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## St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

### PLEASE DONATE IF YOU CAN: Easter Egg Hunt

As part of our Easter celebrations, we would love to run our annual Easter Egg Hunt once again. Until a couple of years ago, we were fortunate to receive many generous donations from families, and the school also contributed

a significant amount towards purchasing additional eggs. This meant that the children were able to enjoy a wonderful experience, with plenty of eggs to find—many taking home between four and seven eggs of different sizes.

However, last year the number of donations was much smaller, and the shortfall was too

large for the school to cover. As a result, instead of hunting for eggs, the children searched for special medals, and those who found one received an egg back in their classroom. We made sure



every child still went home with an Easter egg, but it wasn't the full experience they have always loved.

We would be absolutely delighted if we could reinstate the full Easter Egg Hunt this year, but to do this we really do need your support. Unfortunately, the school budget cannot stretch to filling the gap if donations are low, so any contributions, large or small, would make a huge difference.

The Easter Egg Hunt is a truly memorable part of the school year. Our Year 6 pupils often talk about it as one of their favourite events, and it would be wonderful to give all children that same joyful experience again.

If you can donate Easter eggs, please bring them to the school office at any time over the few days. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated by the whole school community.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

### Understanding the Importance of Lent

Lent is a special season in the Church year when Christians prepare their hearts for Easter by taking time to reflect, pray, and grow in kindness. During these forty days, children are invited to think about how they can make good choices, help others, and learn more about Jesus' example of love and compassion. Even small acts, like offering a kind word, sharing with someone in need, or taking a quiet moment to pray, can help them understand the meaning of Lent in a simple and age-appropriate way. As a school community, Lent encourages us all to slow down, be thoughtful, and support one another as we journey toward the joyful celebration of Easter.

## Dinner Money and Breakfast Club Payments



As we approach the end of the financial year, we kindly ask that all outstanding dinner money and breakfast club payments are settled as soon as possible. If you are able to clear any remaining balances by Friday, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

## Parking Reminder

Please could we kindly urge all parents and carers not to park in the bus lane. We have noticed an increase in cars stopping there again recently, despite there having been a long period of improvement after the accident that occurred just outside the school gates. The bus lane must be always kept clear to ensure the safety of our children and the smooth operation of school transport.



We are also asking parents to be considerate of our local residents when choosing somewhere to park at drop-off and collection times. We have received a few complaints from residents stating that parents' cars have been parked across driveways, preventing them from entering or leaving their homes. One resident also reported being verbally abused by a parent when they politely requested that their driveway not be blocked.

When our school was built, as with many schools of a similar age, parking availability was not a design consideration because the

majority of children either walked or used school transport. We appreciate that circumstances are different today, but we ask that you please make use of the parking bays near the doctor's surgery and the Legges Way car park, which is only a short walk from school.

Your cooperation helps keep our children safe, supports our neighbours, and ensures a positive start and end to the school day for everyone. Thank you for your continued support.

