



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

Upcoming dates

18th September Reception
children start school

18th September
Harvest Festival Donations
begin to arrive

22nd September 2pm
Uniform Sale – playground

22nd September
Harvest Festival

25th September
Maths Whizz parent workshop
(Zoom)

26th/27th/28th September
Meet the teacher Zoom sessions
– see welcome letter sent home

27th September 9am
Mental Health Coffee Morning

October
Month of the Rosary

2nd October – 6th October
National Poetry Week

9th October – 13th October
Y6 IOW Trip

16th October – 20th October
School Calendar photographs.
More info to follow.

20th October 2022
Curriculum Day – school closed

The start of a brand-new academic year!

Welcome back to all of our children at St. Mary's! We have enjoyed hearing your summer holiday news and we are all pleased to return for a fresh year at school.

At mass last Sunday and during this week's assembly, we discussed Education Sunday. This year marks the 175th Education Sunday where we join in a day of prayer for everyone involved in education. We asked God to pray for all of the children in our school, all of the teachers and adults who work tirelessly to ensure they are getting what they need.

The start of a new year can be daunting, emotions can run very high! I know you will all join me in celebrating how fantastic the children have been over the last couple of weeks. They have settled in beautifully and they are becoming accustomed to new routines.

One reminder to all families, please ensure your child is regularly accessing Google Classroom, Spelling Shed and Maths Whizz to complete weekly tasks. If you need help with passwords, please ask the class teacher.

Well done everyone!

Mrs. Sharkey
Deputy Headteacher

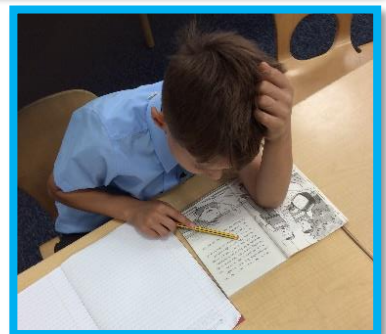


A new year's learning journey begins!

The transition from the Early Years into KS1 is a big milestone in the lives of the children at St. Mary's. They move from a play-based curriculum to a more formal learning style. To ensure that transition is smooth for all of the children, we incorporate pockets of child-initiated learning throughout the day.

This gives the year one children the chance to stretch, move their bodies and to access aspects of the year 1 curriculum in a less formal way.

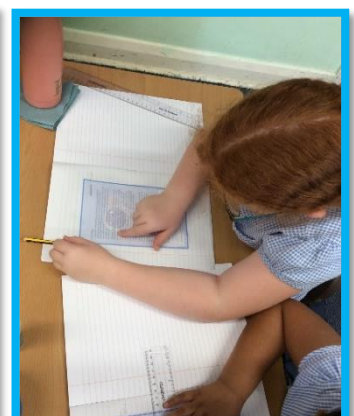
The children are getting used to their new routine and there is a great atmosphere in the classroom. An excellent start!



Year 2 have taken a big step this week, they have started to read their first chapter book – Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. They have demonstrated such readiness in not only their reading, but also their comprehension. They have demonstrated a great deal of independence when getting ready for PE and they really modelled two of our Catholic Social Justice Principles this week – participation and solidarity. Year 2 are ready to learn.

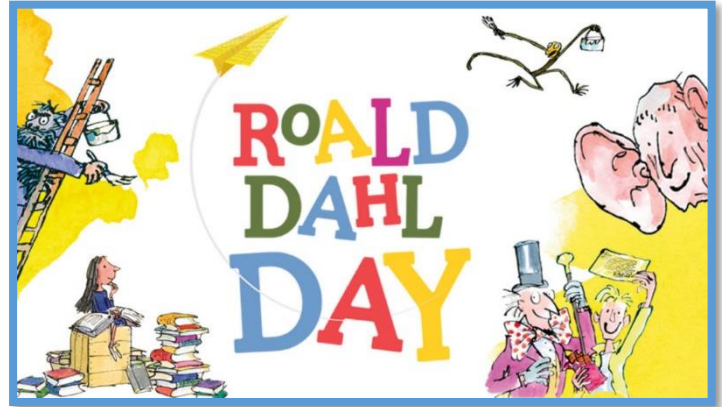
Year 3 are getting cross-curricular! This half term, their science topic looks at rocks and their formation. They are looking at non-fiction texts in their English sessions with a similar theme – this will enhance their experience, deepen their knowledge and allow them to learn more and remember more.

Their participation has been through the roof! Mr. Morgan has mentioned how impressed he is with their attitude to learning. Keep it up year 3!



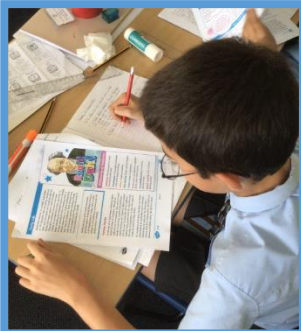
Year 4 have started reading *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* this week, they are already gripped in the story and they have modelled some very good questioning skills! They are intrigued by the secret in the story and they're excited to see how it unfolds. They have celebrated Roald Dahl Day in style, learning poetry and looking at how Roald Dahl has influenced the English Language!

They have moved to a new classroom upstairs and we have been astonished by how sensible they are as they move throughout the school building. They are very good role models for their younger peers. Well done year 4.



Year 5 are settling in well. They have started strong and they are certainly ready for a new academic year. This week they have begun their applications for Year 5 Reading Ambassadors. A group of children will be chosen to really push the school forward when it comes to our love of reading. They will manage World Book Day, order new books for book corners, talk confidently to visitors about reading at St. Mary's and run plenty of reading competitions for the whole school. We know that Year 5 are up to the challenge! Applications were given out this week and the successful applicants will be announced in Friday's assembly.

Be ready to hear from this class a lot as they promote reading across the school!



Year 6 are straight back into it this week and with only a short time to go until their residential trip, the excitement is running high! Despite this, they are showing dedication and focus in their work and have been learning a lot about Roald Dahl this week. They have focussed their attention of their reading and comprehension skills – particularly their inference, retrieval and summarising skills. Well done Year 6!

And finally...

And a final note families, we are currently seeking parent volunteers to support with reading across the school. We all know that reading is the key to accessing the curriculum effectively and a vital life skill. If there are any parents or grandparents at home who would like to dedicate a little time to being a reading volunteer, we would love to hear from you. Please email the school office and we will be in touch.

We will provide the necessary training and you would be having a huge impact on the attainment and success of the children at St. Mary's.

Please ensure you and your child are regularly accessing Google Classroom. Homework and important information are shared by Class Teachers regularly and we don't want anyone to miss out! If you need support with Google Classroom logins or any other login, please contact your child's class teacher.

