



Friday 13th May 2022

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Summer Term 2022		Mon 30 th May	Mon 6 th June	Thursday 21 st July 2.00pm
Autumn Term 2022	Mon 5 th Sept – Training Day- School Closed Tues 6 th Sept – Children Return	Mon 24 th Oct	Mon 31 st Oct	Friday 16 th Dec 2.00pm

Catholic Life

Class Mass

The next Class Masses are Thursday 19th May – Year 4 (5th Sunday of Easter) and Thursday 26th May – Year 3 (Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord). Please contact the school office, if you would like to book a place (limit of 10 places)

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion

We continue to pray for our children in Y3, who are on their sacramental journey towards Reconciliation and Holy Communion. There is a Parent's Meeting on **Wednesday 18th May at SS John and Monica's at 2.30pm**. The children will then receive the sacraments on the following dates:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation – **Tues 24th May – 10.00am**
- Sacrament of Holy Communion – **Sat 11th June – 4.00pm**



Wednesday Word

Please find the link for this week's **Wednesday Word**, which shares Sundays Gospel with parents and families.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=4.4>

Ten Parent Newsletter

The following link takes you to the Parents newsletter for May

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/parents/>

Parish of SS John and Martin

Please click on the following to access the current SS John and Martin parish newsletter.

<http://www.ssjohnandmartin.org.uk/newsletter.htm>

May the Month of Mary

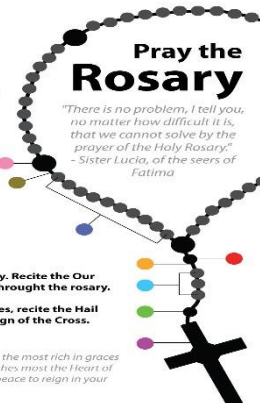
May is the month we traditionally set aside to honour Mary, the Mother of God. During this month, we say the Holy Rosary and set-aside time to make special devotions to Our Lady.



"No prayer is more meritorious for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than a well recited Rosary."
- Saint Louis de Montfort

- 1 Make the Sign of the Cross & recite the Apostles' Creed.
- 2 Recite the Our Father.
- 3 Recite three Hail Marys.
- 4 Recite the Glory Be.
- 5 Announce the first mystery and recite the Our Father.
- 6 Recite ten Hail Marys.
- 7 Recite the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.
- 8 Announce the second mystery. Recite the Our Father and repeat the steps through the rosary.
- 9 After completing the mysteries, recite the Hail Holy Queen & end with the Sign of the Cross.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."
- Pope Saint Pius X



Positive Cases Covid-19

We have recently had several confirmed cases of Covid-19. It seems that guidance regarding self-isolation for children has changed. This is not been communicated with schools, but having spoken to Public Health, changes are as follows:

- If your child is unwell do a lateral flow test
- If the positive lateral flow result is positive, your child should stay away from school
- After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, they may return to school

Y6 SATS (Statutory Assessment Tests)

We were extremely proud of the way our Y6 pupils conducted themselves during SAT's week this week, they were a credit to themselves. Well done Y6!

Our Y2 children will be completing their Y2 SAT's during the remainder of the month of May. The other remaining Statutory Assessments, Y1 Phonics screening check and the Y4 Multiplication check will take place from 6th June.

School of Sanctuary

As you are aware, SS John and Monica's are working towards becoming a 'School of Sanctuary' <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/>. Part of the criterion for this award is about educating school communities about why people are forcibly displaced. I have attached some information regarding definitions and some basic information about the different type of displaced people. Although it is a guide for teachers and we have used it for training staff at school, it is a useful introductory tool for everyone.



Refugee Week 20th - 26th June

We will be marking Refugee Week 13th - 17th June (due to Commonwealth Games Week 20th - 26th June). The week will be launched with an Assembly led by myself. The children will do some follow-up work on the subject and there will be a feedback assembly at the end of the week. We have purchased a range of fiction books for all ages to support children understand this topic.



Ukrainian Children and Families

We are starting to welcome some Ukrainian children and families to SS John and Monica's and are delighted to do so. We know that you will make them feel very welcome and part of our school family of SS John and Monica's. We do have a few places available in certain classes. If you know of any families, Ukrainian or otherwise, who require a school place, please get them to contact the school office.

Summer Visits

This year's summer trips are as follows:

Class	Venue	Date
Reception	Moseley Pool and Park	14 th July
Y1	Nature Centre	15 th July
Y2	Nature Centre	1 st July
Y3	Creation Climbing Centre	8 th July
Y4	Creation Climbing Centre	1 st July
Y5	Creation Climbing Centre	23 rd June
Y6	Bell Heath	15 th - 17 th June

Please go to 'School Money' at: <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/> for payment details and consent.

