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TO
SCHOOL

ST.MARY'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

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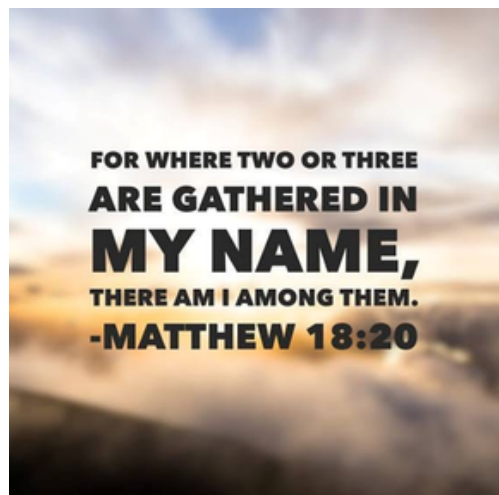
The school has been full of smiles this week as we welcomed the children back after the summer holiday. It has been lovely to see how quickly they have settled into their new classes, renewed friendships and started engaging with their learning.

We are looking forward to another exciting and rewarding year together.

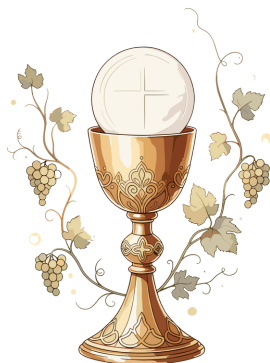
On Wednesday, during Prayer and Liturgy, children listened to a story about a little sunflower that followed the sun and grew to be unique and impressive 🌻

I reminded children that we all grow at our own pace and how I'm excited to see them grow over the year ✨

Our Faith...



In the Gospel on Sunday, Jesus tells us that God listens to us and answers our prayers. He reminds us that when we gather, He is with us. We begin our Prayer and Liturgy with this Scripture, reminding us that Jesus is with us and reflecting on Christ's presence amongst us.



Our first [School Mass](#) of the academic year will take place on [Sunday 11th October](#) in St Mary's Catholic Church at 11am. Please make every effort to join us to celebrate together in faith, give thanks and seek blessings for the year ahead.

Our News...

JEANS FOR GENES

WEAR JEANS CHANGE LIVES.



We will support the Jeans for Genes day again this year. To support this worthy cause, children are invited to wear jeans to school on [Friday 18th September](#) and bring a £1 donation. As a thank you for their support, each child will receive a charity pin badge.



With 1 in 10 families in the UK affected by a genetic condition, this special day is a chance for us all to come together, raise awareness, and show our support for families affected. Every contribution, big or small, will make a real difference



This week's certificates were awarded for children who have stood out for [settling back into their learning](#) quickly. It was wonderful to hear lots of different examples of the ways in which children have settled back into the school routine and into their learning. Well done all.

Look at Our Learning!



As a Catholic Family, we will do our best to live and learn as Christ taught us.

This week, all the children have spent time reflecting on our school Mission Statement. They have thought about what it means to them personally and how they can live it out in their daily lives.

SEPTEMBER

RESEARCH PERIOD



Our theme: The Rights of the Child.

The **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)** is an important, legally binding agreement signed by 196 countries (as of 12 July 2022) which outlines the fundamental rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities.

The Convention has 54 **articles** that cover all aspects of a child’s life.

Children have been exploring their **rights** this week. Each class have chosen articles to study and find out more about them. Some classes have compared their lives to that of children in the world who are less fortunate.

Classes have focused on **Cynefin**, which means **belonging** and they have created Class Charters.

At St Mary’s, we are proud to be a warm, welcoming, and inclusive community where everyone feels they belong.



BACK TO SCHOOL NOTICES

Next week, we will hold our Welcome Meetings at 3.20pm. These are brief meetings where the teacher will share plans for the year ahead. Please do not worry if you are unable to attend, teachers will share the Presentation on Dojo following the meeting.

If you are able to attend, please wait outside the classroom until 3.20pm when the teacher will invite you in after the buses have left site.

Thank you.

Y1 parents, please wait by the hall doors (where you collect your child).



WELCOME Meetings

MEET THE TEACHER ♥ FIND OUT ABOUT THE YEAR AHEAD
ASK QUESTIONS ♥ WORKING TOGETHER

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR WELCOME MEETINGS!

A great opportunity to:

- ♥ Meet the teacher
- ♥ Find out about the year ahead
- ♥ Learn about classroom routines
- ♥ Ask any questions

We look forward to seeing you there!

MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Mrs Loveridge (Y2)
Miss Lewis (Y1)

Miss Morgans (Y6)
Mrs Jones (Y5)

Miss Griffiths (Y4/5)
Mrs Williams (Pod Enfys)

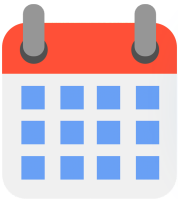
Mrs Bowd (Y3/4)
Miss Cole (Y2/3)

We can't wait to *welcome* you to a fantastic year ahead!

Together, we can make it a wonderful year!

NOTICES CONTINUED...

- **PENCIL CASES.** Children in Year 3 and above need to bring a small pencil case to school with a **blue** pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, and colours (not essential and will be provided in school).
- **WATER BOTTLES.** Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school – please only include water or weak squash. We encourage children to stay hydrated throughout the day.
- **SNACKS.** Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school for morning break time e.g. fruit, salad, vegetables, breakfast bar, crackers.
- **CREDIT UNION.** Credit Union is a great way to teach children about the importance and benefit of saving and managing money. Children are welcome to bring in any amount of money, and as often as you choose (on Wednesdays only, starting back on Wednesday 9th September).
- **SCHOOL MEALS.** Please note that as part of the Universal Primary Free School Meal initiative from Welsh Government, hot school meals are FREE for all children in every year group. Children are welcome to have a hot meal – or they can bring in a packed lunch.
- **SICKNESS.** Please note that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they need to remain away from school for 48 hours after the last episode, in line with NHS guidance. This is to help avoid spreading infection. Thank you.
- **ABSENCE.** Please report your child’s absence (by 9.30am at the latest) by leaving a message on the Absence Line (01656 815560, Option 2). This helps us ensure that all absences are recorded accurately. Even if you Dojo the class teacher, you still need to inform Mrs. Large in the School Office. Thank you.
- **CLASS DOJO | SCHOOL WEBSITE.** Both Dojo and our school website www.stmaryscatholicprimary.co.uk provide lots of useful information. Visiting the website will allow you to find out our term dates, other important dates via the calendar such as INSET days, contact information for purchasing school uniform, the updated school menu, recent newsletters and many other relevant bits of information.
- **PARKING.** As you are aware, it becomes very busy outside the school at drop off and collection time. Please ensure that you park in a safe manner as there are lots of pedestrians at this time. We kindly ask that you park considerately and show respect for our neighbours at all times.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Friday 18th September	Jeans for Genes	Children are invited to wear jeans to school and to bring a donation to support the charity.
Sunday 11th October	School Mass	St Mary’s Catholic Church at 11am – School Uniform to be worn.

*Wishing you a lovely weekend.
Mrs. Azzopardi*



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OF THE WEEK

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How are you?



As a Catholic Family, we will do our best; to live and learn as Christ taught us.

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