

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 1st November 2024

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'



It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after our half term break and hear about all you have been up to as families over the break. Unbelievably we are already in November now and preparing for Remembrance Services.

Open Evening - 29.10.24

On Tuesday, we held our Open Evening and it was a really successful and busy evening, and a chance to meet lots of new families.

A Huge thank you must go to our School Council for being wonderful ambassadors of our school and being such fantastic tour guides.

" I really enjoyed the Open Evening because I really wanted to meet the other people that want to join the family here at St. Mary's " Harry Bass, Head Boy

" I loved meeting all the families and seeing how kind they were and loved being Head girl and getting the chance to be an ambassador " Annie Nelson, Head Girl

" My favourite think about being a school Councilor at the Open Evening was trying the food on the tour! " Matthew Williams, Year 1 Councilor

Celebrating Diwali – Class 1 – 1.11.24



'My diva is beautiful!' Molly

'I like making Rangoli patterns best' Curtis

'I'm excited to try the Indian sweets this afternoon' Diana



E.A.T. Passports- Exciting Homework challenge !!!

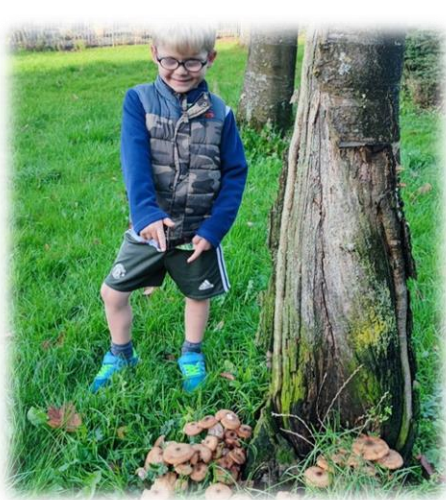


Passport to Learning!

WOW! It has been AMAZING to see all of the FANTASTIC Passport to Learning tasks that have been completed at home over the half term! Thank you to everyone who has taken part, whether it was one, two or lots of different tasks over the half term holidays. If you have any more photographs or creations, please send them in on Seesaw or into class, so we can display them in school and create a portfolio of all of the AMAZING things that have been going on over half term.

**Don't forget, coming soon is our Passport to Learning Day! Look out for more information coming soon!

Mr C
Enrichment Co-Ordinator





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FOSM

Thank you to all who were able to join us on the FOSM Christmas Planning meeting on Monday. It was a productive planning session and we thought about our Christmas Fayre and events.

FOSM Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who visited our tuck shop this morning! We hope you all enjoyed your tasty treats!

As the new term progresses, we are excited about our upcoming Christmas fundraising events, with our main highlight being the fabulously festive Christmas Fayre! At our Christmas planning meeting, we brainstormed some great ideas, and we're thrilled to bring back popular events like Breakfast with Santa, the Santa Dash, Christmas Jumper Day, and non-uniform days to collect prizes for our raffle and tombola.

How You Can Help:

- *Does your company or employer offer match-funding? Could they match our Christmas fundraising efforts?*
- *Do you know anyone who could donate prizes for our raffle?*
- *Could you help with catering at the Fayre?*
- *Could you assist with setting up the Christmas Fayre or hosting Santa's breakfast?*

These are just some ideas. If you can support us in any way, we'd love to hear from you!

In the meantime, if you're starting to put up your Christmas decorations and have any of the following items you no longer need, we would be very grateful for any donations of:

- *Christmas trees*
- *LED Christmas lights*
- *Christmas decorations (in good condition)*
- *Fake snow*
- *Outdoor decorations*

Most of all, we need:

- *Wrapping paper*
- *Gift bags*
- *Bottle bags*

As always, thank you for your continued support. Gill

We have two 'own clothes' days coming up to help us collect items towards the Christmas Fayre

19.11.24 – Own Clothes Day bring a Christmas 'Gift' – a gift set, new toy, book, bottle for the Gift Tombola

26.11.24 - Own Clothes Day- Bring a Chocolate item for our Chocolate Tombola

Are You able to help? Whether is its wrapping or shopping before? Helping on the night on a stall – we need volunteers to help make the Christmas Fayre a great success. Simply email or give us a call/ catch us at school and we will make a note you are available to help.

Remembrance Assembly – 11.11.24

All families are welcome to come along and join us for this special service on 11.11.24.

For those new to St. Mary's, within this session, as well as remembering those brave Soldiers, Doctors, Nurses and Civilians that were affected by the War, we remember those in our own families whom we love that are now in Heaven.

Pupils are invited to bring in their precious photographs of loved ones on the day, and these will be displayed as we offer Prayers.

Dates for your diary

18.10.24 - School closes for half term at 3.15 pm

28.10.24- School Re opens at 08.45 am

1.11.24 – FOSM Tuck Shop

5.11.24 – Bonfire lunch (This must have been pre booked)

11.11.24- 08.45 - 1 Minute Silence at drop off – Please join us

02.45 – Remembrance Assembly- All welcome

25.11.24 – Key stage one Maths Workshop for families at 8.45am and 2.45pm – All welcome

26.11.24 – Creepy Crawly Roadshow Classes 1 and 3

29.11.24- Bike-A-Bility Class 3 (Details will follow)

2.12.24- Christmas Light switch on followed by Christmas Fayre

6.12.24- Santa Dash

9.12.24 - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime

11.12.24 – Key stage one Nativity – 10.00 am and 4.00 pm

17.12.24 – Passport for Learning Day

Useful Information

School times

School Start 08.45 am

School Finish time 15.15 pm

Forest School – This commenced w/c 09.09.24

Monday: Class 1 Forest School

Wednesday: Class 3 OR class 4 Forest School – Autumn 1 Class 3 Autumn 2 Class 4

Friday: Class 2

PE Days

Class 1: Wed pm and Fri pm

Class 2: Tue pm and Wed pm

Class 3: Monday pm and Thurs pm

Class 4: Tuesday (Swimming)** and Thursday pm ** Swimming commenced from 10.9.24

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures is up and running and we have already welcomed lots of new friends. Mrs. Ellis has a Bouncy Bodies fitness theme and we now have Adrian from A Star Spots who leads a fun session too!

Each session runs from 1.15 - 3.00 pm. If you would like your child to attend, please either email or contact the school office to book their place

Helping Hands

With the support of St. Mary's Parish, we have created a '*Helping Hands Fund*' – This means we have a stock of tinned food / non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little '**Helping Hand**' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

Celebration Awards

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Diana Stec	Leo Shutt	Freddie Phoenix
Class 2	Bella Melling-Smith	Ruairidh Houlding	
Class 3	Freddie Reid	Maisie Wilson	Thomas Yates
Class 4	Harry Bass	Maisie Lawson	

