



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
'Love God, Love Others, Love Ourselves'



Upcoming dates

16th October

Year 4 class
mass (in the
church) at
9.15am parent
lunch at
11.50am.

22nd October

MacBeth for
year 5 and year
6

23rd October

Curriculum Day
- school closed
for pupils.

26th - 30th

October
Half term
holidays-school
closed.

2nd November

Back to School

4th November

Parent/teacher
meetings 1.15pm
pick up

6th November

Year 6 sharing
assembly and
parent lunch

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week at St Mary's, with lots to celebrate across our school community.

Last week, we had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Harvest Mass at Our Lady of Grace and St Theresa of Avila Church. It was a very special occasion and a lovely opportunity for us to come together in prayer and thanksgiving. It was particularly wonderful to see so many of our families joining us in church. These occasions are an important part of strengthening the relationship between our school, families and parish, and we are very grateful for your continued support.

October marks Black History Month, and we are looking forward to the events, conversations and learning opportunities that we will share together throughout the month. Across the school, children will have opportunities to learn about significant individuals, stories, achievements and contributions, while celebrating the rich diversity of the world around us. We want our children to be curious, knowledgeable and respectful, recognising the dignity and value of every person. We look forward to sharing some of the children's learning with you as the month progresses.

I would also like to thank our parents and carers for being so supportive of the recent changes to our homework procedures. We appreciate that changes to established routines can take a little time to get used to. The new arrangements are designed to give teachers a better opportunity to assess children's learning during the week before setting purposeful homework that builds upon what has been taught in school.

Finally, a big thank you to our Reception parents and carers who completed our intake survey. Starting school is a significant milestone for children and their families, and we want to make sure that the transition into our school community is as welcoming and positive as possible. Thank you for taking the time to share your views with us.

As always, thank you for everything you do to support our children and our school.

Love God, love others and love ourselves.

God bless,

Mrs Sharkey

Headteacher



Autumn Term
9th October

Thank you to FOSM

A big thank you to FOSM for supporting our enrichment opportunities. Our new clubs have been incredibly successful, and it has been wonderful to see so many children getting involved! We are continuously evaluating the opportunities we offer and really appreciate the feedback we receive from children and families as we consider what we can introduce next.

FOSM have very kindly purchased the Lego for our Lego Club. The children have been taking part in a variety of Lego challenges, encouraging them to use their creativity, problem-solving, teamwork and perseverance. There has been lots of excitement as children work together to design, build and improve their creations.

We are extremely grateful to FOSM and to all the parents and families who support their fundraising throughout the year. Your support directly benefits our children and helps us to provide them with even more opportunities to learn and create.



Golden Book!

Congratulations to the following children who have been our most recent stars of the week. Well done!

Reception:

Year 1: Evie and Vlad

Year 2: Remy and Zoey

Year 3: Artie and Ivy

Year 4: Amarilis and Leonard

Year 5: Wills and Genevieve

Year 6: (Away at the Isle of Wight being superstars!)

Today's winning house

St George
346 points!



The Harvest Mass was a great success. The children's singing and the presence of our families was a real highlight for us!
Thank you all.

