

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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St Mary's Catholic Primary School**Friday 30th September 2022****Audited accounts**

An audited financial statement is any financial statement that a certified public accountant (CPA) has audited. Legally, we have to publish our record that funds have been externally audited.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Breakfast Club Fund Receipts & Payments Account for year ending 31st March 2022			
Receipts	£	Payments	£
Current Account Balance 1.4.21	6,322.19		6,506.83
Petty Cash Float at 1.4.21	184.64		
Audit Fees	0.00	Audit Fees	0.00
Breakfast Club Fees	4,075.53	Breakfast Club Fees	0.00
Budget - Salaries	0.00	Budget - Salaries	6,150.00
Resources & Provisions	0.00	Resources & Provisions	534.65
	4,075.53		6,684.65
		Current Account as at 31.3.22	3,647.72
		Petty Cash Float at 31.03.22	249.99
	<u>10,582.36</u>		<u>10,582.36</u>
Note: Audit fees for 2020/21 of £145.20 have been paid from the PSF account and need to be reimbursed.			
In accordance with the school fund guidance notes, I have examined the receipts and payments account, together with books, vouchers and documents relating to St Mary's Catholic Primary School Breakfast Club for the period ending 31st March 2022.			
Audit work approved by:	<i>T Drummond</i>	T Drummond (CMIIA)	Principal Auditor
Date:	21/06/2022		
In my opinion the records have been properly kept and the receipts and payments account is in agreement with the books, vouchers and documents submitted and the explanation given to me.			

J M PAYTON

JMP of 28/9/2022

Chair

St Mary's Catholic Primary School
School Fund Receipts & Payments Account
for year ending 31st March 2022

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
	£		£
Current Account Balance 1.4.21	21,591.36		
Audit Fees	0.00	Audit Fees	224.40
Charity / Fundraising	234.69	Charity / Fundraising	400.79
Clubs	1,766.52	Club refund	0.73
Dinner Money arrears	150.80	Dinner Money arrears	150.80
Trips	2,473.06	Trips	143.55
Uniform	3,706.50	Uniform	3,484.95
	8,331.57		4,405.22
		Current Account as at 31.3.22	25,517.71
	<u>29,922.93</u>		<u>29,922.93</u>

Note:

Audit fees include Breakfast Club 2020/21 audit fees of £145.20 which still need to be reimbursed.

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Choking Hazard

Whole grapes are considered to be a choking risk for young children because they are round and a similar size to children's throats.

Plus, they are slippery and can be hard to bite into for little mouths.

The best way to prevent any issues

with grapes is to cut them—and also make sure children are sitting down when eating them. Please consider cutting grapes in half if they are part of your child's packed lunch, particularly if they are in KS1. Thank you.





School Events	Notes
13 th Roald Dahl Day	
21 st September St Mathews Feast Day	
21 st September Tour of School for Reception Parents	
22 nd September Church Visit	
27 th September Vincent de Paul	
28 th September Year 1 Severn Valley Trip	
28 th September Luke Temple Author	
4 th – 10 th October 2022 World Space Week	
Black History Month	
4 th October St Francis of Assisi Feast Day	
6 th October National Poetry Day	
12 th October Harvest Festival	If you can, please donate non-perishables – tins and packets that we can donate to the local foodbank
21 st October Wear it Pink Day	All children to wear something pink or something they love!
20 th October Kingswood Trip Year 2	
24 th October Diwali	
Week Beginning 24 th October 2022 HALF TERM	
31 st All Saints Day	All children in every year group are invited to enter our ‘Test My Best’ competition. Children can bake a cake, take a great photograph, knit, create a collage or make anything they would like to based on the theme of ‘Remembrance’. There are certificates for everyone and prizes
31 st October Test our best day	
1 st November Phonics and Reading Workshop for parents	

