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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We recently took Year 1 on an exciting trip to Blist Hill Victorian Town to bring their history studies to life. The visit was a great way for them to learn about the past, especially how shopping and money worked in Victorian times. They got to feel what it was like to be a Victorian-era shopper, which they found really fun and interesting.

Throughout the day, the children compared Victorian ways with we do things today, and they had lots of thoughtful questions for the shopkeepers. Visiting the old bank was especially interesting – they got to see what money looked like back then and learn about how people used it.

I'm very proud of our Year 1s. They behaved so well on the trip, followed safety rules, and showed respect to everyone they met. They also appreciated the autumn scenery, enjoying the crunch of the leaves and the lovely trees around us – a great reminder of the beauty of nature.

The smells and tastes of the day were memorable too! From freshly baked bread to traditional fish and chips, and even an old-fashioned sweet (though with a modern price tag!), the kids had a true sensory experience. We hope this trip left a lasting impression on them and made history a bit more real.



Thank you so much to the parents who generously chipped in extra to make this trip possible. Your support is deeply appreciated and helps us offer these enriching experiences.

### **Half-Term Fun at St. Mary's!**

Half-term's here, let's jump and cheer,  
A break for us all, the best time of year!  
No books or bells, no school to do,  
Just fun and games, all week through.

Let's run outside and play in the leaves,  
Feel the crunch underfoot, as they swirl in the breeze.  
Maybe a picnic, a family walk,  
Or a quiet day reading, where no one will talk.

Splash in the puddles, breathe in the air,  
So much to explore, there's wonder everywhere!  
Ride bikes, fly kites, or watch clouds up above,  
Half-term's a gift, sent with God's love.

Say thanks for the moments, the laughter, the fun,  
With friends and family, and days in the sun.  
So rest up, recharge, get ready to say,  
We'll see you back soon for more learning and play!

Enjoy every moment, be happy and free,  
This half-term's a blessing for you and for me!

As we head into the half-term break, we encourage you to keep up the reading habit your child at home. Reading regularly has big benefits for their creativity, empathy, and overall learning.

For a quick note on pickups: please stay on the playground at dismissal rather than gathering by classroom doors to help us keep things safe. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our recent Year Six Curriculum Assembly! Your involvement means a lot to us and to the children.

For some fun half-term activities, check out Urban Games, which offers free sports sessions like BMX and football, by the council's Safer and Stronger Communities project. There's also the Telford and Wrekin Holiday Activity Programme, which runs from October 28 to November 3, with £2 sessions for kids to try new activities. Both programs are great for keeping active and having fun!

<http://www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk/info/3/facilities/76/holiday-activity-programme>

As this half-term ends, thank you for your continued support. Working together makes such a difference to our school community. Enjoy a well-

deserved break with your families, and we look forward to seeing everyone back soon, ready new learning adventures.

Best wishes for a great half-term!

Dear Father,

As we begin our half-term break, we thank You for  
the gift of rest and time together.

Bless our families with joy, peace, and laughter.

Watch over each child, keeping them safe in all  
they do,

Whether they're playing outside, exploring  
nature, or spending quiet moments at home.

May this be a time to grow closer, to share smiles,  
and to enjoy the beauty of Your world.

Help us find gratitude in the small things and  
appreciate the love that surrounds us.

And when we return, refreshed and ready,  
Guide us in our learning, our friendships, and our  
faith.

Amen.

## Dates for your diary

04.11.24	Year 6 trip to Walsall Arboretum	
05.11.24	Reading workshop for Parents	We are pleased to invite you to an informative workshop on Early Reading Development, designed to help you support your child's reading journey. This will be straight after school.
06.11.24	St Mary's Day	
07.11.24	Year 4 trip to Chester All day	
11.11.24	Club members performance for parents	During this celebration for parents, the children will share what they've been working on in their clubs, from sports and arts to computing and music. It's a chance for them to shine and for us to recognise their dedication and enthusiasm outside of regular school hours.
13.11.24	Year 5 Curriculum Assembly	During the assembly for the parents of Year 5, the children will present highlights from their lessons, projects, and activities, giving you insight into their educational journey this year. We will be excited for them to share their progress and achievements with you.
19.11.24	Early maths workshop for parents - SG	During this workshop, we will cover foundational number skills that are essential for young learners, including counting, number recognition, and simple calculations. You will leave with helpful resources and ideas for fun, engaging activities that can build your child's confidence in mathematics.
10.12.24	KS1 Christmas performance 9am and 2pm	We will be delighted to invite you to our annual Christmas performances! The children will have worked hard to prepare a festive show filled with music, drama, and cheer. We can't wait to share the magic of the season with you!
12.12.24	KS2 Christmas performance 9am and 2pm	
17.12.24	Christmas dinner	
19.12.24	Children break-up for Christmas	
07.01.25	Children return to school	