



ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER – Friday 12th September 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

Parents Forum

Thank you to all the parents that attended the parents' forum this week. Thank you for your interest in the changes we have made this year and for sharing areas of school life that you wanted us to be more aware of. We appreciate all of your comments and your support for the work that has started this year. Our next parents' forum is scheduled for Tuesday 4th November at 9am. All parents are very welcome to attend.

Celebration of the Word and Meet the Teacher

This week, we have had really strong support for our welcome afternoons where the children in each class shared their celebration of the word with parents and teachers and the class teams introduced themselves. It has been excellent to have that level of communication and transparent start to the year and we hope future events and workshops are able to sustain this level of interest. Thank you.



Whole School Mass



This afternoon we have celebrated a whole school Mass together with Father Chris and asked Our Lady to pray with us on the next stage of our journey together. We ask that the Lord guides us and supports us to build a beautiful community through the work that we continue to do and that our children have an enjoyable and successful year ahead.

Celebration Assembly

Celebration assemblies will move back to the afternoons starting at 3pm next Friday. The parents of children who will be receiving an award will be notified the day before but of course all parents are always welcome to attend. Please arrive a few minutes early so that we can celebrate all the successes of the week. As we mentioned last week, we are really working on our manners and behaviour at St Mary's at the moment as a whole school and we hope you can support us with this.

McMillan Coffee Morning



We are so pleased to inform you that our first school event of this year will be to host a McMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September. Save the date and come and join us for a coffee and some cake on that morning if you can.

Important Dates

Wednesday 17th September – All Saints RC High School speaking to Years 5 & 6

Friday 26th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning from 9am

Wednesday 1st October – CADOD Jubilee Workshops for EYFS and KS1

Wednesday 8th October – CAFOD Jubilee Workshops for KS2

Tuesday 21st October – Children's Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 23rd October – Final day of this half term

Friday 24th October – Training Day for all staff – the school is closed to children on this day

Friday 31st October – Secondary School Admissions Deadline – during the half term holiday!

Monday 3rd November – School opens for the second half term

Tuesday 4th November – Parents' Forum 9am

Star Awards

Nursery and Reception – Cassius (Nur) Daniel and Cleo (Rec)
 Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) – Chase and Princess
 Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) – Carson and Ryker
 Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) – Amelia and Blake

Well done to all our Star Award winners! You are brilliant!



Attendance

	This week
Reception	94.4%
Year 1	84.7%
Year 2	95.1%
Year 3	92.3%
Year 4	94.2%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	90.3%

Remember attendance as a school should be higher than 96% to ensure that children make the best progress and reach their potential. Over the course of the full year if children miss more than 7 days in total, for any reason, they will not reach this target and are at risk of falling behind.



It Didn't Go Unnoticed Awards

These are very special awards to acknowledge children showing their care and concern for others across the school day, responding to their call to serve others, without any desire for recognition. Well done and thank you to...

AJ Wroughton

Koby Goodill

Divinesh Anton Vimalathas

Baariz Khan

Lilly-Mai Austin

Safeguarding

We continue to prioritise safeguarding at St Marys. Please see a non-exclusive list of websites that can provide additional support to safeguard your children.

www.citizensadvice.org.uk For General Advice

www.netmums.com For general advice on parenting issues and local events happening

www.shelter.org.uk Housing and debt advice

www.net-aware.org.uk Keeping your child safe online

www.entitledto.co.uk Benefits Calculator - check you are receiving everything you are entitled to.

Health

Please remember that children are not permitted to bring nut products into school as we have some children with allergies.

Children will be provided with a slice of toast each morning on the arrival to school.

Both KS1 & KS2 also have a piece of fruit at break times.

