WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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'Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'
Matthew 25:13

This week, our Celebration of the Word focused on the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids, reminding us of the importance of being ready for God and living each day as His disciples.

Through prayer and reflection, the children were encouraged to take every opportunity to know Jesus more deeply, to love others as He loves us and to make choices that help them grow closer to Him.

This message linked beautifully with our Remembrance Day gathering on Wednesday, when we came together as a school community to remember and pray for those who have given their lives in service to others.

Through both occasions, the children reflected on the values of faith, hope, love and faithful witness, considering how they can follow Jesus in their own lives each day.

REMEMBRANCE

Five children from Year 5 proudly represented our school at the Remembrance Day Service at Congleton Town Hall on Wednesday.

They joined members of the local community in remembering those who have served and sacrificed for our country. The children read poems with confidence, helping to mark this important occasion.

They were a credit to our school, demonstrating excellent behaviour and representing Saint Mary's with great pride.

OFSTED REPORT

We are delighted to share that our recent Ofsted inspection report has now been published.

The report recognises the many strengths of our school and we are extremely proud that St Mary's was judged to have met the expected standard in every area inspected.

This outcome reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment of our pupils, staff, governors and families. The report was emailed to parents and carers on Thursday and can also be found on our school website.

We would like to thank our whole school community for their continued support.

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STAR OF THE WEEK AND GOSPEL VALUES

Nursery	Theo	For being so creative and imaginative
	Alanna	For being so kind and helping her friends
Reception	Jacob	For having a more settled week in Reception and for using his words to communicate his needs
	Rowan	For showing care and compassion when learning about Remembrance Day
Year 1	Spencer	For excellent participation in Maths
	Winnie	For always offering to help others
Year 2	Kai	For an amazing attitude to his learning and always trying his best
	Gracie	For always being kind to everyone
Year 3	Essah	For excellent determination in her Maths learning this week
	Logan	For supporting his friends when they need help
Year 4	Demi	For creating a wonderful piece of art on Remembrance Day
	Ewan	For being ready, listening and showing respect
Year 5	Freya	For fantastic effort in Maths this week. Freya is impressing me with her Maths knowledge
	Rome	For always showing kindness and respect and offering to help others
Year 6	Teddy	For excellent participation in Music lessons - singing songs from WW2
	Savio	For working hard all week - fantastic

ATTENDANCE

Please remember that taking your child out of school without the school's authorisation may result in the school requesting the Local Authority to issue a fixed penalty notice to each parent / carer for each child. The penalties are shown.

Please be aware that only a few days of absence can impact significantly on a child's attendance percentage and consequently the child's education and learning.

Penalties for unauthorised absence

Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£80 per parent	£80 per child = £160 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£160 per parent	£160 per child = £320 per parent
After 28 days	You will be summonsed to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	You will be summonsed to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your children's regular attendance

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

As part of our focus on Anti-Bullying Week and celebrating the uniqueness of every individual, we would like to remind parents that children are invited to **wear odd socks** on Monday and their **own clothes** (not uniform) on Friday. These special days provide an opportunity for us to celebrate what makes each of us unique and to reinforce the importance of kindness, respect and inclusion within our school community. We look forward to seeing the children embrace these activities as we reflect on the theme of valuing and celebrating our differences.



ABILITY DAY

This week a group of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children enjoyed an exciting afternoon at Congleton High School, taking part in a range of sporting activities.

The children had the opportunity to try tag rugby, table cricket, dance and New Age curling. This helped them develop new skills, to work as a team and, most importantly, have lots of fun.

Throughout the afternoon, they demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, enthusiasm and determination.

They were fantastic ambassadors for Saint Mary's and represented our school brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of them all.

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DOJO WINNERS

YEAR 3

ClassDojo

ATTENDANCE

Nursery	96.97%	Year 3	95.38%
Reception	96.32%	Year 4	95.67%
Year 1	95.42%	Year 5	96.83%
Year 2	95.45%	Year 6	99.05%

Whole School 96%



DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS?

If you have any musical instruments that are in working order, but no longer used – please send these in to school for the children to use.

