

Weekly Newsletter

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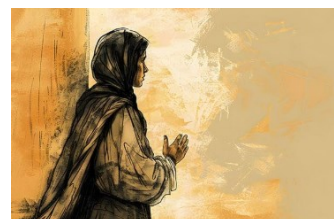
Friday 24th October 2025

Edition 8

'Jesus told His disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.'
Luke 18:1

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, we started our week with our Celebration of the Word. Through explorations of the parable of 'The Persistent Widow' and the fable of 'The Tortoise and the Hare', the children discovered that not giving up on prayer leads to a deeper relationship with God and that God invites us to talk and listen to Him, because He longs to answer our prayers.



Donations welcome!

EYFS would be very grateful of the following donations (in good condition):

- Cable reels
- Balance bikes/ bikes
- Wheelbarrows
- Paint rollers
- Old containers / Tupperware
- Tarpaulin sheets

Learning at Saint Mary's

All of the learning that children will be covering is available on our website in the class pages sections. Please do have a look as there is a lot of information to look at as well as things that you may find useful to use at home. Year 2 will be learning about the Great Fire of London after half term. This is always a favourite of mine and I am in no doubt that the children will thoroughly enjoy learning about it. Their class book in Autumn 2 is a non-fiction text on the Great Fire of London by Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis, why not take a trip to the library this half term holiday to see what other books they can find about it.

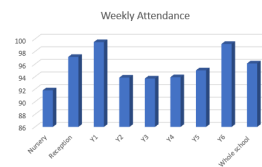
Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Several children in Year 4 completed Anti Bullying ambassador training on Wednesday this week. The training was provided by the Diana Award and was a very productive day. We were one of only 10 schools in the North West who received the training which is very exciting. The children have some fabulous ideas about what they would like to do in school and will be starting their work in Anti Bullying Week which runs from 10th-14th November. Thank you to Mrs Borg-Heffernan who helped with transport.



Attendance

Nursery	91.82%	Year 4	93.91%
Reception	97.14%	Year 5	95%
Year 1	99.5%	Year 6	99.2%
Year 2	93.85%	Whole School	96.1%
Year 3	93.7%		



Spanish Club

There are spaces for Spanish Club on Friday after school until 4.30pm. Spanish themed fun, games and songs.

Contact Zoe : 07961 044950 or email :
Linguarana.languageclub@gmail.com



Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Roman	For always being a kind member of the class
	Christo	For helping others when they are sad
Reception	William	For his excellent effort in phonics lessons
	Autumn	For always offering to help others
Year 1	Edith	For a wonderful attitude to learning
	Gracie	For always showing kindness and respect
Year 2	Siena	For amazing effort in school, particularly in reading
	Logan	For kindness in tidying up
Year 3	Oscar	For working incredibly hard to complete his final write about our class book 'Coming to England'
	Hubert	For showing love and kindness and helping someone who was lost
Year 4	Felicity	For excellent artistic contributions during our Rosary Pilgrimage
	Emily	For sharing her resources during our creative task
Year 5	Emily	For showing great effort and perseverance in maths lessons
	Tiana	For reading bible stories and doing prayer activities with Reception class
Year 6	Elliot	For a wonderful piece of writing about King Kong!
	Sam	For always being polite and friendly

Dojo winners

Year 5



ClassDojo

Key dates

Monday 3rd — **SCHOOL CLOSED— INSET DAY**

Tuesday 4th — Year 3 visit to Library, Sacramental preparation meeting 4.30pm

Wednesday 5th — Reception Library visit

Thursday 6th — Y5 Forest School, Year 5/6 Netball competition at CHS

Monday 10th — Y4 swimming, Homework club until 4pm (child and parent together)

Wednesday 12th — Y1 Library visit

School Disco

Thank you to the PTA for organising the school disco last Friday night and to all the staff who helped too. The PTA are delighted to have raised **£589** for school funds.

