



ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – Friday 10th October 2025

Congratulations Mrs Sutcliffe!

We are delighted to announce that, this week, Mrs Sutcliffe was interviewed by Romero Catholic Academy Trust and has secured the permanent position of Deputy Head with us here at St. Mary's. We are so pleased not only to be able to retain Mrs Sutcliffe because of her knowledge and expertise in many areas such as SEND but are also so impressed with the energy, effort and dedication she has already shown in getting to know our pupils and our families. I hope you will join me in congratulating Mrs Sutcliffe and thank her for the continued work she will do to further improve our provision.

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

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 - Finley and Mollie

Year 1 / 2 - Yazeed and Harper

Year 3 / 4 - Noah C and Darcey

Year 5 / 6 – Divinesh and Mikayeel

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



Attendance

	This week
Reception	92.5%
Year 1	92.5%
Year 2	94.4%
Year 3	93.1%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	83.3%
Year 6	95%

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...

Sienna Bolton
Rhyley Binnie
Cian Dunne
Lewis Halstead
Ezmae Robertson
Ben Jones
Koby-Joe Goodill

Christmas Cards

(It's that time already!)

Children have been designing their Christmas Cards so that they can be printed and purchased in time for Christmas. Each class will hold a 'display' of the card designs after school next week /final week before half term. Letters for each class will follow. If you wish to place an order, please complete the form that will be given to you and leave it in school. All orders will be submitted on 22.10.25

Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Competition



The girls team represented the school beautifully at the Valley Leadership Academy on Monday night and came 3rd in their group. They played 4 games that were 8 minutes each and gave everything to every match.

As importantly as their impressive finishing position, the team were also the group winner of the school values awards. This was awarded for the level of respect that was shown throughout: after every match, the girls went to shake the hands of the opposing team regardless of the result.

Thank you to Mrs Rawlinson and Mrs Taylor for giving up their time to take the girls after school and to Mrs Haworth for making the arrangements to attend.