



ST. MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October '26

End of Half-Term News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful and busy half term. It is the last day of the half term today and children return to school on Monday 2nd November.



Yesterday, we came together as a school community to celebrate our annual United Nations Celebration. The event truly exemplified the diverse, vibrant and multicultural community we are so proud to be at St Mary's.

The school was filled with bright colours, beautiful traditional costumes, beads and gems, as well as flags and sporting kits representing countries from around the world. We were also delighted to enjoy a range of delicious traditional dishes.

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed food for us to share.

In addition, we enjoyed wonderful performances, including dancing, music and poetry from different cultures.

My sincere thanks to you all for your support and generosity for in helping to make this celebration such a success.



In the Bible, in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us: "Go and make disciples of all nations." This is a simple but powerful reminder that God's love is for people from every nation, culture and background.

Reading over half term

I encourage all families to spend some time **reading** with and to their children. Even just 10 minutes a day can make a significant difference to a child's confidence, fluency and enjoyment of reading.



Sharing stories, discussing books and listening to your child read helps to develop vocabulary, comprehension and a lifelong love of reading. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child become a successful and enthusiastic reader.

Maths at home - 1 Minute Maths!

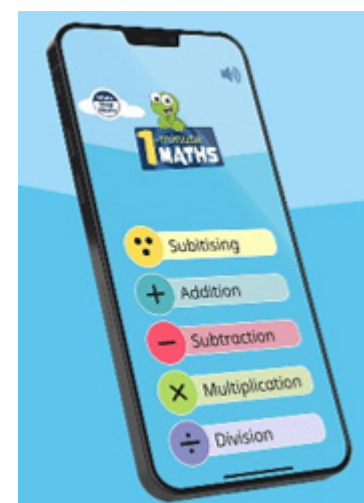
Children love technology, and it can be a great way to make learning maths fun!

Why not download the **1 Minute Maths App**?

1 Minute Maths is a super, FREE, app from White Rose Maths.

Here, children are challenged to solve as many calculations as they can in 1 minute.

Challenge your child to beat their score! A fantastic tool to develop confidence and fluency.



Our Faith in Action...



Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Harvest Appeal this year in aid of the Foodbank. We will continue to collect donations until the Wednesday after half term (4th), when the Foodbank will come and collect the items. It's not too late to donate! We are extremely grateful for your kindness and support. Every donation will help make a difference to those in our local community who are experiencing hardship. Diolch yn fawr.

Parental Consultations

A reminder that Parental Consultations will take place on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November.



If you are yet to do so, please book an appointment:

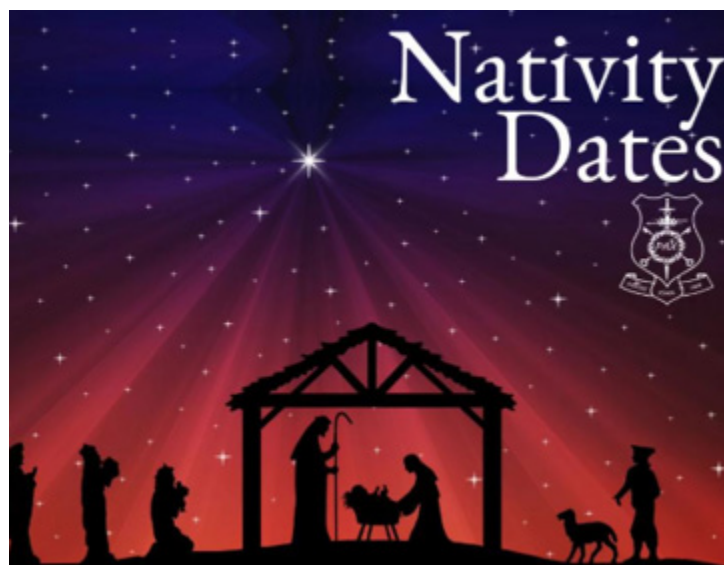
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The next event organised by the Friends will be the School Disco on 19th November. Please information attached.



Please see further information attached.

Tickets will go on sale mid November.



Keep scrolling for Dates for your diaries and information regarding Nativities and the School Disco.

Have a restful half term holiday.
Mrs. Azzopardi



Dates for your Diary...

Date	Event	Details
Friday 23rd Oct	Last day of half term (Autumn 1)	
Monday 26th October - Friday 30th Oct	Half Term Break	School closed.
Monday 2nd Nov	Return to school (Autumn 2)	
Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th Nov	Parental Consultations	Booking link: https://bookings.cloud.microsoft/book/StMarysParentalConsultations2026@hwbwave15.onmicrosoft.com/?ismsaljsauthenabed
Thursday 19th Nov	School Disco	Atelier - Year 1 - 4.30pm -5.15pm (Parents to stay) £2.50 a ticket Year 2 - 6 - 5.30pm - 6.45pm £3.50 a ticket Tickets on sale: 2nd November
Monday 7th Dec	Harold the Forgotten Reindeer Atelier to Year 2	Teepee Theatre return to present their new show to our Atelier to Year 2 pupils.
Thursday 10th Dec	Nativities	Atelier @ 10am Years 1 + 2 @ 1.30pm
Friday 11th Dec	Nativities	Years 1 + 2 @ 10am Atelier @ 1.30pm
Tuesday 15th Dec	Nativity	Years 3 + 4 @ 10am
Wednesday 16th Dec	Nativity	Years 3 + 4 @ 1.30pm
Thursday 17th Dec	Nativity Service	St. Mary's Catholic Church Years 5 + 6 6pm - 7pm
Friday 18th Dec	Last day of the Autumn Term	
Monday 4th Jan	INSET Day	School closed for Staff Training.
Tuesday 5th Jan	Spring Term 1 Begins	Children return to school for the start of the Spring Term.

It's not too late to donate...

We will still welcome donations after the half term break.
Thank you.



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

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Nativity Dates



Thursday 10th December (School Hall)
Atelier - 10AM | Years 1 + 2 - 1.30PM

Friday 11th December (School Hall)
Years 1 + 2 - 10AM | Atelier - 1.30PM

Tuesday 15th December (School Hall)
Years 3 + 4 - 10AM

Wednesday 16th December (School Hall)
Years 3 + 4 - 1.30PM

Thursday 17th December
Years 5 + 6 - 6PM- 7PM

• St. Mary's Catholic Church, Eweny Road

• Please note that this year's Nativities will be in Year Groups, not classes. Tickets will go on sale towards the middle of November.

SCHOOL DISCO

19 NOVEMBER | SCHOOL HALL

ATELIER - YEAR 1 4:30-5:15PM

YEAR 2-Y6 5:30-6:45PM



TICKET PRICES

ATELIER - YEAR 1 £2.50

YEAR 2 - 6 £3.50

INCLUDES SWEETS AND A DRINK



TUCK
SHOP

PARENTS & CARERS:

ATELIER - YEAR 1 WILL NEED TO STAY

YEAR 2 - 6 ARE WELCOME TO DROP OFF OR STAY

PLEASE SEND TICKET MONEY INTO SCHOOL IN AN
ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME, CLASS, AND
HOW MANY TICKETS ARE NEEDED 🌟

