

St Mary's News



w/c 18th November 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to everyone who supported our Friends of St Mary's and brought a raffle item into school last week. Our FSM committee will be selling raffle tickets soon so please do support us and buy tickets for your family and friends.

Well done to our children in Year R who performed nursery rhymes to their parents on Friday afternoon. Learning nursery rhymes is just as important today as it was 50 years ago as they foster early cognitive, linguistic and social development. Here are a few well known British nursery rhymes for you to practise with your children at home: *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Humpty Dumpty, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Hickory Dickory Dock, Jack and Jill, I'm a Little Teapot, Incy Wincy Spider, This Little Piggy, The Grand Old Duke of York, Mary Had a Little Lamb, Hey Diddle Diddle, Row Row Row Your Boat, Old Macdonald Had a Fram, London Bridge is Falling Down, Once I caught A Fish Alive, Pop Goes the Weasel, Ring-a-Ring O'Roses, This Old Man, Riund and Round the garden, Sing a Song of Sixpence, Little Miss Muffet, The Wheels on the Bus, Horsey Horsey, Ride a Cock Horse to Banbury Cross, Wind the Bobin Up.* Here are a couple of YouTube links to get you started: <https://youtu.be/5gZOYKHwyQ> <https://youtu.be/dhYWxbrUU0w>

The Feast of Christ the King is a feast in the liturgical year which emphasises the true kingship of Christ. The feast is a relatively recent addition to the liturgical calendar, instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. It is celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and thus ends the liturgical year. It typically marks the end of Ordinary Time, which continues up until Advent Sunday, the first day of Advent. The Feast of Christ the King this year takes place on Sunday 24th November. This year we look forward to celebrating this feast in school on Friday 22nd November.



Have a good week everyone.

Important Dates

Tuesday 19 th November	Rhyme Rocket CBeebies workshop £3.50 donation
Wednesday 20 th November 9:15	Open Tour of the School for prospective parents
Thursday 21 st November	School Photos (Individual)
Friday 22 nd November	Mass at school (years 1-6)
Monday 25 th November	Panto (all years) please contribute £2 via scopay
Tuesday 26 th November 13:15	Open Tour of the School for prospective parents
Tuesday 10 th December 9:00	Year 1 Nativity
Tuesday 10 th December 14:00	Year 2 Nativity

Wednesday 11th December	Christmas school lunch (please order on scopay min 1 week prior)
Thursday 12th December 14:00	Year R Nativity
Friday 13th December 15:00	Carols Around the Tree (incl PTA raffle)
Thursday 19th December 9:00	KS2 Carol Service
23rd December - 3rd January	Christmas Break
Friday 10th January 9:00	Whole School Mass Year 1-6 at Church
Friday 10th January - 7th February	Class 4La swimming lessons
Friday 17th January 09:00	Year 5 Mass - parents invited to attend at school 9am
Thursday 6th February - 14:30	Year 2 Liturgy (parents invited to attend)

Announcements

Praying for Loved Ones in November

This month we continue to pray for loved ones that we have lost and for those caught in conflicts around the world. Please try to make a prayer before bedtime part of your daily routine at home with your children.

Open Book

In Wednesday 20th November we have an Open Book Event after school. Parents / carers are welcome to come into their child's classroom between 3.15pm to 4.00pm (after the class has been dismissed) to look at their workbooks and their learning tasks.

Christmas Activities

Please find attached a Short Breaks brochure for Christmas activities. These are for children with SEND needs that you may find interesting. (Note that the children need to be registered with Short Breaks to be able to book on to activities). Also attached is the Short Breaks flyer that includes the registration form.

Reminders

No Boots

All children should wear school shoes to school on non-PE days NOT ankle boots. Ankle boots should be kept at home and worn out of school.

Parking

We are continuing to have complaints from our neighbours about parents parking and obstructing their driveways. Please park considerately at all times.

Be Safe

Please note that WhatsApp has an age limit of 16+, please ensure your children are not using it.



We live in a busy town and many of our children will regularly need to cross busy roads. Parents might find the following resource useful to discuss road safety with their children.

<https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Weekly Phonics Practice

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Nz773N8s/YQrsvsVF>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/wtWiJ0Eo/OS9G8tFv>

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Be Here, be Ready

We are so proud of our youngest children in Year 1 and in Year R this term who have started to say goodbye to their home adults at the school gate in the morning. We recognize that this is a big step and some children take longer than others to grow in confidence. We have two staff in the back playground to guide children to ensure they feel welcomed and safe. Thank you for your support in getting children to school on time – we need children in their class ready for the register at 8.45am so please be on time so that the children don't miss out on their early morning activities.

Spotlight

Mini Vinnies

Welcome to our newly commissioned Mini Vinnies. Each child had thought through carefully about why they would like to be a Mini Vinnie and shared their reasons with the whole school in a recent assembly.

Congratulations to Elodie, Ava-Rose, Giuliana, Imogen, Simaloi, Luna, Dominic, Siena, Finley, Leila, Ciara, Myron, Lucy-Mai, Sanvi, Divine, Georgia, Kaitlin, Eve and Willow. We are very proud of you all.



Below is the prayer they all read out as part of their commissioning. Myron's words sum up the mission of a Mini Vinnie: "I am very proud to be a Mini Vinnie because it means being kind."

Dear God
Open our eyes that we may see the needs of people.
Move our hands so that we can feed the hungry.
Touch our hearts that they may bring warmth to those that are sad.
Let us share our time and possessions with those in need.
May we all be a source of support and encouragement for each other
as we strive to build a more loving world.
Amen

Mission Moments

Well done to Ben and Matteo, two of our Year 6 pupils who have shown great responsibility in their roles as Year 6 prefect and House Captain. Both boys have shown initiative, kindness and have modelled our school rules (READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE) to younger children. ***#missionadvocatekindness***



Final Word

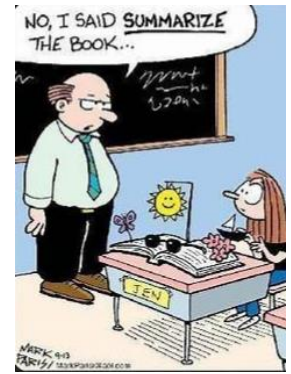
A few teacher jokes to keep you smiling...

Teachers who take class attendance are absent-minded.

Teacher: You copied from Fred's test paper, didn't you?

Pupil: How did you know?

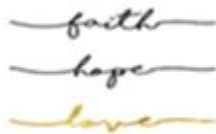
Teacher: Fred's paper says "I don't know" and you put, "Me neither!"



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