporting event will be the KS2 Rugby Festival. Before then, children in Shepherds Class will be selected and trained as our new Young Sports Leaders. Once trained, they will begin leading sports clubs and activities at lunchtimes, helping to encourage participation, teamwork and active play throughout the school.
A reminder that our Tuesday after-school club will rotate to a new activity after half term. All clubs for next term will be available to book during the final week of this half term. We encourage families to book as soon as possible, as places can fill up quickly and we would hate for children to miss out.
Our Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic day at Greatworth Farm Park this week. The children had a wonderful time exploring, learning and making lasting memories with their friends. Mrs Morgan will be sharing some of the highlights and photographs on Tapestry soon, so please keep an eye out for those updates.
A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Hello Yellow fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity and support, we smashed our school target. This is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates the caring nature of our school community. Mrs Morgan will be sharing an update on the final total and the impact of our fundraising very soon.
Finally, our Harvest Celebration was a truly special occasion. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and family members to join us for the service. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Harvest collection. All donated items have now been delivered to our local food bank in Woodford Halse via the collection point in Aston le Walls, where they will help support families within our local community.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of our pupils and all they continue to achieve both in and out of school.



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

Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy: Mrs Morgan

Mental Health: Mrs Morgan



🧱🌟 LEGO LUNCH CLUB 🌟🧱

🎉 NEW CLUB STARTING AFTER HALF TERM! 🎉

⭐ Chosen by our School Parliament ⭐

🏗️ Mrs McGinley will be running a LEGO LUNCH CLUB Every Friday Lunchtime

🤩 What will we do? Build amazing creations, Create fantastic models, Work together with friends, Solve exciting LEGO challenges and Use our imagination and creativity.

🧱 LEGO DONATIONS WANTED! 🧱

We already have some LEGO sets that are used for intervention groups in school, but we would be very grateful for any donations of lego.

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Calendar

The Friends of St Mary's are excited to be producing a School Calendar featuring our wonderful pupils throughout the year.
To ensure your child can be included, please provide permission via ParentPay. We would love to include as many children as possible, and all children with parental permission will appear in the calendar.
📅 Calendar Photo Day: Thursday 22nd October
👔 What to wear: Full school uniform
Thank you for your support. We look forward to creating a special keepsake that celebrates our school community while raising valuable funds for the Friends of St Mary's.

Faith Ambassadors

Our newly commissioned Faith Ambassadors have had a busy and productive start to the year.

- The Faith Ambassadors were formally commissioned by Canon Michael during the Dunstable Partnership Mass, marking the beginning of their important ministry within our school community.
- Following our first Faith Ambassador meeting, commissioning letters were distributed to all members.
- The children selected a date to launch our Mini Vinnies group, who will soon begin collecting donations for our Christmas charitable campaign.
- The ambassadors also planned our weekly Prayer and Worship sessions, which will take place every Friday, providing opportunities for the whole school to come together in reflection and prayer.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, leadership and commitment the children have already shown. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have across our school and wider community throughout the year.

Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy: Mrs Morgan

Mental Health: Mrs Morgan

School Parliament

Our School Parliament members have been hard at work making decisions on behalf of their classmates.
The recent food tasting session for the new school tuck shop and wraparound care snack options was a great success. Children enjoyed sampling a range of healthy snacks and sharing their views. The most popular choices were:
🥨 Pretzels
🍇 Raisins
🥖 Breadsticks
Following the children's feedback, the new tuck shop options will be available after half term, and the updated snack menu for wraparound care will also be introduced at this time. Our Healthy Food Policy has been updated to reflect these changes.
School Parliament also voted to continue with the popular cinema reward as part of our school reading challenge. The children discussed ideas for the next Movies and Munchies Night and have begun planning dates and activities for this exciting event.
Looking ahead, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are particularly excited about their upcoming visit to the Houses of Parliament in December. This promises to be a fantastic opportunity to learn more about democracy and government, complementing the work of our School Parliament and helping children understand how they can make a difference in their communities.
Thank you to our School Parliament representatives for their thoughtful contributions and commitment to making St Mary's an even better place to learn and grow.



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