



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'Providing a Christ centred setting whereby everyone can live out the messages of Jesus with love, understanding and care'
St Nicholas Owen Catholic Multi Academy Company and St Mary's are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment

Designated Child Protection Officers: Ms O' Beirne, Miss Mosley, Mrs Brereton and Mrs Berry.
Child Protection policy available at www.st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk

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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents / Carers

A very warm welcome back to everyone. I hope that you all had a lovely summer break with your families and friends. It has been so lovely to speak to the children these past few weeks and hear all about the wonderful and exciting things they have done during the summer break.

I would like to extend a special warm welcome to all our new children and their families. I know that everyone here at St Mary's will help our new families to settle in well and feel welcome.

I would also like to say a big thank you to you for sending your children back to school dressed so smartly, they all look fantastic in their uniforms and smart school shoes.

The children all seem to have settled into their new classes and are having a great time with their new teachers. We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Finally, a thank you from all the staff to everyone who sent cards and gifts to us at the end of the summer term. We really appreciate the lovely thoughts, notes of thanks and kind words we received.

Ms O'Beirne

Speakers needed!

During November, next academic year, we will be celebrating our annual "Being Brilliant in Britain" week, where, as a school, we explore and learn about different cultures and faiths we have in our local area (and beyond!).

We would like to ask whether any parents, carers or friends may like to put themselves forward for a possibility to speak to a class or classes about their own faith.

For further information or to put your name forward to be a possible speaker, please email the school on

admin@st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk

and mark it for the attention of Mrs Borriello

Thank you.



Please can you help by collecting stickers from Aldi and bringing them to School



We're collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools.

Help us collect 300 stickers to complete our poster and we'll receive an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win

£20,000!

Find out more and get stuck in at getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools

T&Cs apply.



The Friends of St Mary's Needs YOU!

Have you got any spare time and are willing to help with the fundraising organised by the Friends of St Mary's within the school year?

If you are able, we would love to hear from you! We really want the Friends of St Mary's to continue, but without new members, we will not be able to organise all the events as in previous years.

Please follow us on Facebook by searching **"Friends of St Mary's Catholic Primary (Brierley Hill)"**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is sometimes able to help those with financial or other needs, or who just want to have some one visit for a chat.

If you are a parent wanting a bit of help, or know someone who does, contact the SVP in confidence. The nearest SVP Group, or Conference, is at St. Mary's Church, Brierley Hill.

Contact John Barley, email johnbarley13@btinternet.com or 07801 630261.

BBC1's hit show 'Eat Well For Less?' is BACK and looking for households to take part!

Eat Well For Less? is on the hunt for families / households looking to save money on their food shop!

Is the cost of your weekly food shop **spiralling out of control**? Perhaps you're **desperate to save** but under pressure to keep providing the household favourites?

Or do your **health requirements** affect your diet? Are you in need of some **new inspiration**?

Maybe you need help adjusting to a new **financial situation**? Or are you just **bored of buying and cooking the same foods** every week?

... Masterchef's **Gregg Wallace** & award winning grocer **Chris Bavin** are on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.

We're currently on the hunt for families / households to take part in our new series – so get in touch with the team TODAY!

Email: eatwell@rdftv.com or Call: 0117 970 7682

Any information which you give us will be processed in accordance with our Privacy Notice, a copy of which is available on request

School Nurse Drop in Sessions

Wednesday 2nd October 2.30pm—3.00pm

Wednesday 16th October 8.45am—9.15am

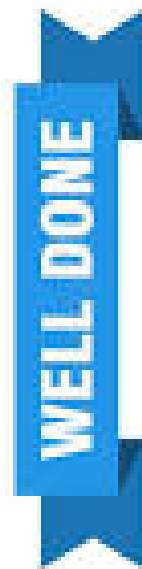
Wednesday 6th November 2.30pm—3.00pm

Wednesday 20th November 8.45am—9.15am

Wednesday 11th December 2.30pm—3.00pm

Congratulations to Julia in Year 4.

During the school holiday Julia took part in the Dudley MBC Summer Reading Challenge. She managed to read 6 books during the summer and was given a gold award! Fantastic Effort Julia.



May Bank Holiday Moved from Monday May 4th to Friday May 8th

Next year's early May bank holiday in the UK will be moved back by four days to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. This is only the second time that the May Day Bank Holiday has been moved and this was to mark the 50th anniversary. The Friday will be the start of a three day weekend of events around the country.



ATTENDANCE

A reminder that the School is unable to authorise any form of holiday during term time. Authorisation for any child's absence will be granted for limited exceptional circumstances which include: the bereavement of a close family member, a funeral of a family member or if the child's parent/s are in the Armed Forces where leave is specifically determined.

A referral will be made to Dudley's Education Investigation Service, the Local Authority's investigation and enforcement team responsible for policing parental responsibility measures with regards to school attendance and behaviour. For periods of unauthorised absence for 10 sessions or more (5 school days) a penalty notice may be issued, where a parent will be fined £60 to be paid within 21 days. After this period this would increase to £120. If a fine is not paid, this will be an offence for the Magistrates Court to pursue under s444 of the Education Act 1996. For poor absence over a period of time i.e. 12 sessions of unauthorised absence (6 days) over a 6 week period, a warning notice will be issued. Please also ensure that your child is school on time each day.