Parent Meetings

Thank you to all those who attended Parent Meetings last week. I hope that you found them informative with a chance to celebrate how your child has settled into their new year group, as well as having the opportunity to ask the Teachers any questions you had.

Internet Safety

PCSO Andrew Cornall visited school on Wednesday to provide information to Y5 and 6 E- safety. He also spent time with parents at night explaining some of the dangers of internet safety. This is an issue that we must remain vigilant of. Please spend some time looking at the information at [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#) as well as keep talking to your children about it.



Family 'Talk Point'

As we start the half term break, why not take the opportunity to talk to your child about their successes of the first half term. What have they enjoyed? What are they proud of? What have they found most difficult? What would they like to get better at? A moment to pause to self reflect can be really powerful. As well as this, you might like to talk about what your child is looking forward to most about next half term (which is always an incredibly busy one!)



Holiday Photography Challenge

This half term, we're inviting all children to take part in our **Photography Challenge!** Whether it's a snapshot of autumn leaves, a family adventure or a creative close-up, we want to see the world through their eyes!



Children can submit *one* photo of their choice by **Friday 7th November via the admin email address** for a chance to be featured in our school gallery.

Get snapping and have fun capturing the magic of half term!

School Uniform Reminder

During PE lessons, children should not be wearing cycling shorts, leggings or bright coloured socks.

Please also remember that after half term, no earrings are to be worn at school.

Celebration Circle

Today marked the launch of our brand new initiative — **Celebration Circle with Miss Butterfield** and what a wonderful success it was!

One child from each class was specially selected to take part in the session as recognition for their hard work, kindness, resilience, or outstanding attitude. From showing determination in their learning to being a supportive friend, each child had something unique to celebrate — and we were so proud to shine a spotlight on their achievements.

During the session, the children enjoyed time together with Miss Butterfield to reflect on what they were proud of, share their successes and enjoy some well-deserved recognition.

We're looking forward to making Celebration Circle a regular part of school each half term, giving more children the chance to be recognised for the wonderful things they do every day at Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School.

Well done to our first group of Celebration Circle stars — you were amazing!



Homework Club

If you are finding homework hard to facilitate at home due to a lack of devices, we will be trialling a homework session after school on Monday 10th and 17th November straight after school until 4pm. This session is for children and a parent / carer to use a school device together. A decision about whether this offer will continue will be dependant on the amount of attendees to these sessions.



Rosary Pilgrimage

As October is a time to think about Mary, Our Mother, Year 4 led each class on a Rosary Pilgrimage through the school grounds. The Year 4 children introduced the Glorious Mysteries and each class had chance to join in with prayers from the Rosary. Well done to Year 4 for doing such a fabulous job and thank you to Mrs Burrow for organising the event.



Staffing update

We are thrilled to announce that we have two new members of staff joining our Saint Mary's family. We welcome Mrs Milroy and Mrs Stanway-Layden who will both be joining our teaching assistant team, We look forward to them being with us from November.

Thank you

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding half-term, we want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful things happening across our school community. From the very start of term, our children have shown enthusiasm, kindness and a real eagerness to learn. Whether they've been taking on new challenges in the classroom, showing care for their peers, or participating in special events they've truly embodied the values we hold at the heart of our school — making sure everyone feels **safe, valued and loved**.

We'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our families for your ongoing support. Your involvement, encouragement, and communication help us create a strong partnership between home and school — and this makes a world of difference to the children's success and wellbeing. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, our door is always open, and we are happy to help in any way we can.

Wishing you all a restful and happy half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 4th November** for another exciting half term together!

Dear God,
Thank you for this half term —
for all we have learned,
the friends we have made
and the love and care we've shared.

Thank you for keeping us safe,
for helping us to feel valued,
and for surrounding us with love.

Bless our families, our staff
and everyone in our school community.
Give us rest and joy over the break
and bring us back ready
for a new term.

Amen.