Edgbaston Cricket Ground Tour

Y4	21 st June
Y5	8 th June
Y6	22 nd June



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Skills Builder Project Week

From 23rd-27th May, we will be taking part in a Skills Builder project week across our school. We will be using this exciting opportunity to develop the children's learning skills, such as teamwork, speaking and listening and leadership. Each class explores their own project during this week, where the children will creatively problem-solve in real-life scenarios. This year we are covering a range of projects, such as 'launching' our own cookbooks, designing schemes to promote reading in our local community and applying Maths to designing 3D building models. We look forward to seeing how each class enjoys working on their projects!

Punctuality and Attendance

There are still a number of children who are children who falling into the **persistent absence category** of attendance, below 90% and this is a concern. If your child currently has attendance below 95%, it is very important that they attend school every day for the remainder of the academic year, in order to move above this figure and catch up with any lost learning. If you wish to discuss this attendance or punctuality or require support, please contact Mr Ullah or myself

Well done to Y2 for the highest attendance Week beginning 9th May!

Attendance focus Week

Well done to the following children who have achieved 100% attendance for this week and were selected in our draw. They receive a certificate and book Rec - Madalena & Ishaan, Y1 - Eden & Xavier, Y2 – Iris & Kushagra, Y3 – Rosa & Shakeel, Y4 – Aisha & Ivo, Y5 – Imarni & Khaydan, Y6 – Angela & Khio

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 DAYS FOR 2006 CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 days absence = 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	10 days absence = 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	20 days absence A term missed = 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	30 days absence = 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	40 days absence = 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not far off your child count down!	

Attendance for: Week: 3rd to 6th May – Well done to Year 2 - 91.7%

Week: 9th to 13th May – Well done to Year 2 – 100%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	94.4%	93.1%	96.3%	91.5%	94.2%	93.8%	93.9%
Lates	9	18	8	9	13	4	11
Whole School Attendance so far this year				95%		School Target 97%	

The following children have been chosen for exceptional work and behaviour. Well done to everyone!

Rec: Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Deacon & Miss Smith	Zainab & Ayana
Year 1: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Griffiths	Eliana & Yoel
Year 2: Miss Millar & Mrs. Tutt	Machair & Baeen
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Callum & Elena
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Keevanyah & Argun
Year 5: Mrs Ramsey, Mrs Nicholls	Aleks & Yanet
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Whole Class, Vlada, Bavleen & Mark
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Pavandeep – Y5 & Harry - Rec
Mrs. Elliott: Head teacher	Elena – Y3, Vlada – Y6 & Whole Class Y6

School Fundraiser

We will be holding a 'Bingo' school fundraiser in school on the last day of term, Friday 27th May. Please log on to <https://eduspot.co.uk/> to make your contribution. All monies raised will go towards purchasing some plants and outdoor gardening equipment.



Mental Health Awareness Week 9th-15th May

The theme of this year's Mental Health week is loneliness. Many people can feel lonely at some time or another. There is no single cause and no one solution. The longer we feel lonely, the more we are at risk of mental health problems. The attached outlines some practical steps we can take to address it. For more information go to: [Here](#)

Rewards

The following children have been chosen by their class teachers for regularly accessing the following educational programmes:

Name	MyOn	Reading Eggspress
Year 1	Paul M	Alyssia
Year 2	Abbas	Sami
Year 3	OJ	Preet
Year 4	Zoya	Argun
Year 5	Aleksander	Hibba
Year 6	Jeremiah	Lucas



Well done to **St Andrew's House** for having the highest house point total over the last two weeks! This is a great start to the year!

1st St. George 520 2nd St. David 313 3rd St. Andrew 279 4th St. Patrick 188

Get Active

Bike Week

We will be taking part in the Wow Walk, Cycle and Scoot to school week, which takes Place between 16th - 20th May. Miss Geoghegan will launch the week with an assembly.

If you would like more information about the week, go to

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/products-and-services/projects/walk-to-school-week>



Bikes Rack - Important

We are aware that during the summer months there are more bikes than we have racks for. Recently we have noticed that some children are parking their bikes inconsiderately, even across the door where Mrs Wallace our catering manager needs to have access to. We have spoken to the children about this, but would ask any parents that come down to the bike rack with their children to remind them of this. Thank you.

British Athletics Ticket Offer

Attached is an offer for pupils and their families to attend the Müller Birmingham Diamond League at the brand-new Alexander Stadium on Saturday 21st May.

Polite Notices

Summer Safe

With warmer weather on its way (we hope!) can we ask parents to ensure that their children:

- Bring a water bottle into school every day. (Bottles are available online via School Money and water is always available for the children to top up their bottles)
- Wear a school cap to school. (These are available online via School Money)
- Apply sun cream before coming to school



With the changes in weather, we also ask that parents send children to school with a light coat/jacket, particularly if they are going on a school trip.

One-Way System

We kindly ask our Reception and Y1 Parents to adhere to the one-way system and walk around school to collect their children. The path from the school entrance to Reception class is very narrow and can cause congestion if parents are not following the one-way system. Thank you



Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

Mission Statement



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