



## ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – Friday 17th October 2025

### **Catholic Thanksgiving Celebration**

This week, our school family gathered to celebrate Catholic Thanksgiving. A special time to thank God for His many blessings. Together we prayed, sang, and reflected on all that we are grateful for, from our families and friends to the wonderful school community we share. As we remembered the words of Scripture, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1), we were reminded that a thankful heart brings us closer to God and to one another.

### **Girls' Football Team Shine at Tournament**

Our Girls' Football Team represented St Mary's with heart and determination at Monday evening's tournament against local primary schools. They played with great spirit and sportsmanship, making us all proud. Their efforts were recognised with the Respect Award for consistently showing respect and fair play throughout the event – a fantastic achievement!



### **High School Applications – Year 6 Reminder**

A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers:

Applications for your child's preferred High School must be submitted before the deadline of 31st October – which falls during the half-term break.

To avoid any last-minute stress, we recommend completing the application as soon as possible. Applications are made online via your local authority's admissions website.

If you need any support with the process, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

### **Social Media Awareness**

We kindly remind parents and carers to stay informed about the social media platforms and apps their children are using. Many popular apps have age restrictions and features that may not be appropriate for primary-aged children. Open conversations at home about online safety, respectful behaviour, and screen time are key. If you need guidance on age-appropriate apps or online safety, please don't hesitate to contact us.

### **Important Dates**

**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

EYFS – Aurora and Mavinesh

Year 1 & 2 – Piper and Thomas

Year 3 & 4 – Ava and Noah W

Year 5 & 6 – Kaylan and Lily N

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



## Attendance

|           | This week |
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| Reception | 98.8%     |
| Year 1    | 97.3%     |
| Year 2    | 94.4%     |
| Year 3    | 90%       |
| Year 4    | 96.9%     |
| Year 5    | 93.5%     |
| Year 6    | 90%       |

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.

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## 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...

Carson Whaite

Rowan O'Rourke

## Do you know about Colourful Footsteps?

This is a SEND (Special Education Needs) Friendship Group with Soft play and big smiles! It is available for children aged 5 – 11 with any Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) at any stage of diagnosis. Siblings are welcome.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Where: Maden Centre

When: Thursdays 3:30pm – 4:45pm. Each week until 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

