

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | September 24th 2021



From the Head

We have had another wonderful week with our amazing children and I am so proud of each and every child, as well as the fantastic staff team that we have. I am in a very privileged position to speak to the children each day and watch them grow in confidence and talk to them about their learning. I would like to thank all of you for allowing us to share in your child's journey.

Thank you for all of your kind donations for our **Macmillan cake sale** today. There was a real sense of excitement amongst the children, especially when they had the tough decision as to what cake to choose. All of the staff have loved them too! There were so many cakes and we are incredibly grateful for your generosity, the money raised will go to support the families affected by cancer.

We are looking for an enthusiastic **Parent Governor** to join our fantastic Governing Body at the school. If you are interested, please give us a call or talk to me on the gate. We will ask you to complete an application form, which isn't too onerous.

Our **Values and Virtues** for this half term are Eloquent and Truthful, I have been talking to the children about this in our Mission and Celebration Assemblies. Being eloquent is not just about how we speak; it includes all the different ways we can express ourselves: writing, music, drama, dance, creative arts and sport. All of these things are important because they encourage our children to express themselves through their God-given talents.

Being truthful is about being able to speak the truth about ourselves and others, about the relationships we form with other people, about the world, and about God. Learning is all about seeking the truth. Already our children have shown that they understand how to be eloquent in the way that they explain their learning and how they talk to each other with kindness.

It has been a pleasure this week to have watched the children participating in a range of sports during school time and in the after-school clubs. I was so impressed with the team skills and encouragement that the children show towards each other. We have some budding dancers and the next Raheem Stirling in our midst.

We have the luxury of having our wonderful St Mary's Secret Garden. I would dearly love the children to continue using this area as there is a wealth of learning as part of our outdoor curriculum, however this has become overgrown and we need to fund a covering for the pond area. Unfortunately, we cannot do this without volunteers. If you can offer some help, please let

Mrs Worrall or I know so that we can organise a working party. I would also love to brighten the fences around the school. If anybody could help with paint, materials or elbow grease one weekend please do let us know.

I do hope you all have a wonderful weekend and next week I will advise you of dates for Parents Evening.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

Kingfishers led us in a beautiful mass this week. It was a joy to see them being so prayerful and reverent. The readings were very clear and the children, once again, have made us all very proud. We are so very blessed to have our parish within walking distance. ▶



G.I.F.T.

(Growing In Faith Together) Team

The GIFT Team have asked children to bring in different types of food such as rice, pasta, tins and packets. The food will be collected in our classes and donated to families within our community who need a little extra help. We thank you in advance for your kindness.



REMINDER: Open Morning

Reception and Nursery Class September 2022

Mrs Finch and I will be leading a school tour for new reception and nursery parents (class of 2022) on **Thursday 7th October, 9.30 – 11.30am**. If you know of someone with children due to start school next September, or who will shortly be turning 3, do please let them know about our Open Morning.

In order to keep our school community safe, all visitors are expected to comply with COVID safety regulations.

Note: The closing date for Reception applications is January 15th

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-school-place-reception

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

APPLYING FOR SCHOOL OR 3+ NURSERY?

Please get in touch to find out more about our caring school and meet our inspirational teaching team:
Open Morning
October 7th 9:30 – 11:00

"The school's values of love, patience, generosity, kindness & mutual respect are embedded across the school."
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ROBINS

We have had so much fun in the garden this week! The weather has been lovely and we have taken full advantage of this. We love to make our own obstacle courses and this week that turned into a scene from *The three billy goats gruff*. The children took it in turns to be the troll and they had great fun trying to act as scary as they could! We have also had lots of opportunities for mark making, including some lovely glittery flour. What a lovely week 😊



DOVES

This week Doves have been learning about St. Francis and his love of God's Creation. We have been practising our mental maths skills by adding and counting in our heads. The children have been writing descriptions of the Little Red Hen using adjectives. We learnt about the different continents of the world and where we live in the UK.



GOLDFINCHES



Goldfinches have been creating some impressive writing of the gingerbread man. We completed our first experiment as scientists in year two, investigating how materials can change shape when applying some force. We have also been exploring all around the United Kingdom; we have been to Loch Ness, Caernarfon Castle, The Giants Causeway and Tower Bridge. Ask us for a fun fact to know more!

KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have explored the body structure of different animals and sorted animals into vertebrates and invertebrates in our science learning. We looked at whether skeletons were internal or external for some creatures as well. During our Topic learning we have researched and presented how Roman soldiers dressed and equipped themselves for battle.



We had some extremely eloquent speakers during Mass and lots of truthful behaviours being demonstrated when learning and growing together throughout the week. We are seeing acts of kindness being expressed with increasing frequency, which is creating a rippling effect. Well done to all of Kingfisher class.

SKYLARKS

This week in Skylarks we have started reading *Kensuke's Kingdom*. The main character sets sail around the world as that is his dad's aspiration. This inspired us to write about our very own aspirations. Why not ask your child what theirs is? In RE, we made promises to God and were set the task to either write a letter or make a card using kind words for residents at Galanos House.

We are creating a rainforest display to brighten up the corridor and drew fabulous toucans ▶



DIARY DATES



EVERY FRIDAY

50p Fridays are back! bring your pennies for yummy snacks and fundraise for FOSM

Wednesday, September 29th

Swimming Lessons Start Year 3/4 (please see letter and fill in form link)

Thursday, September 30th

Whole School Harvest Festival Mass (Details to be confirmed)

Monday, October 4th

12 noon Deadline for Parent Governor Nominations
[Vacancy Letter on website](#)

Thursday, October 7th

Open Morning for new parents 9:30 – 11:00

Thursday, October 21st

Individual School Photos

October 25th – 29th

Half Term

October 31st

Application Deadline Secondary School Places

CANCELLED

Flu vaccinations YR – Y6 have been postponed to allow the nursing team to focus on 12+ COVID jabs - we will let you know when we receive our new date.

PLEASE NOTE:

DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
More dates and details online at:
<https://www.stmaryssoutham.org.uk/events/>

It's Good to Grow

If any parents - or your family and friends are Morrisons shoppers – you can fundraise for our school. Every £10 spent will earn a Grow Token that we can use towards gardening and growing equipment to add to our 'growing' outdoor kit.



Let's Dance!

Miss Jenny's Monday night dance club was a great success! The children had a brilliant time and worked so hard. She still has some spaces if any Year 3-6 children would like to start, please let the office know.

HOUSE POINTS & CAPTAINS

Our new House Captains and Deputies have been busy collecting, counting and delivering house point tokens – and this week's totals are...

- St David 141
- St Patrick 125
- St Andrew 105
- St George 92

Stars of the Week

Little Robins - Lauren

Big Robins - Frankie

Doves – Vicky

Goldfinches - Alfie

Kingfishers – Esther & Harry

Skylarks – Seth & Jessica