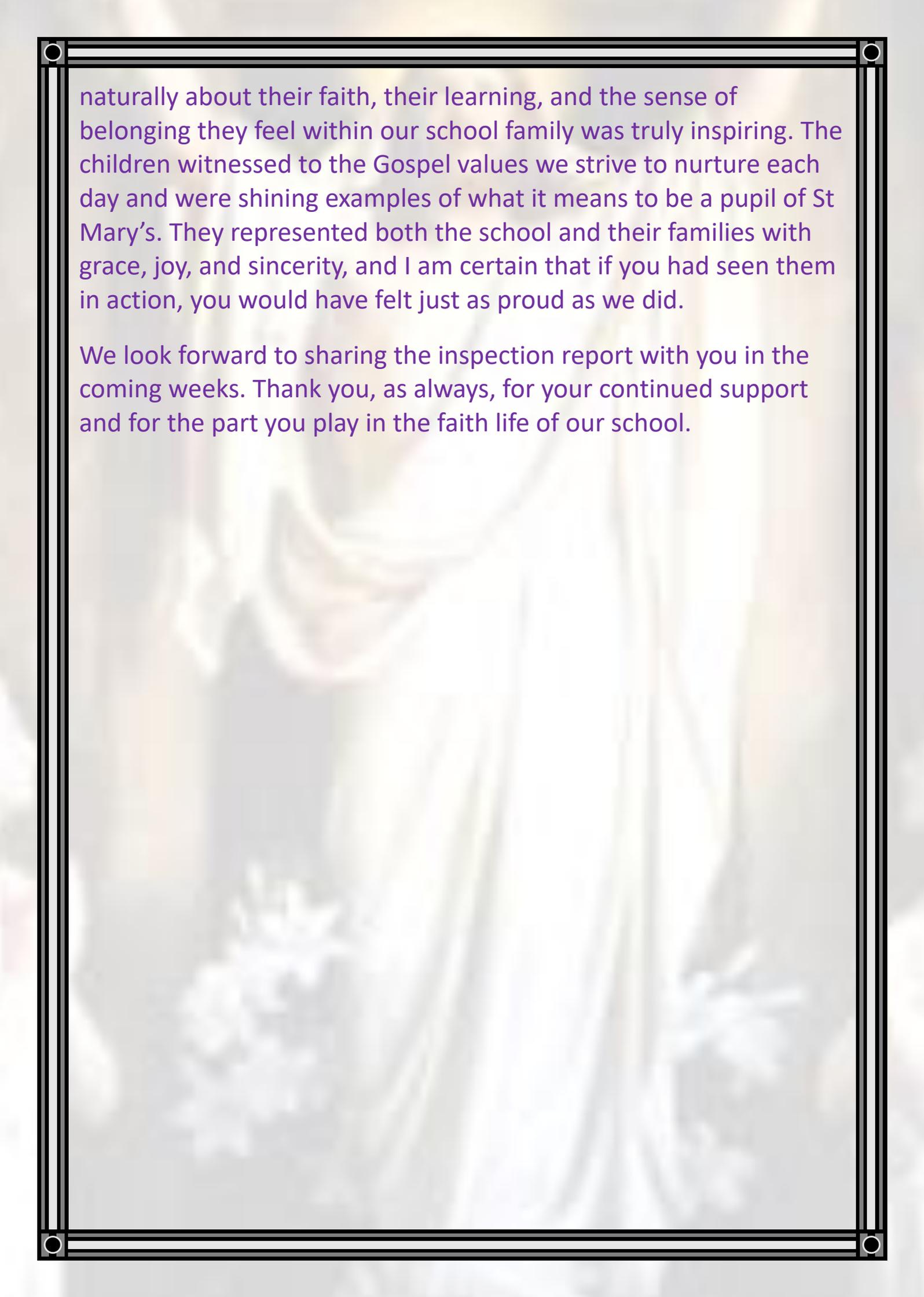


### Catholic School Inspection Update

As many of you know, we recently welcomed inspectors into school for our Catholic School Inspection. Throughout their visit, the inspectors engaged deeply with the spiritual and communal life of St Mary's. They spoke with many of our children in lessons, explored their work, observed learning across the school, and held more formal interviews with groups of pupils. They also spent time gathering the views of families through the parental questionnaire and held an extended conversation with staff about the Catholic life, mission, values, and distinctiveness that shape who we are as a school community.

We expect to receive the initial draft of the report very soon. Once it has been finalised and we are permitted to share it, we will ensure that all parents and carers have access to it.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how immensely proud I was of every single child during the inspection. Their confidence, honesty, enthusiasm, and the way they spoke so



naturally about their faith, their learning, and the sense of belonging they feel within our school family was truly inspiring. The children witnessed to the Gospel values we strive to nurture each day and were shining examples of what it means to be a pupil of St Mary's. They represented both the school and their families with grace, joy, and sincerity, and I am certain that if you had seen them in action, you would have felt just as proud as we did.

We look forward to sharing the inspection report with you in the coming weeks. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for the part you play in the faith life of our school.



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— CRICKET CLUB —

## GIRLS TASTER SESSION

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- ✓ ENGAGING, ENTHUSIASTIC & CHILD FOCUSED
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— 6pm to 7pm — **AGES 7-15**

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**A NEW EVENT AT THE RAF MUSEUM MIDLANDS!**



**🥚 Easter Holiday Fun at the RAF Museum Midlands!**

Looking for something exciting to do this Easter holiday? Bring the family to the **RAF Museum Midlands, Cosford** for a range of fun seasonal activities perfect for children and families!