3 rd November Chester Trip Yr4	for winners. The reading workshop will be at 2pm in the hall. All parents are invited.
2 nd November Year 5/6 HL Curriculum Assembly	All parents of children in Year 5/6 in Mrs Lambie’s class are invited to the curriculum assembly. This will start at 9am.
National Recycling week	
10 th November Black Country Museum Yr 3	
10th November World Science Day	
11 th November Remembrance Week	
13th November School invited to attend church	All parents and children, Catholic and non-Catholic are invited to St Mary’s Catholic Church at 11am for Mass.
14 th November Wolverhampton Art Gallery Yr 5/6 trip (Mrs Lambie’s)	
Anti-bullying week	
First Sunday in Advent	
21 st November Year 5/6 Trip to Wolverhampton Art Gallery (Miss Carver’s)	
Year 6 STAR project with PC Jolly	
30 th November St Andrews Day	
6 th December KS2 morning and afternoon performances	Christmas performances are back! Tickets will be free but limited to two per showing.
8th December KS1 morning and afternoon performances	
Christmas Crafts Week	
14 th December Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day	Children can wear a Christmas jumper or something they love.
16 th December Break-up	
Tuesday 4 th January 2022 Children return to school	

Our School Menu

Our school's menu can be viewed here:

https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/388/st_marys_primary_school_menu

Luke Temple

We had an amazing visit from the Author Luke Temple. The children have been truly inspired and have done some wonderful writing in response to his visit. There is also a lot of excitement in the reading of his books.

Luke came back to school yesterday to do a book signing and the children were delighted with this. If you missed the book signing yesterday Luke has agreed to keep the special offers available to parents until the 7th October.

1. Visit www.luketemple.co.uk/after
2. Select the book(s) you would like to buy and proceed to checkout
3. **VERY IMPORTANT:** in 'additional information' at checkout, include child's name and class, school name and exact books wanted. (without this information the order may be missed or cancelled)
4. **Complete the order by the 7th.**

Year 1 Trip to Severn Valley Country Park



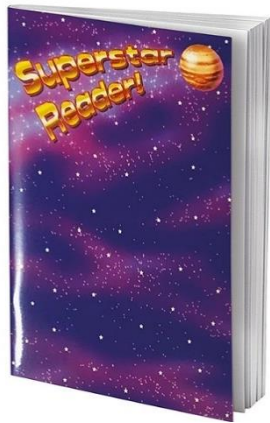
Trip to Severn Valley Country Park

Wednesday 28th September 2022

We had great fun testing our different boats we had made in school - foil, raft, plastic and corks. Daisy had made a waterproof boat for homework which we also tested. This floated very well.

We found out that the foil boats that had a point

at the front went a long way as well as the plastic



Reading Books and Reading Diaries

In Years 1-6 reading books and reading diaries will be collected-in at your child's door every morning starting on Monday. Please check that your child has theirs with them before leaving the house. Thank you.



Late Arrivals

If your child is late for school, please come to the office as you will need to sign the late book. Thank you.

Miss Edwards

Miss Edwards will be going on maternity a little earlier than first planned. Her last day at school will be next Friday.

In Miss Edwards absence and as you have already been informed, Mrs Evans will be teaching Class 1.

It is unlikely that Miss Edwards will return this academic year.

May God bless you and your bundle of joy with health and pure joy. We wish you have a great time on your maternity leave with your precious baby Miss Edwards. We will think of you in your absence, but we are so happy you get to enjoy your time with your baby on your maternity leave.

Congratulations from us all at St Mary's - parents, governors, and your colleagues. We can't wait to meet him.

Our Catholic School

October 2022



September saw upheaval on a national scale: from the change of Prime Minister to the death of Queen Elizabeth II, to the ongoing cost of living crisis. Times of upheaval and uncertainty are understandably difficult and can take their toll on us physically, mentally and emotionally. But as Christians, we can be grateful for and find comfort in the constancy of God's love and provision.

This part of our newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout October and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that, whatever is going on for you and your family at the moment, these resources will inspire you and your family to look to God.

Our Pilgrimage with St Bernadette



During September and October, the relics of St Bernadette have been on a tour of England, Scotland and Wales for the very first time! People from all ages and backgrounds have been delighted to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. Perhaps you have visited the relics yourself. If not, click here (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-dates-venues/>) to see if the remaining stops on the tour are local to you!

