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Friday 17th January 2025

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!
We will share the link with you privately.

- Current trends** - what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.
- Understanding the Risks** - a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.
- What can you do?** - suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.
- Further Support** - signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
29TH
JANUARY 2025
9.30AM - 10.15AM**

This online course is a valuable resource for parents, providing insights into the risks associated with being online and using social media. I will share the meeting link a few days in advance. Please join if you're able-we'd love to have you there!

Smart Watches

Just a reminder: for safeguarding reasons, children are not permitted to wear watches with camera functionality. This rule is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all children. Thank you for your understanding.

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs will resume on Monday. Please make every effort to ensure your child attends all sessions. Thank you for your support!



We will be holding another open coffee afternoon that you are invited to. PODs is a charity supporting parents of children with SEND needs. PODs have a fantastic range of activities for children to be involved in and provide amazing support for parents of children with SEND needs too. Please come along and find out more, speak with one of the PODs advisors to find out how they can help and support you and your child.

Come to the school's main reception

2:30pm

Thursday 30th January 2025

Upcoming events run by PODS in Telford.

Please click the link or visit the PODS website for more information

- [Crafts Session - PODS Activity Sessions](#) - January 18, 2025 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Sensory Session aged 0-6 years](#) - January 20, 2025 - 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
- [Blossom & Bloom Stay and Play](#) - January 21, 2025 - 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- [Minecraft Club](#) - January 21, 2025 - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- [Sensory Sessions Age 7-11](#) - January 22, 2025 - 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
- [Sensory Session aged 0-6 years](#) - January 27, 2025 - 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
- [Games & Tech Session - PODS Activity Sessions](#) - January 27, 2025 - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- [Blossom & Bloom Stay and Play](#) - January 28, 2025 - 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- [Minecraft Club](#) - January 28, 2025 - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- [Sensory Sessions Age 7-11](#) - January 29, 2025 - 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
- [Sensory Session aged 0-6 years](#) - February 3, 2025 - 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
- [Blossom & Bloom Stay and Play](#) - February 4, 2025 - 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- [Minecraft Club](#) - February 4, 2025 - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- [Sensory Sessions Age 7-11](#) - February 5, 2025 - 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
- [Sensory Session aged 0-6 years](#) - February 10, 2025 - 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
- [Blossom & Bloom Stay and Play](#) - February 11, 2025 - 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- [Minecraft Club](#) - February 11, 2025 - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- [Sensory Sessions Age 7-11](#) - February 12, 2025 - 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

The Catholic Church Today

In January, the Catholic Church celebrates several special days and saints that remind us of how we can follow Jesus and live with love and kindness.

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (January 3) – This day helps us remember how powerful and special the name of Jesus is. It reminds us to say His name with love and respect.

The Feast of the Epiphany (January 6th) – This is the day we celebrate when the three wise men (or Magi) visited Jesus and brought Him gifts. They followed the star to find

the newborn King. It's a reminder that Jesus came for everyone, no matter who they are.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9th) – On this day, we remember when Jesus was baptized by John in the River Jordan. It shows us how important baptism is for all of us to be close to God.

Saint Anthony of Egypt (January 17th) – Saint Anthony was one of the first people to live a life of prayer and solitude in the desert. He helps us remember the importance of spending time with God and finding peace in prayer.

Saint Francis de Sales (January 24th) – Saint Francis de Sales was a bishop and teacher. He is known for being gentle and kind to everyone. He teaches us how to be patient and loving in all we do.

Each of these days reminds us how we can live like Jesus, by showing love, kindness, and a heart full of prayer!

Reading News

We will be celebrating reading this term with a couple of exciting events. Luke Temple one of our favourite authors will be visiting school next week. He will visit us on the morning of Tuesday 21st and completing the book signing on Wednesday 22nd.

He will be doing workshops with all our children. We will send more information on the day of Luke's visit...so watch out Luke is coming to town!

Heavenly Father,

We place our children and their families in Your loving care. Surround them with Your protection and guide them in Your light. Shield them from harm, keep them safe from danger, and grant them peace in heart and mind.

Bless their homes with love, unity, and faith, and may Your presence always be a source of strength and comfort. Help them to grow in wisdom, kindness, and grace, reflecting Your love in all they do.

*We entrust them to Your mercy and pray for Your blessings to be upon them, now and always. Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.*