**What's on offer:**

🐾 **RAF Animals & Friends Show!** – Meet and interact with a variety of animals in this exciting live experience where guests can learn about wildlife and get up close with some amazing creatures.

*(tickets £5 each)*

🔪 **Build a Bird Box Workshop** – Get creative and build your very own bird box to take home, helping local wildlife while learning new skills.

*(tickets £5 each)*

🟡 **The Great Egg Hunt Trail!** – Follow the Easter trail around the museum and solve clues along the way. Complete the trail and receive a **Cadbury Creme Egg** as your reward!

*(£3 per trail)*

Fun for families and children of all ages! Plus, **entry to the museum is FREE**, with plenty of aircraft and exhibitions to explore throughout your visit.

**Doors open daily from 10am.**

👉 Book tickets and plan your visit:

<https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/midlands/whats-going-on/easter-2026/>

**RAF Museum Midlands, Cosford – the perfect day out for families this Easter!**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

School Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 18th March

School Photographer

Individual and class photos will be taken. Please ensure children are in full school uniform please.

SATs meeting for Year 6 Parents

Thursday 19th March

Year 6 Trip – Shropshire Discovery Hills

Wednesday 25th March

Football Friendly Match

Our school team will take part in a friendly match with another local school.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Fire Brigade to visit Year 3

Monday 30th March

Easter Holidays Begin

April

Monday 13th April

School Reopens

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Parents Open Afternoon

Wednesday 15th April

Year 2 Visit to Madeley Library

Year 2 pupils will walk to Madeley Library to explore the facilities and learn about the library's offer.

Friday 17th April (and every Friday afternoon thereafter)

Year 6 Swimming Sessions Begin

A former pupil will also join us for work experience, supporting sports teaching during this week.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Year 4 Curriculum Assembly – all parents welcome

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Year 2 Curriculum Assembly – all parents welcome

May

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 SATs Week Begins

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Walk to School Week

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Reception Trip to Home Farm Attingham

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Mr Morgan's Class Curriculum Assembly. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Year 6 Thanksgiving Leavers' Mass  
Held at the Cathedral in Shrewsbury.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term Begins

June

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Return to School

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Year 5/6 Cricket Competition

Wednesday 3rd June

Year 1 Curriculum Assembly – Mrs Lambie & Mrs Bright

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Parents' Evening – Parent/Class teacher individual meetings

Wednesday 10th June

Year 6 Curriculum Assembly – Mrs Bulkeley-Jones. All parents welcome.

Tuesday 16th June

Key Stage 1 Sports Day (*weather permitting*)

Wednesday 17th June

Key Stage 2 Sports Day

July

Wednesday 1st July

Year 5 Curriculum Assembly – Miss Carver. Year 5 parents are invited to attend.

Wednesday 8th July

Reception Curriculum Assembly – Miss Rushton. All Reception parents are invited.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Chinese Dance Workshop with Year 4 and 6

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Prom

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

The date and time will be confirmed nearer the time.

Friday 17th July

Break Up for Summer Holidays

## Key Catholic Dates – 2026

### March

- 19 March – St Joseph, Spouse of Mary (Solemnity)
- 25 March – Annunciation of the Lord

### Holy Week (2026)

- 29 March – Palm Sunday
- 2 April – Holy Thursday
- 3 April – Good Friday
- 4 April – Holy Saturday
- 5 April – Easter Sunday
- 12 April – Divine Mercy Sunday

### April / May

- 13 May – Our Lady of Fatima
- 14 May – Ascension of the Lord *\*(often transferred to 17 May in some dioceses)*
- 24 May – Pentecost Sunday
- 31 May – Trinity Sunday

### June

- 7 June – Corpus Christi
- 12 June – Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 13 June – Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 24 June – Nativity of St John the Baptist
- 29 June – Saints Peter and Paul

### July / August

- 16 July – Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 6 August – Transfiguration of the Lord
- 15 August – Assumption of Mary
- 22 August – Queenship of Mary

### September

- 14 September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 September – Our Lady of Sorrows
- 29 September – Feast of the Archangels

### October

- 8 October – Our Lady of the Rosary

## November

- 1 November – All Saints' Day
- 2 November – All Souls' Day
- 22 November – Christ the King

## December

- 8 December – Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
- 12 December – Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 25 December – Christmas: Nativity of the Lord
- 30 December – Feast of the Holy Family