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At St Mary's, we are courageous advocates for the common good, locally, nationally and globally. We recognise that life is full of ups and downs and that at times all people will face challenges that they need help and support in overcoming. We support a range of charities in our local area, nationally and globally. The school council and Worship team work with staff, leadership, PTA and St. Mary's Church to identify worthy causes to support.

Our curriculum intent drives spirituality, well-being and having a moral compass.

Our main charitable causes for the academic year 2021-22 will be the following:

- Global: We will again support WWF. We recognise the wonder of God's world through the beautiful creatures he has created. It is our duty to do what we can to support them. [See some of our chosen animals here](#)
- Local community: We will again support Rugeley Food bank at Harvest and Christmas.
- Lichfield Litter Legends is our local charity that we are very proud to support. We loved having them in to talk to us and will continue to support their wonderful work. [See here for more information](#)

- Personal: Anthony's battle with cancer has made us more aware than ever of the amazing job our health professionals do on a day to day basis. Anthony and his family would like us to raise funds for [Birmingham Children's hospital](#) and provide some toys for the children in their care.

As well as our main charities we will also support annual events such as

- The Children's Society
- The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
- MacMillan Cancer research <https://www.st-marys-colton.staffs.sch.uk/about-us/fundraising>

In recent years we have carried out a range of different fundraising to support many good causes, some of which include:

- NSPCC
- Comic Relief
- Children in Need
- Oliver Elliott appeal <https://www.st-marys-colton.staffs.sch.uk/about-us/fundraising>