School Newsletter

Autumn 1



Dates for your diary...

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: 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,

As we approach the end of a fantastic half term, I would like to thank all of our children, staff and families for their continued support. It has been wonderful to see the children settling so confidently into their new classes, routines and learning. We have almost made it to the finish line and are looking forward to a well-deserved half term break. School closes on Friday for the half term holiday.

Mrs King has now uploaded next half term's clubs to ParentPay, including some exciting Christmas Special sessions for both Cooking Club and Arts & Crafts Club. If you book your child onto the full half term of either club, they will automatically be included in the Christmas special activities.
We are also pleased to remind parents that our lunchtime clubs remain completely free of charge and do not require booking. Children are welcome to attend Art Club, Football Club, Multi-Skills Club and Lego Club. In addition, we have our exciting new Nerf Games Club on Tuesdays, which has already generated lots of interest. Laurence is also looking forward to welcoming even more children to the Monday After-School Football Club.

We are delighted to be offering a range of enriching educational visits this year. Mr Causebrook's class will be visiting both the Houses of Parliament and the RAF Museum to enhance their classroom learning, while Mrs Clipson's class will be enjoying a visit to the Roald Dahl Museum. Children from Reception to Year 6 will also be attending our annual Pantomime Trip. Pre-School children will be offered a place in school on the day of the pantomime. Due to the length of the visit and the nature of the performance, we feel this is the most appropriate arrangement for our youngest children. As always, the Friends of St Mary's have generously agreed to subsidise the cost of the pantomime trip as a gift to the children, helping us to make this special experience accessible to all.

Mrs King recently sent an email to parents is receipt of schools support explaining the distinction between Free School Meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium (PP) eligibility. It is important to note that children receiving free school meals are not necessarily eligible for Pupil Premium funding, which can affect eligibility for additional support with school trips and other opportunities. We kindly ask all families to check their eligibility over the half term break and ensure any claims are up to date. This will help ensure a smooth transition back to school and allow us to provide any support your child may be entitled to receive.
Thank you once again for your continued support throughout this half term. We are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved so far and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another busy and exciting half term. We wish all of our families a safe, restful and enjoyable half term break.
Kind regards,
Laura Concannon
Headteacher
St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Safeguarding

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Deputy: Mrs Morgan

Mental Health: Mrs Morgan



During Autumn Term 2, teachers will complete our termly Tracking Week, using classwork, teacher assessments, end-of-unit assessments, Read Write Inc. and Fresh Start assessments, alongside PIRA and PUMA test results to measure each child's progress.
An interim progress report will be sent to all parents before the Christmas break, providing an overview of your child's attainment and progress so far this year. Parents will then be invited into school during the second week of January for a Book Look and Parents' Evening, offering an opportunity to celebrate achievements, discuss progress with class teachers and review next steps for learning.
Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help every child succeed.

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NHS Right to Choose

Under the NHS Constitution, patients in England have a legal right to choose which NHS-funded provider they are referred to for many services, including some ADHD and Autism assessment pathways.

How the Process Works

Speak to your GP

Parents should make an appointment with their GP and discuss their concerns about their child. The GP will consider whether a referral for assessment is appropriate.

Request a Right to Choose Referral

If a referral is being made, parents can ask for it to be sent to an NHS-funded provider of their choice rather than the local service.

Common providers include organisations that offer NHS-funded neurodevelopmental assessments under Right to Choose arrangements.

Complete Referral Paperwork

The chosen provider may require referral forms, questionnaires and supporting information from parents, the GP and sometimes the school.

School Information

Schools are often asked to complete observations, questionnaires or reports about the child's learning, behaviour and social development.

Assessment

The provider reviews the referral and, if accepted, places the child on their assessment pathway. Assessments may involve questionnaires, interviews and observations with parents, school staff and the child.

SEND Update

We are pleased to share that our recent pupil profile review meetings have gone very well. These reviews provide an important opportunity to reflect on each child's progress, celebrate successes, and identify the next steps in their learning and development.

As part of the review process, new individual targets have now been agreed for pupils who require additional support. These targets are carefully linked to the interventions and support programmes available within school, ensuring that every child receives the help they need to make the best possible progress.

Staff will continue to monitor progress closely and regularly review the impact of these interventions. Where appropriate, parents will receive updates on their child's progress towards these targets and any adjustments made to support their learning.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their ongoing partnership and support. Working together enables us to ensure that every child is given the opportunity to thrive, achieve their potential, and develop confidence in their learning.

If you have any questions regarding your child's targets or the support they are receiving, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher or the school office.

Useful information for parents.

My Happy Mind: Attached to this email is a list of useful resources that can be found in the Parent Portal .



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