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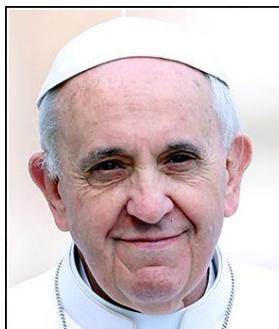
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St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Friday 21st October 2022



There are the saints of every day,
the 'hidden' saints, a sort of 'middle
class of holiness'... to which we can
all belong.

— Pope Francis —

Scholastic Book Club

There are some great deals to be had here for Christmas. Take a look:

[Scholastic Shop - Scholastic Shop](#)

Cancellation

We have been forced to move Mrs Lambie's Curriculum Assembly to the Spring Term.
A new date will be shared in January.

All Saints Day



On the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, the Church celebrates those Christians who achieved spiritual maturity. It is a day to venerate all the holy men and women who have been canonized by the Church. We will all be going to Church in the afternoon for a celebratory service.



Wear it Pink

We raised £93.80 for Wear It Pink. Thank you very much indeed for your donations.

Covid and School Life



Covid has had a significant impact on our school this last half term. We have had nine members of staff with positive tests, some were able to return after the five-day isolation period and some not and remain absent and continue to be very poorly. In addition to those with positive tests, two were very ill with covid symptoms and sickness and a member of staff was out with sickness today. Covid is still very much an issue in schools, constantly preventing us from ploughing ahead with some

school activities. At this time of year, we always have an open evening for parents, but it just has not been an option for us. This has been pencilled-in now for the 8th November between 3.15pm and 4.30pm.

Let's hope for a good and healthy start to the next half term. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.



From Monday 31st October we will be selling poppies and other items provided by the Royal British Legion in school ahead of Remembrance Day next Monday. The **grab** bands are £1.50, bands are £1.00 and the reflective poppies are 50p. Thank you for your anticipated support.



Our school's menu can be viewed here:

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

Free activities for 8 – 16-year-olds this half term

Urban Games is a free multi-sports programme offering physical activities for kids to get involved with this October half term. From BMX biking and skateboarding to multi sports sessions which include cricket, football, cricket, basketball and lots of others.

The sessions are hosted by professional coaches from AFC Telford United and Wrekin Riders BMX club, and there is something for everyone at a host of venues. Best of all,

they are completely free and have been funded by Telford & Wrekin Council's Safer and Stronger Communities project.

Please note, BMX bikes and skateboards are available to use, but kids are welcome to bring their own.

The Safer & Stronger Communities project aims to tackle concerns around neighbourhood safety and to also look at longer term solutions through social groups that can support and engage people of all ages and backgrounds.

Leading the investment with £2m, the council is working in partnership with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) John Campion who is also providing a further £500k.

Full details are available on the [Urban Games website](#). For more information about the [Safer and Stronger Communities Project](#), visit the website or contact the Safer & Stronger Communities neighbourhood coordinator via an email to saferstronger@Telford.gov.uk.



Week Beginning 24 th October 2022 HALF TERM	
31 st October Test our best 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

1 st November Phonics and Reading Workshop for parents	theme of 'Remembrance'. There are certificates for everyone and prizes for winners. The reading workshop will be at 2pm in the hall. All parents are invited.
1 st November All Saints Day	
3 rd November Chester Trip Yr4	
2 nd November Year 5/6 HL Curriculum Assembly	This will be moved to the Spring Term due to the Covid outbreak in October
National Recycling week	
8 th Open Afternoon	3.15-4.30pm
10 th November Black Country Museum Yr 3	
10 th November World Science Day	
11 th November Remembrance Week	All parents and children, Catholic and non-Catholic are invited to St Mary's Catholic Church at 11am for Mass.
13 th November School invited to attend church	
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.
8 th 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	
<p>Wednesday 4th January 2022</p> <p>Children return to school</p>	