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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear God,

We ask for Your love and protection over all the children at St. Mary's Primary School. Guide them with Your gentle hand, helping them grow in kindness, wisdom, and joy each day. May they feel Your presence in their hearts, filling them with courage, peace, and the assurance that they are cherished.

We pray for the parents and families in our community. Grant them strength, patience, and comfort as they nurture and support their children. Surround them with kindness, understanding, and a deep sense of belonging, so they may feel encouraged and uplifted.

Lord, may Your blessings flow through our school, bringing love, unity, and hope to all who walk through our doors.

Amen.

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of our School Community,

I'm excited to share a glimpse into the vibrant activities and achievements happening here at St Mary's Catholic Primary School. It's been a busy and rewarding few weeks, and I couldn't be prouder of the incredible things our children have been up to.

A huge highlight was our recent Year 5 curriculum assembly. With so many parents and guardians joining us, the hall was filled with energy, showcasing our school's collaborative spirit. The children's presentations were full of confidence, creativity,



and insight, leaving us all inspired. Their ability to express complex ideas and show such enthusiasm was truly impressive. It was clear that they weren't just proud of their academic accomplishments, but of the personal growth they're experiencing each day. A special thank

you goes out to our parents and carers who joined us for the assembly. Your support and engagement make a real difference, helping to create a strong foundation for our children to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

As you walk through our school, you'll see vibrant displays. From science projects and art pieces to problem-solving in maths and creative writing, the work on show reflects our commitment to a well-rounded education. We believe in nurturing every child's unique interests and strengths, and it's heartwarming to see this so vividly on display. The teachers work very hard to produce a lovely environment for the children.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to announce that tickets for our Christmas performances will soon be available—and they're free! This is our way of ensuring that everyone in our school community can come together to celebrate the season and our childrens' hard work and creativity. Keep an eye out for the letter.



We're also excited to host a Parents' Open Afternoon on November 26th, from 3:30 to 4:45 pm. This is a wonderful chance for you to see your child's work up close, chat with their teachers, and get a feel for what they're learning day to day. We see this as



more than just an academic check-in; it's a celebration of each child's progress and a chance for parents and teachers to work together to support every child's unique journey.

As we look ahead to more exciting events, like our Christmas performances, I want to express my gratitude to our dedicated staff, our supportive parents, and, of course, our amazing children. The kindness, curiosity, and confidence our pupils show every day make St Mary's a special place to learn and grow.

We have developed a whole approach to Catholic Social Teaching. CST is an important part of the values we share at St. Mary's, guiding how we help our students learn to care for others, make good choices, and grow in compassion and kindness. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus and the Catholic Church, CST promotes the idea that we are all responsible for building a fair, loving, and just world.



Here are the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how they shape our school's approach:

Dignity of the Human Person

Each person is special, created in the image of God, and deserves respect and care. We teach our students to value their own worth and the dignity of others, treating everyone with kindness and respect.

Community and Participation

Being part of a supportive community is essential to a full life. At St. Mary's, we encourage students to participate fully in school life, work together, and understand that they are part of a larger community that they can help make better.

Rights and Responsibilities

Every child and adult has basic rights—like the right to be safe, to learn, and to grow—but we also have responsibilities to help others enjoy these rights. We help children learn about their responsibilities to one another, to their community.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Our faith reminds us to be especially caring toward those in need. We teach our students the importance of looking out for others who may need extra help or support and inspire them to act with empathy and generosity.

Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers

Work is important for building a good life, and all workers deserve respect and fair treatment. Through projects and lessons, we show children the value of hard work, fairness, and respect, no matter the job.

Solidarity

Solidarity means we are all connected as one human family. We encourage our students to look beyond differences and learn about other cultures, helping them build friendships across all backgrounds and recognize that everyone is important.



Care for God's Creation

We are stewards of the Earth and have a duty to protect it. At St. Mary's, we teach children to care for the environment by making thoughtful choices, respecting nature, and understanding that we must look after our planet for future generations.

Through these principles, we aim to build a strong foundation in our children, helping them develop not only academically but also as kind, responsible, and compassionate individuals. Thank you for partnering with us in this mission to raise children who will make a positive difference in the world.

Thank you for being such a vital part of our community. Together to make St Mary's a place where every child can shine.

Warm regards,

Mrs Griffiths

Dates for your diary

26.11.24	Parents Open Afternoon	All parents welcome between 3.30 and 4.45pm. Hope to see you there.
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	