Registration in each class is from 8.50am until 9am. If your child comes into school after this time, then your child will be marked as late which is an unauthorised absence. A referral will be made to the EIS if the trigger is reached. Please support the school with this matter as your child's education is paramount to us.

Time out of school during the term will impact upon your child's learning and progress they make during the year. Please support the school to ensure that your child is able to reach their potential and not miss out on important learning opportunities.

Thank you for your co-operation.

St Mary's Breakfast Club

**St Mary's breakfast club runs Monday to Friday
from 7.40am to 8.40am.**

Prices are as follows:

**£2.50 per day per child
£2.00 per day for Sibling**

or

£10.00 per child per week

Mrs Buckley provides breakfast for those children who would like a choice of toast, yogurts, drinks and pancakes. This is an additional cost of 50p per child per day.

Places are available for Breakfast Club, please feel free to use this facility.
No booking required.



A message from the Chair of the Academy Committee

Being an academy representative is a rewarding role and gives you the opportunity to be a part of the governance and leadership of the school, providing support and challenge. We are now looking to fill two positions on the Academy Committee. If anyone would like more information please contact:

cbeech@st-mary-bh.dudley.sch.uk

This half term St Mary's pupils will be focusing on the following Virtues

Grateful & Generous

Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

Safeguarding at St Mary's

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - we all have a legal and moral responsibility for the welfare and safety of our children. If something concerns you about the welfare of a child within school then please contact the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Mosley, Ms O'Beirne, Mrs Berry or Mrs Homer). If you have concerns which are not school based, you can call the children's services referral and advice service on 0300 555 0050 during office hours (9am - 5pm), contact the Emergency Duty Team on 0300 555 8574 (out of hours).

PE Timetable

Reception Class	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 1	Monday & Tuesday
Year 2	Monday & Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday & Friday
Year 4	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 5	Monday & Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday & Friday

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times.

Children with pierced ears will not be allowed to participate in PE if they have their earrings in and are unable to remove them by themselves.

Year 4 are swimming on Wednesdays this term and must bring their swimming kit.

After School Club

Please be reminded that we no longer accept cash for after school club. The fee needs to be paid via ParentPay. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the school office.

Monday	=	Football
Tuesday	=	Multi-Sports
Wednesday	=	Ultimate Dodgeball
Thursday	=	Tag Rugby
Friday	=	Fun Games & Activities

If you would like to book your child on any day for after school club, please contact Mr Bird or the school office.



Mary's Birthday

Year 2 recently visited the Marian Garden at school to celebrate Mary's Birthday.

They loved their visit, as they were able to see their work on display. We also discussed the importance of Mary and celebrating her birthday.

Calendar Dates Autumn Term 2019/2020

Date	Event	Time
Monday 23rd September	Harvest collection begins	All Day
Friday 27th September	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon	
Wednesday 2nd October	Year 3 Trip to Harvington Hall	9.00am—3.00pm
Thursday 3rd October	Final donations for Harvest	All Day
Friday 4th October	Mass—Led by Faith Leaders	9.00am—10.00am
Monday 7th October	Operation Christmas Child Begins	All Day
Monday 7th October	Year 3 Rosary Prayer Service	2.30pm—3.00pm
Tuesday 8th October	Year 4 Rosary Prayer Service	2.30pm—3.00pm
Wednesday 9th October	Year 5 Rosary Prayer Service	2.30pm—3.00pm
Thursday 10th October	Assembly—Led by School Council	9.00am—9.30am
Thursday 10th October	Year 6 Rosary Prayer Service	2.30pm—3.00pm
Friday 11th October	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED	All Day
Friday 18th October	Class Mass—Led by Year 4	9.00am—10.00am
Wednesday 23rd October	Parent’s Evening	5.00pm—7.30pm
Thursday 24th October	Parent’s Evening	3.15pm—5.45pm
Friday 25th October	Mass—Led by Year 3	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 25th October	Children Break up for Half Term	3.00pm
Friday 25th October	No After School Club	
Monday 4th November	Children Return to School	8.50am
Friday 8th November	Class Mass—Led by Year 2	9.00am—10.00am
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day	All Day
Tuesday 12th November	Reading & Writing Parent Workshop—Reception Class	2.15pm—2.45pm
Wednesday 13th November	Reading & Writing Parent Workshop—Year 3	2.15pm—2.45pm
Thursday 14th November	Reading & Writing Parent Workshop—Year 2	2.15pm—2.45pm
Friday 15th November	Children in Need Day	All Day
Monday 18th November	Operation Christmas Child deadline for donations	All Day
Monday 18th November	Reading & Writing Parent Workshop—Year 6	2.15pm—2.45pm
Tuesday 19th November	Reading & Writing Parent Workshop—Year 1	2.15pm—2.45pm
Wednesday 20th November	Reading & Writing Parent Workshop—Year 5	2.15pm—2.45pm
Thursday 21st November	Reading & Writing Parent Workshop—Year 4	2.15pm—2.45pm
Friday 22nd November	Class Mass—Led by Year 1	9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 28th November	Assembly—Led by Year 4	9.00am—9.30am
Friday 29th November	Mass—Led by Mini Vinnies	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 6th December	Class Mass—Led by Year 5	9.00am—10.00am
Friday 13th December	Mass—Led by Staff	9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All Day
Friday 20th December	Children Break up for Christmas	3.00pm
Friday 20th December	No After School Club	

Please also see your “School Life App” for this year’s complete calendar dates.