School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 11th November: 10:30am Remembrance Service in School. Rock Band Earlier start time 8:15am.
Thursday 12th November: School Open morning. Year 5/6 Young Leaders Training.
Wednesday 18th November: Year 5 and 6 RAF Museum. Late return.
Thursday 19th November: Stable Mates- Farmers class trip (Reception and Pre School)
Friday 23rd November: 10:30am Advent Service in School.
Friday 27th November: Belgrade Panto Trip
Monday 30th November: Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 1st December: Year 5 and 6 Houses of Parliament trip. Late return. Scholastic Book Fair.
Monday 7th December: Christingle Service 10:30am
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.



Clubs Autumn - Please book all on Parent Pay

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

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Advent half term. We have an exciting few weeks ahead, filled with learning opportunities, celebrations and festive events across the school community.
The RAF Museum trip for children in Years 5 and 6 is live on ParentPay. Mr Causebrook has already sent home a letter with further details. Please note that the coach is expected to return at approximately 4:30pm.
We are also looking forward to our annual Belgrade Theatre pantomime visit, where children from Reception to Year 6 will be enjoying Beauty and the Beast. Preschool will remain open and operate as normal on this day.
There are still a few places available in our Cooking Club and Craft Club, while Football Club has plenty of spaces for new members to join. Please note that Nerf Games Club is now full.
Our Young Sports Leaders will complete their leadership training at BGN next week. Following their training, they will receive Sports Crew hoodies and begin leading additional lunchtime sporting activities for our pupils.
Our Book Fair arrives on Friday 27th November, but it will only be open for purchases on Monday 30th November and Tuesday 1st December. Payments can be made quickly and easily via QR code. To encourage reading, School Parliament will be running a competition with five £5 vouchers to spend at the fair. The message is simple: Keep Reading!
Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Roald Dahl Museum on Tuesday. The children had a fantastic day immersed in the world of storytelling and creativity. Mrs Clipson will be sharing photographs from the trip soon.
Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Friends of St Mary's meeting. We have set ourselves ambitious targets for recruiting new members and planning exciting events for the spring term. Before then, we have two wonderful Christmas events to look forward to: Movies and Munchies Nights and the Aston-le-Walls Christmas Craft Fair. We would be grateful for donations of filled jars for the craft fair. Children can also enjoy a lucky dip stall on the day.Our school calendar will soon be available to view and order through ParentPay. The photographs this year look fantastic and would make a perfect Christmas gift for family members.
Mrs Taylor is looking for cardboard donations to support the exciting Year 5/6 Marble Run Design and Technology project. A letter with further details was sent home yesterday.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another successful and joyful half term together.

Laura Concannon
Headteacher
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Belgrade Theatre Trip

For Christmas 2026, the Belgrade presents the most enchanting tale of all, Beauty and the Beast! One of the most popular panto titles ever, this production will be extra special and guaranteed to bring a touch of magic, mayhem and monstrous fun to your festive celebrations. Things are looking bleak for beautiful Belle! Kidnapped by a frightening beast, she is locked away in a terrifying castle with little hope of escape. But unbeknownst to her, the Beast is actually a handsome prince under the curse of an evil enchantress. Only by changing his selfish ways and finding true love can he ever hope to break the spell. Will the Beast change his ways in time? And will Belle ever get back home? There's only one way to find out! Please note the departure time is 8:30am, children need to arrive at 8:15am.

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The Book Fair will be in school on Monday 30th November and Tuesday 1st December. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to explore a wide range of books and develop their love of reading.
To celebrate the event, School Parliament is running a competition with five £5 book vouchers to be won. Further details about how to enter will be shared with the children soon.
Keep reading and good luck to everyone who takes part!



Filled Jars Please!!

Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies met this week and the Mini Vinnies Bear has gone home with its first family. We look forward to hearing about its adventures.
As part of our commitment to supporting others, we are collecting items for Caritas. Donations can include chocolates, biscuits, sweets, soap and toiletries, and other festive confectionery items. Donations can be placed in the collection area in the main hall. As a thank you, children will receive 5 house points for contributing.
We are also creating Christmas cards for residents at Galanos House Care Home to help spread some festive cheer and show our care for members of our local community.
Next week, I will have the pleasure of inducting our new members of Mini Vinnies. Mini Vinnies is a pupil-led group inspired by the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). The children follow the simple mission of 'See, Think, Do', encouraging them to notice when people need help, think about how they can make a difference, and take action through acts of kindness, service and social justice.
During a special assembly, each new Mini Vinnie will be called forward to receive their official Mini Vinnies badge and certificate. We look forward to welcoming our new members as they begin their journey of faith, service and helping others within our school and wider community.

Stable Mates Trip Farmers Class

We are delighted to share that children in Farmers Class, Preschool and Reception will be taking part in a special visit to Stablemates Therapy on Thursday 19th November.
The children will be visited by the Stablemates team and have the opportunity to meet some of their therapy animals. Stablemates provides animal-assisted learning experiences that support children's emotional wellbeing, confidence, communication skills and personal development. The visit promises to be a memorable and engaging experience for all the children involved.
Mrs Clarke will be sending home a letter shortly with further information about the visit, and Mrs King will add the details to ParentPay for parents and carers.
We are very much looking forward to welcoming the Stablemates team into school and sharing this exciting experience with our youngest pupils.



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