



ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – Friday 3rd October 2025

The Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi – 4th October



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

This week, we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. St. Francis is remembered for his kindness, love for all living things, and simple way of life. In school, we reflected on how we can care for God's creation, be kind to others, and live with a generous heart, just like St. Francis.



October – The Holy Month of the Rosary

October is known as the Holy Month of the Rosary, a special time in the Church when we are encouraged to pray the Rosary and reflect on the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary. In school, we are taking time to learn about the Rosary, pray together, and grow closer to God through this beautiful form of prayer.



SEND Coffee Morning – Thank You

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent SEND Coffee Morning. We appreciate you taking the time to come along and listen to our specialist teacher speak about ADHD, ASD, and PDA. We hope you found the morning helpful and that the resources shared were useful and supportive.

McMillan Coffee Morning



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning! Your presence, generous cake donations, and wonderful raffle prizes helped make the event a great success. Thanks to your incredible support, we raised **£262.30** for this important cause. Together, we've made a meaningful difference – thank you!

Important Dates

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

EYFS - Bobbie and Orla

Year 1 / 2 - Ella-Rose and Rhyley

Year 3 / 4 - Noah W and Ezmae

Year 4 / 5 – Sienna and Aria-Mai

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



Attendance

	This week
Reception	91.3%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	94.6%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	91.8%
Year 6	94.2%

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...

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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 23rd October.