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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Poppy Appeal – On Sale from Monday

We're proud to support the annual Poppy Appeal and will begin selling items in school from Monday.

Children will be able to purchase poppies and related merchandise

during break times. All proceeds go towards the Royal British Legion, helping to provide lifelong support to serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

The poppy is a powerful symbol of remembrance and hope. As a Catholic school, we are called to honour those who have made sacrifices for the good of others, and to pray for peace in our world. Wearing a poppy is a small but meaningful way for our children to show gratitude, reflect on the values of courage and service, and remember those who gave their lives for others.

Items available: • Paper poppy – 20p • Reflector poppy – 50p • Wrist band – £1 • Slap band – £1.50

Harvest Festival – Donations Welcome

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations on Wednesday, we are kindly asking families to donate non-

perishable food items to support our local food bank. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and live out the values of generosity and compassion.

Items such as tinned goods, pasta, rice, cereals, long-life milk, and toiletries are all gratefully received. Every contribution, no matter how small, will help support individuals and families in need within our local area.

Please send any donations in with your child by Wednesday morning. All items will be gathered and delivered to the food bank following our celebration.

Wear It Pink Day

Please also note that Monday is Wear It Pink Day. Children are invited to wear something pink to school to help raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. This national campaign supports life-saving work and helps improve outcomes for those affected by breast cancer.

As a faith community, we are reminded of our call to show compassion and care for those who are suffering. Supporting this cause is one way we can live out our



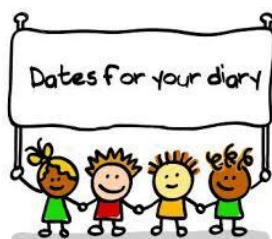
Gospel values and stand in solidarity with those affected by illness.

We kindly ask for a £1 donation from those taking part, which will go directly to the charity.

Thank you for supporting these two important causes. We look forward to seeing the children take part with enthusiasm, kindness, and care for others.

PD days

Please note that Friday 24th October and Monday 3rd November are both PD days so school will be closed.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
October	
Mon 20 Oct	Wear It Pink Day
Tue 21 Oct	Year 6 Trip to National Arboretum
Wed 22 Oct	Harvest Festival 9:00–10:00am. Non-perishable food donations please.
Thu 23 Oct	Year 1 Trip to Blists Hill Victorian Town
Fri 24 Oct	Staff Training Day – School closed to pupils
November	
Mon 3 Nov	Staff Training Day – School closed to pupils
Wed 5 Nov	Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World
Week of 10 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week – <i>Power for Good</i> theme
Tue 11 Nov	Remembrance Day – One-minute silence observed
Thu 13 Nov	International Kindness Day – Special Assembly and Class Activities

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Fri 21 Nov	Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee Celebration
December	
Wed 3 Dec	Advent Afternoon Tea – Parish invited to school hall
Thu 11 Dec	Family Christmas Carols Celebration– All welcome
Fri 12 Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party – Afternoon in the hall. Children to wear something they feel special in.
Mon 15 Dec	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party – Afternoon in the hall. Children to wear something they feel special in.
Tue 16 Dec	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party – Afternoon in the hall. Children to wear something they feel special in.
Wed 17 Dec	Walk to Church Service Christmas Dinner. Children to wear something Christmassy
Thu 18 Dec	Last Day of Term
Fri 19 Dec	Staff Training Day – School closed to pupils