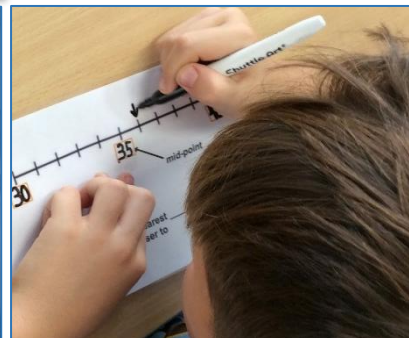
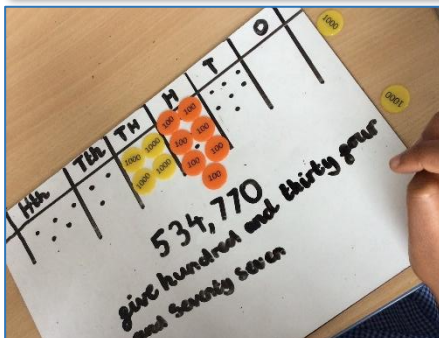
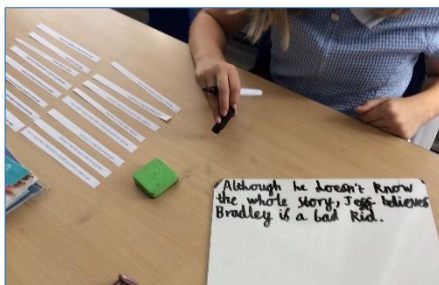
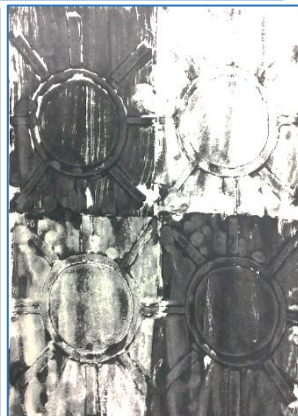
Spotlight on Year 5

St Bernadette Class have been very busy in science, where we have been exploring Earth and space. We investigated how shadows change throughout the day by measuring their length at different times. We also used balls and torches to model the movement of the Earth in relation to the Sun and understand how the Earth's rotation causes day and night.



In art, we explored how artists communicate emotion and movement through drawing, experimenting with expressive marks and different techniques. We then applied our ideas to printmaking, designing our own print blocks and creating original prints.

In RE, we've learned about God's covenant with the Israelites. We studied the Ten Commandments and considered why they were given after God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. More recently, we've explored Jesus' summary of the law, making connections between the Ten Commandments and Jesus' teaching to love God and love our neighbour.



In English, *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar inspired us to plan and write our own chapters, applying our learning about complex sentences, figurative language and dialogue.

In Maths, we've developed our understanding of place value, with lots of practice rounding numbers and explaining our reasoning. We are now moving on to formal written methods for addition and subtraction.

Finally, in history, we are learning about the Vikings, using historical sources to find out about them and considering how reliable different sources of evidence might be.

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Rosary Club

Join us during Rosary Month! 

Everyone
is welcome! 

Monday and
Wednesday
at lunchtime  

Come and
pray together,
learn about
the Rosary and
grow closer
to Jesus
through Mary. 



The Mini Vinnies will be
selling Rosary beads

for £1 - £3  



All money will support
our Mini Vinnies work.  



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, a special time in the Church when we are encouraged to spend time in prayer with Mary and reflect on the life of Jesus. Throughout October, we will be encouraging our children to learn more about the Rosary and to pray together as a school community. Our Rosary Club will take place every Monday and Wednesday lunchtime, and all children are very welcome to join us. Our wonderful Mini Vinnies will also be selling Rosary beads every Monday for £1-£3, with the money raised supporting St. Vincent De Paul. **Please bring change if you would like to buy a Rosary.** We hope this month provides a beautiful opportunity for our children to deepen their prayer life and live out our mission to Love God, Love Others and Love Ourselves.

"No prayer is more meritorious for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than a well recited Rosary."
- Saint Louis de Montfort

- 1 **Make the Sign of the Cross & recite the Apostles' Creed.**
- 2 **Recite the Our Father.**
- 3 **Recite three Hail Marys.**
- 4 **Recite the Glory Be.**
- 5 **Announce the first mystery and recite the Our Father.**
- 6 **Recite ten Hail Marys.**
- 7 **Recite the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.**
- 8 **Announce the second mystery. Recite the Our Father and repeat the steps through the rosary.**
- 9 **After completing the mysteries, recite the Hail Holy Queen & end with the Sign of the Cross.**

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."
- Pope Saint Pius X

Pray the Rosary

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
- Sister Lucia, of the seers of Fatima