It was the announcement about the tour of St Bernadette's relics that inspired us to hold the **Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage**, which, since it began in January 2022, has seen pupils encounter God through learning about pilgrimage destinations and saints from around the world. This month, to coincide with the tour, children virtually visited Lourdes and learned about St Bernadette's amazing encounter with Our Lady. Why not watch her story again with your child/ren:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Children learned that, just like St Bernadette, pilgrims today can visit the grotto in Lourdes:



Children heard about how St Bernadette showed faith and openness to God by praying with Our Lady and doing what she was asked to do - she did not let anything distract her from loving and trusting in God totally!

Sometimes we can become distracted from what is really important. Our Lady encouraged Bernadette to turn to Jesus in penance, and so receive God's love and forgiveness. Through the **Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage**, children have learned that pilgrimages give us a great opportunity to experience God's amazing love and change our hearts so that like St Bernadette, we are ready to listen to Him.

Being honest with ourselves, and experiencing God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of our holy pilgrimage purposes: penance. Children learned that penance involves saying sorry and helps us to grow our friendship with God!

Watch what the Pilgrimage Guides had to say at the end of this assembly:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Why not...

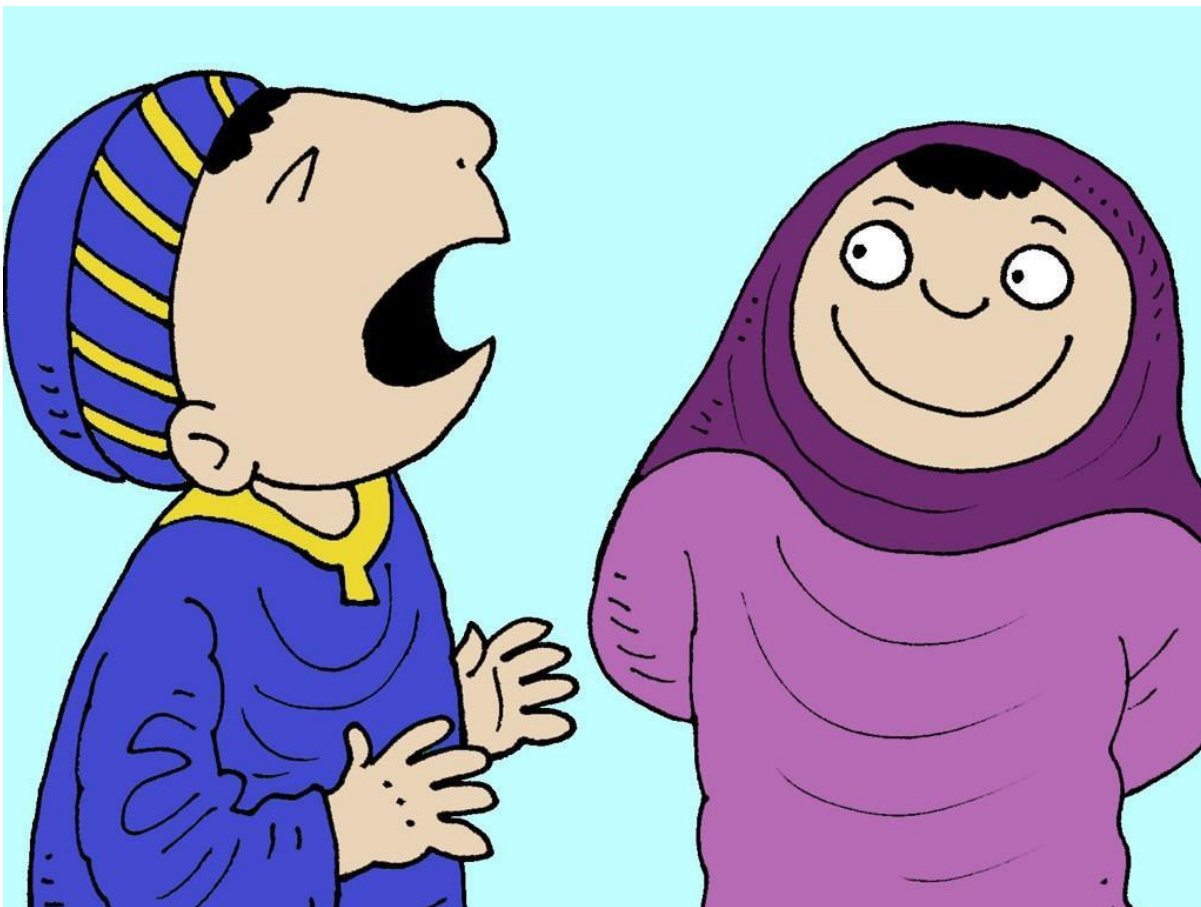
- *Consider visiting St Bernadette's relics with your family.*
- *Discuss further what relics are, e.g. Relics are items which remind us of people who were close to God and who remain a channel of God's grace. When we remember the person and their relationship with God, it encourages us to develop our friendship with God too. St Bernadette loved God, so all those who visit her relics are hoping to be inspired by St Bernadette's love for God!*
- *Read this article (<http://tentenresources.co.uk/the-hub/bernadette-relics/>) to find out more about Lourdes and St Bernadette.*
- *Help your child to find Lourdes on a map, and find out more about this place of pilgrimage dedicated to Our Lady (just like Walsingham, which they learned about in September).*
- *Sing together the **Pilgrimage Song**:*

