



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

'Love God, Love Others, Love Ourselves'

Upcoming dates

23rd September

Reception Parents
Cheese and Wine
event - 7pm

**27th, 28th & 29th
September**

Welcome to the Year
group Zoom meetings

30th September

Macmillan Coffee
Moring - 8:30am

October

Black History Month

10th - 14th October

Year 6 Residential to
the Isle of Wight

Welcome back St. Mary's!

We would like to say welcome back to all our pupils, parents and staff at the beginning of this new school year! In addition to this, we offer a warm welcome to our new members of staff Mr Nicholls, Mrs Munshi and Miss Stuart and to our new pupils - Georgiana, Leo and Thomas! We feel so lucky to have you join our school and hope that you have enjoyed your first two weeks here in St Mary's!

It has been an extremely busy first two weeks with pupils settling into their new classes. We have also re-arranged our school timetable so that all children can enjoy their break and lunch times at the same time. It has been lovely to see the infant and junior children playing together respectfully in both playgrounds!

Please read on to find out how each class has settled back into school.

Mrs McNickle

Reception

Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Lohur would like to thank all of the new Reception children and their parents for giving us such a warm welcome into your homes.

We are very much looking forward to beginning your journey at St Mary's with you!

Welcome to the Year group meetings

Tuesday 27th September

9.30am - 10.00am: Year 1 parents
10.00am - 10.30am: Year 2 parents

Wednesday 28th September

9.30am - 10.00am: Year 3 parents
10.00am - 10.30am: Year 4 parents

Thursday 29th September

09.30am - 10.00am: Year 5 parents
10.00am - 10.30am: Year 6 parents

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

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Year 1

The Year 1 children have had a fantastic start to the new school year. Despite the colossal changes in routine and expectations, they have coped and adjusted brilliantly.

This week, we have been reviewing some of our set 1 sounds, along with some of our tricky 'red words'. We also very much enjoyed reading a hilarious book called 'Oi Frog!'. We successfully identified the rhyming words in the book and put these words into our own sentence. In Maths, we have begun looking at the place value of numbers 1 to 10. While in Science, we have been exploring our human body and our wonderful senses.



Year 2



Year 2 have settled in well to the new term, getting used to routines and expectations. We are really excited about our learning, especially in History where we are learning all about The Great Fire of London which we have found fascinating.

We have also been learning new things like expanded noun phrases, which we will be using when we write our own traditional tale of The Three Little Pigs. Our shared reader book this term is 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' and already we have found this book a little bit funny! We are looking forward to the rest of the school year and to learning lots of new things.

Year 3

The Year 3 children have had a whirlwind but fantastic start to their new school year!

They have settled into their new Key Stage 2 roles so well, and were particularly excited to move to the junior playground.

I am so proud of their positive attitude towards their schoolwork already, and hope that all of Year 3 feel proud of themselves too!



Year 4



Year 4 have made an excellent start to the new school year.

We have planned and written interesting diary entries from a character's perspective based on the text 'The Firemaker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman and worked brilliantly in Maths using their place value knowledge and are developing times table skills.

We are looking forward to learning more about the Anglo-Saxons and how they influenced Britain as part of our History lessons this half term!

Year 5

Year 5 are so excited for the next half term: spending it with their classmates and doing lots of learning.

We have hit the ground running by learning place value for numbers up to the 100's of thousands; using comprehension skills to solve mystery stories; and finding new and exciting ways to enhance our writing by using interesting adjectives! We are so excited about learning about the solar system for our science unit and have already begun our shared reading novel, which has generated lots of interesting discussions. We are all very happy to be back at school!



Year 6



Year 6 have made a brilliant start to their final year at St Mary's and have participated in every lesson with enthusiasm.

We have planned and written poems based on 'Tyger, Tyger' by William Blake; researched our class saint - Saint Maximilian Kolbe and made a class book; and showed off our amazing art skills.

We are excited about the year ahead and are especially looking forward to our trip to the Isle of Wight!

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HM Queen Elizabeth II



In memory of Queen Elizabeth II, and as a sign of respect and to give thanks for the life of Her Majesty, each child tied either a purple or black ribbon onto the school gates, as they offered a prayer of thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth.

Alongside other members of my family I undertook the journey to see the Queen lying in state. Starting at 6.10pm yesterday evening and arriving at 2.40am we offered prayers and thoughts beside her coffin. I watched strangers become friends... many stories were exchanged including how they had met the queen. It was fascinating to hear the many reasons why people were drawn to the event - all of them positive, many were inspired for the better and recalled with a sense of pride. They were all seeking one final chance to say 'thanks ma'am' and a final goodbye to their Queen.

Ms Egan

Prayer for the Royal Family

Almighty God, source of all consolation,
we pray for the members of the Royal Family who mourn the loss
of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

Uphold them in your love
and pour out on them the consolation of your healing Spirit.

Let them find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ
comfort in their sadness,
certainty in their doubt

and courage to live through this hour.

We ask this through Christ our Lord

Amen

May she rest in peace

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