



The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

It is great to see children bringing in a book for their class library instead of marking their special day with cakes or sweets. Each book has a sticker in the front to acknowledge the child's gift and our infant classes, in particular, have had some lovely story times as a result!

Our focus this year is on making sure that our books and resources reflect the richness and diversity of our school. Books from other cultures or depicting people of different abilities are particularly welcome. Thank you!

Enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

Christmas Fair 20 November 2021

There is so much going on behind the scenes and excitement is mounting... please spread the word!



St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Leads at St Mary's are Mrs Vassallo, Mrs Durand and Mrs Beirne. They can be contacted at safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk



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Attendance

Please note that holidays in term time will not be authorised. Attendance below 90% is persistent absenteeism.

RAB	94.9	RES	99.6
1SW	97.0	1JB	97.1
2HH	99.8	2NG	97.2
3AW	98.8	3YL	96.5
4BY	98.9	4AC	99.8
5SR	98.4	5LM	99.6
6EW	98.8	6HW	98.4

The clock has started again and we are measuring attendance from 1 November. Most classes are off to a flying start which is great to see.

The class with the best attendance this half term will have a home clothes day on the last day of term. Best classes for attendance so far: 2HH and 4AC!

Please call the school office by 8am if your child will be absent from school and each day until they are well enough to return.

Attendance Matters



Our Wednesday Word message

Jesus said to his disciples,

“A time will come when I will return and appear in the clouds with power and glory. Then I will send my angels to gather my people from every part of the world. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away - they will remain forever.”

Twitter

On Twitter this week @StMarysBeck

Remembrance day observations at St Mary's
Police visit Reception
Year 5's DT topic
Development squad news
Girls' lunchtime football club
Thursday Thought assembly led by 3YL
John Will and Power2Inspire
Year 5 forest school

Governor news

Thank you to Mr. Matthew Appleton who has been our local governor for the past four years and concludes his term of office this month. Matthew's contributions include chairing the engagement forum and helping us with the roll-out of Office 365.

Mr. Patrick Shields steps down from the governing body having served for three years, with valued work as a member of the standards committee.

Governance is an important but time-consuming role and I am grateful to both Matthew and Patrick for their commitment to our school.

John Willis- Power2Inspire

The children had an inspirational assembly led by John Willis and sampled new sports including sitting volleyball, goalball and new age kurling! An enlightening day where children learned about inclusive sport and that differences are to be celebrated!

An appeal from the Reception staff

Please make sure that you collect your youngest children first. Waiting for even five minutes can feel like a lifetime for a four year old!

Macmillan coffee morning

Thank you to all those that supported the MacMillan coffee morning last term, in the form of baking, purchasing and attending. Special thanks to Nicole de Canha, Laura Jackson, Sally Barrett and Nora Casey for coordinating on the day. St Mary's raised a staggering amount for such a worthy cause.

Two blue plates from cake donations have not been claimed. If yours, please contact Maria Crowe.



Our neighbours

Please be considerate when parking in roads adjacent to St Mary's. If you do not have a Reception child, you should not drive on the unmade road. This extends to periods outside the normal school day (when collecting from clubs etc).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022	
Tuesday 30 August 2022	INSET
Wednesday 31 August 2022	Open for pupils
Friday 14 October 2022	Close for children for half term at 3.15pm
17- 28 October 2022	Half term
Monday 31 October 2022	Open for pupils
Wednesday 21 December 2022	Close at 2pm for Christmas break
Spring Term 2023	
Tuesday 3 January 2023	Open for pupils
Friday 10 February 2023	Close for half term at 3.15pm
13-17 February	Half term
Monday 20 February 2023	School opens for pupils
Friday 31 March 2023	Close for Easter break at 2pm
Summer Term 2023	
Monday 17 April 2023	Open for pupils
Monday 1 May 2023	Bank holiday
Friday 26 May	Close for half term at 3.15pm
29 May- 2 June 2023	Half term
Monday 5 June 2023	INSET
Tuesday 6 June 2023	Open for pupils
Friday 21 July 2023	School closes for pupils at 2pm

Birthday books

Because we have a number of children with allergies, we cannot permit sweets and cakes for

birthdays, even if they are to be distributed on the playground after school.

If you wish to mark your child's birthday we would welcome a donation of a book for the class library; a book plate will be added to acknowledge your child's gift.

Next week at St Mary's

Monday 15 November	8.15am: Cross country for Y5&6 children taking part in Crystal palace competition 3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R, I & 2
Tuesday 16 November	7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-5 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 17 November	Open morning for prospective parents 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1&2 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Running- Y2&3 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6
Thursday 18 November	Own clothes day for bottle stall 7.50am- 8.40am: Yoga- R-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2
Friday 19 November	Year 5 forest school No Karate
Saturday 20 November	Cross country at Crystal Palace Christmas Fair

COVID-19 guidance

What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home. **You should arrange for them to get a PCR test** and send the school a copy of the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better. If the test is negative, they should go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.