



## ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### All Saints Open Evening

This week our Year 5 and 6 pupils received a talk from Mr Parkes from All Saints High School. He spoke about the move from Year 6 to Year 7 and also explained that the existing pupils will be moving into the newest High School in the country from 21<sup>st</sup> October, when they transition into their new building on the same site. The children asked some very good questions about what High School would be like and they were shown a short video to get a feel for the place. Both Year 5 and Year 6 are invited to All Saints Open Evening which takes place next Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September between 5pm and 7pm.

**Applications for Year 6 for their preferred High School need to be made before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October (during half term).**



#### Gardeners and Seeds

At St Mary's, we are launching once more our 'Gardeners and Seeds' programme, a unique initiative designed to foster a nurturing and supportive school community. In this programme, our Year 6 children, known as the 'Gardeners,' take on the important role of guiding and mentoring our Reception children, referred to as the 'Seeds.'

The 'Gardeners and Seeds' programme is centered around the idea that every child can flourish with the right support and care. Our Year 6 Gardeners help the Seeds to grow and thrive throughout their first year of school, offering guidance, friendship and encouragement. This mentorship helps to create a sense of belonging and confidence in our younger children, while also instilling a sense of responsibility and compassion in our older pupils.

Throughout the year, the Gardeners and Seeds engage in various activities, whether it's sharing stories, participating in joint projects, or simply spending time together, these interactions help to build strong, lasting relationships that embody the core values of our Catholic faith.

Our Gardeners and seeds will come together for the first time next week.

*'We plant the seeds that one day will grow: we water seeds already knowing that they hold future promise.'*  
St Oscar Romero.

#### MacMillan Coffee Morning



This Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September we are hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning! If you are able to support in any way we will be most grateful: donations of cakes to sell on the day, donations for our special raffle or simply come and spend some time with us on the day itself. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes can be brought in across the week. Children are able to bring money on the day so that they can purchase cakes for break time and any left over will be sold at the end of the day.

If you attend the coffee morning from 9am, your children will be able to come and join you until 9:15am and we will then take them back to class. Thank you for your support.

## Important Dates

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September** - Open Evening at All Saints High School 5pm – 7pm.  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – Macmillan Coffee Morning from 9am  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – CADOD Jubilee Workshops for EYFS and KS1  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – CAFOD Jubilee Workshops for KS2  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Children’s Flu Vaccinations  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Final day of this half term  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Training Day for all staff – the school is closed to children on this day  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Secondary School Admissions Deadline – during the half term holiday!  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – School opens for the second half term  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents’ Forum 9am

### Star Awards

Nursery and Reception – Logan and Jaisey-Mae  
 Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) – Adalyn and Leo  
 Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) – Evie-Rose and Ben  
 Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) – Faye Louise and Shayla



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

### Attendance

|                  | This week |
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| <b>Nursery</b>   | 92.2%     |
| <b>Reception</b> | 84.4%     |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | 95.6%     |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | 97.7%     |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | 89.2%     |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | 93.7%     |
| <b>Year 5</b>    | 80.9%     |
| <b>Year 6</b>    | 91.4%     |

Our winners this week are Year 2 with 97.7%. Well done!

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...

Piper Johnson

Kayden Buckley

Aria Haselden

### Illness

We know there has been a lot of sickness this last week which has meant some children are unable to come to school; please help us to continue to prioritise attendance by sending your child back to school as soon as they are well again and keeping them in school to help them catch up with lost learning for the rest of the term.