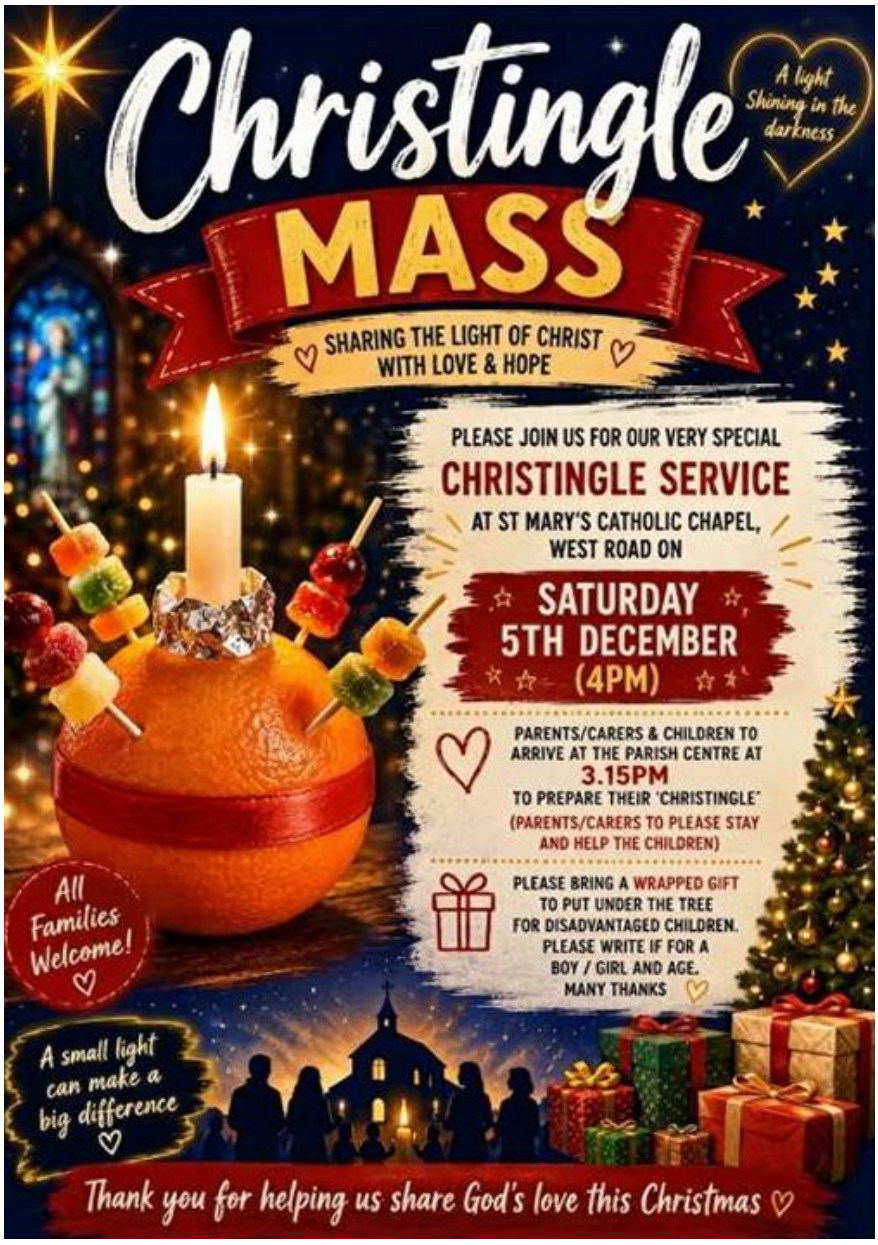








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ONLINE SAFETY



On Tuesday, we were pleased to welcome PC Cornall to St Mary's to support our learning about staying safe online.

PC Cornall delivered engaging and informative sessions for our Key Stage 2 children, helping them to understand how to use the internet safely, responsibly and respectfully.

Although we were disappointed with the uptake for the parent session, the children thoroughly enjoyed their workshops and learnt a great deal about keeping themselves safe in the digital world.

We are grateful to PC Cornall for sharing his expertise and supporting this important aspect of our curriculum.

ALL HALLOWS

We would like to remind parents that All Hallows Catholic College warmly welcomes enquiries from families who are considering secondary school options.
We would strongly encourage parents and carers to visit this fabulous school to see first-hand the excellent opportunities, strong Catholic ethos and nurturing environment it offers.
If you would like to arrange a tour, please contact the school directly by email at principlepa@allhallows.org.uk.
We highly recommend taking the opportunity to visit and experience all that All Hallows has to offer.

PTA

A big thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting this week. We are grateful for your enthusiasm and the many wonderful ideas shared for future events and fundraising activities.
If you would be interested in joining the PTA or are able to offer help at events throughout the year, please let us know. Your support, whether regular or occasional, makes a real difference to our school community.

DATES

Mon 16th – Odd socks day (no cost for this) and Y5 swimming

Thurs 19th – Reception vision and hearing screening and Y6 Forest School

Fri 20th - Own Clothes / Non Uniform Day (no cost for this)

Mon 23rd – Y5 Swimming

Wed 25th - Y2 Parent Lunch starting 11.30am

Thurs 26th – Forest School Open Morning (up to 5yrs)

Thurs 26th - Y3 Forest School

Fri 27th – Non Uniform day and School Disco 3pm – 4.30pm. Please pay £5 on Arbor, includes refreshments

Mon 30th – Y5 Swimming

Loving God,

Thank You for the many blessings we have shared this week. Thank You for the opportunities to learn, pray, play and grow together as a school family.

As we remember those who have served their country, help us to be peacemakers in our own lives, showing kindness, understanding and respect to everyone we meet. and to be a light to those around us.

Bless our pupils, staff, families and wider community, and keep us safe in all that we do.

Amen.



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