Newsletter

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School



Attendance: 95.83%

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Date: **Thursday 22nd October 2026**

A Message from Mrs Thorpe:

We have reached the end of an extremely busy half term, with a great deal of change to manage for both staff and parents. Thank you to everyone for your patience and support as we transition to working with the Academy Trust. A special shout out to our EYFS children who have settled into school life incredibly well. They all very much feel part of our school family now. Over the half term break our top layer of resin is being laid outside the front of our school and lighting refurbishment project is continuing. If you are using Little Angels Childcare during the holidays please read their information about access to the building. Have a lovely break everyone!

Several of our classes have been visiting our local library this half term to nurture a love of reading as well as value our local resources. Next half term more classes have visits planned in. Shout out to Y5 who persevered with walking to the Library in torrential rain, you guys are made of tough stuff!



The School Council met with Mrs Wilson to share their ideas about the future of Whitby Park. They discussed what they enjoy about the park, how they use it at the moment, and what they would like to change or improve. Mrs Wilson used their suggestions to complete the Cheshire West and Chester Council survey, giving the children an opportunity to have their voices heard.

If you would like to take part, the survey can be found here: Residents invited to help shape the future of Whitby Park | Cheshire West and Chester Council

DON'T FORGET…..

- Next half term we open the option for infant children to bring packed lunches – please let us know on the google form if you intend to make this switch.
- Scopay has now closed and all parent payments need to be made through the ARBOR app.



Zoology club, and Gardening Club have now ended for this term. What fantastic enrichment these clubs offered, thank you to everyone who gave their time to make these clubs possible.





Dates for the Diary:

- **Friday 23rd October**: INSET – school closed for children
- **Monday 2nd November**: School Opens at 8.40am
- **Monday 2nd November**: Y5 visit to Viking Chester
- **Tuesday 3rd November:** Y3 Amazing Light Workshops
- **Wednesday 4th November**: School Photographs, families from 8.00am in the school hall.
- **Tuesday 10th November:** Y6 Dementia Friends Workshop
- **Tuesday 10th November:** Y3 visit to the local library
- **Wednesday 11th November**: Y2 visit to the Boat Museum
- **Thursday 12th November:** Y5 Materials Workshop in school
- **Friday 13th November:** Y6 Chemistry with Cabbage day



SCHOOL VISITS… moving forwards, school visits that do not receive parental contributions to pay for basic costs will be cancelled. This is not a desirable outcome for anyone, but school cannot continue to subsidise school visits. If families feel unable to contribute to school visits, we would appreciate you informing us of your situation so that we can see how we can support. We will endeavour to make a decision no later than 48 hours before each school visit. Payments for all costs, including school trips and dinner money must now be paid in advance.



https://www.intix.co.uk/event/half-term-basketball-camp/information
Bookings can be made for the Basketball Camp on the link above.

SUNDAY MASS – ALL WELCOME

9am at St Mary of the Angels Church
11am at Christ the King Church



There is a lovely children's Group at 9am Mass at St Mary's Church. Please do come along and join in. Families wanting their children to receive the sacraments (especially Y3) are expected to engage with Mass attendance.