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Be Faithful In Prayer

In the assembly for the week commencing 17th October, through comparisons between a parable Jesus told and a well-known fable, children learned that not giving up on prayer leads to a deeper relationship with God.

First, children participated in an interactive re-telling of Aesop's fable **The Tortoise and the Hare**, in which the tortoise demonstrates unfaltering commitment and ends up winning the race against the usually much faster hare! This well-known story helped children to better understand a parable that Jesus once told about someone who never gave up. Why not read it again with your child/ren:



Luke 18: 1 - 8 (Paraphrased)

Jesus told His disciples a story about how they should always pray and not give up:

A woman who was a widow, appeared in front of the city's judge, "I need your help. My enemies are bullying me."

Now this man was a bad judge - he didn't care about people or even God! He ignored the widow, though she kept asking for his help. All day and all night she kept begging for him to help her. The judge couldn't get rid of her.

Eventually he said to himself, "Even though I don't care for this woman, I am going to help her because she keeps pestering me with her constant requests!"

Jesus said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. Even he decided to help the widow in the end. So, don't you think God will surely help His people that He loves by answering their requests? I promise you, He will."

Through this parable, children learned that prayer is part of who we are because we have been made to be in relationship (friendship) with God. Often, we forget or choose not to pray. However, the more we pray and don't give up, the closer our relationship with God will be.

Children learned that God promises to answer our prayers: we can trust that God hears us and won't delay in answering us!

The widow (like the Tortoise in the race) did not give up on her request and she was helped, even though the judge did not care for her. But unlike the judge, children

learned that God loves us and wants to answer our prayers! When we pray, God listens and He steps into action. We can be sure that prayer changes things!

In this assembly, children learned that we can pray to God at any time, in any place and about anything. Things don't have to be perfect for us to pray and not give up – just think of the tortoise who was slow and the widow who was being bullied! By choosing to pray, we are showing God that we trust Him with what's going on in our lives, and we are welcoming the Holy Spirit's help and guidance.

Why not...

- *Pray with your child/ren. Encourage your family to pray together at set times (before school, at meal times etc) but also at any time, in any place and about anything! You might like to tell them about any personal prayer habits you have.*
- *Discuss the differences between the judge in the parable and God, for example:*
 - *The judge did not care about people; God loves people.*
 - *The judge was unjust; God is a God of justice.*
 - *The judge ignored the widow for a long time and then only gave in because he was annoyed; God doesn't ignore us – He doesn't answer us just to stop us bothering Him but because He loves us and longs to answer our prayers.*

Prayer

In the week commencing 10th October, the prayers used by children in the classroom invited them to 'ring out their joy', inspired by Psalm 98:4.

This month, why not let your family prayers be inspired by the things that bring you joy. Some days these might be easy to identify, some days they might be harder to find – but practising looking for joy leads us to find it more regularly and with less effort!

Here are some questions which might help inspire prayerful conversations:

- *What good things happened at school/club/home today?*
- *What is the most beautiful thing you have seen today?*
- *Can you think of a moment when you felt joyful today?*
- *When it feels difficult to be joyful, what things can you still be thankful for?*
- *What would you like to thank God for today?*

To finish your family prayer time, why not say together the words below:

