

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | October 14th 2022



From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the blink of an eye another week has zoomed by and I must thank all of our children and especially all of the staff at St Mary's, more so this week than ever. As I have found to my own detriment, Covid has most definitely not gone away and we need to be more vigilant again. We are in the season of lots of coughs and colds, which is what I thought I had... Thank goodness we have moved forwards with technology and that I could work remotely all week with Mrs Banat-Rinz holding down front of house.

The children have had such an exciting week with the Olympian Amy Smith coming in to work with each class. What an amazing memory to hold on to for all of the children. It gives me great delight to announce that we have secured funding this year to have our own 25M Swimming Pool in school for two weeks. This will be an amazing opportunity for every child in the school to have the opportunity to swim in small groups. There will be more information to follow about this but the pool should be arriving in February, along with a fully trained life guard and swimming teacher. What an amazing opportunity for all of our children to have!

October is the Month of the Rosary

October is a busy month. Autumn is making its presence known, school is in full swing, and All Saints Day is fast approaching. However, in the Catholic calendar, October is the month of the Rosary.

You may wonder; what do the month of October and Our Lady of the Rosary have to do with each other and how did the Rosary originate?

Origins of the Rosary

The history of the Rosary mostly consists of legend and tradition. There is evidence that beads were used to count Our Fathers and Hail Marys in the Middle Ages. Fittingly, bead is derived from the Old English word for prayer.

Between the twelfth and fifteenth centuries, the structure of the Rosary included praying fifty Hail Marys together with the Psalms. Our word Rosary derives its meaning from the word *rosarium*, or rose garden. Saint Louis de Montfort wrote in his book, *The Secret of the Rosary*,

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses," that is to say that every time people say the Rosary devoutly they place a crown of...roses upon the heads of Jesus and Mary. Being heavenly flowers these roses will never fade or lose their exquisite beauty.

"One day, through the Rosary...Our Lady will save the world."

Saint Dominic's words have proven themselves true countless times. The Rosary has been a sign of hope and a source of many graces. There is a tradition that in 1214, Our Lady appeared to Saint Dominic and gave him the Rosary as we know it today.

Over the course of this month the children have been learning the Hail Mary and The Angelus in different forms: through prayer, art, drama, singing and also learning to sign. Ask them to show you – they have blown me away with how quickly they learn things!

God Bless

Maureen Collier

▶ ▶ In case you missed it...

ATHLETE VISIT

Please send any sponsorship forms back and any much needed donations.

HARVEST

DONATIONS

If you feel able to donate, please do send your long-life grocery items in to school next week.

FOSM Disco 5.30 -

7:30 Fri

Come boogie the night away. Children must be accompanied at all times

PARENT SURVEY

As we constantly strive to provide a high-quality education, your views are invaluable in order for us to achieve our vision:

<https://forms.office.com/r/WUKx6XBmyN>

Please take the time to answer the questions on this online survey and write your comments, before it closes at midday on October 17th, letting us know what you feel is working well and what we need to improve upon.

Thank You



AUTUMN TERM OPEN MORNINGS

In case you missed it...

We really enjoyed meeting prospective new Reception, Nursery and in-year transfer families at Tuesday's first Open Morning of the year. If you missed it, the next is:

Thurs. 3rd November @ 9:30 – 11:00am

Please register by emailing the school

office: admin3505@welearn365.com

We offer flexible hours and wrap around care.

All children are entitled to 15 hours free childcare and working families may be eligible for 30 hours. Wraparound care also available.

Stars of the Week

Nursery – Ivor

Reception – Teddy

Year 1 – Callie-Rose

Year 2 – Flori

Year 3 – Mason

Year 4/5 – Bella & Casey

Year 5/6 – Amelka & Tadei



EVERY FRIDAY

Celebration Assembly

@9:15 School Hall (open to all)

50p Friday Snacks & drinks on sale after school. Bring your pennies to fundraise for FOSM

Monday, October 17

MOP Fair in Town

Tuesday, October 18

NO EYFS children in B & A SC

Tuesday, October 18 – Time change!!!

Year 3 Class Mass @ **10.30am**

Friday, October 21

Break up for half term

FOSM Disco 5:30 – 7:30

October 24 – 28

Half Term

Tuesday, November 1

Whole School Mass

Thursday, November 3,

@9:30 – 11:00

Open Morning

Reception & Early Years

Friday, November 4

Year 3: Romans Rule Trip

Tuesday, November 8

Year 5/6 Mass

Friday 11th November

Armistice Day

November 14 - 18

Anti-Bullying Week

Friday, November 25

Xmas Jumper Sale

Sunday, November 27

Christmas lights switch on

PLEASE NOTE:

DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

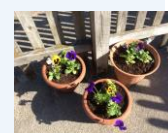
More dates and details online at:

<https://www.stmaryssoutham.org.uk/events/>

HOUSE POINTS



will be back next week



In EYFS this week, we have continued looking at the changing seasons and have been busy potting plants. One of our wonderful families have donated all of the plants to us, to aide in our children's learning and we couldn't be more grateful to Poppy's Plants for this! The plants that they have donated have helped us to brighten up our outdoor area. The children loved helping by: filling the pots with compost, creating holes in the soil, planting the plants and watering them. These all link in to their learning in Maths and Science. We have discussed how to care for plants and looked closely at their roots. Thank you once again to Poppy's Plants for giving us this opportunity! 😊

Year One – Ms Priestley

This week Year One have had another busy week! We have been using our greater than and less than symbols in maths to compare numbers and we have also been working super hard to write sentences in English. On Tuesday we had lots of fun doing our circuits with Olympian, Amy Smith and on Wednesday we had a fantastic walk around Southam to learn more about our local area! We went on a scavenger hunt to find human and physical features of Geography around Southam, and collected various bits of nature to add to our 'nature bracelets'. Let's keep up the super work Year One! 😊

Year Two – Ms Pahnke

Year Two have started a new text in English this week, 'Once Upon an Ordinary School Day'. The children are excited to see what happens with Mister Gee being the new class teacher and what the Ordinary Boy might do next. They have been learning how to write in the past tense ready for writing diary entries. In Math's we have continued using our number bonds to 10 and how they can help us with number bonds to 100. We took our RE learning outside this week to try to understand the fatigue and suffering Mary and Joseph must have felt walking all the way to Egypt. We only walked a quarter of a mile and we were tired and fed up! The children thoroughly enjoyed the sports active event with our Olympic swimmer, Amy Smith. Thank you for all of your donations! The pom pom jar is filling up nicely with the children's fantastic reading at home! Thank you for your continued support.

Year Three – Ms Keith

This week has been a very busy week in Year Three. During the week, the children have been completing assessments and have blown me away with their perseverance and determination. They should be extremely proud of themselves. We have also begun to look at the theme of Reconciliation during our RE lessons and the children have been looking at the gift of choice and the different choices that they can make. We also had a very exciting Tuesday afternoon when Olympic swimmer, Amy Smith, came to visit. The children loved completing their circuit with her! We go to Lunt Fort soon and I must have all completed forms returned to school. If you have any questions about this, please do come and speak to myself or Mrs Collier on the gate. Thank you for your continued support with reading and homework.

Year Four & Five – Mrs Hawley & Ms Costa

This week Year Four/ Five have had a very busy week! Not only have we been completing assessments, Year Four have been to Mass too. The whole class were, as always, a credit to the school and the children that read, did so reverently and beautifully. We have had the inspirational Olympic Swimmer, Amy Smith, in school leading the sponsored activities and telling us all about her life as a professional swimmer. In RE we have been learning about the Jewish tradition of prayer as well as the signs and symbols Jesus would recognise from around the temple as a boy. In Science we have been learning about the digestive system and how our bodies get energy from the food we eat.

Year Five & Six – Mrs Banat-Rinz

What a busy week we have had in Year Five/ Six. The highlight of this week was the afternoon spent with our Olympic swimmer, Amy Smith. Everyone in every class did lots of different, timed exercises, whilst those that waited, cheered each other on. It was a wonderful atmosphere and everyone was so supportive of each other. In Theme, we have continued to produce fact files on various countries in North America. We will be sharing these with the rest of the school in our library. Why don't you ask your child what amazing facts they have found out?

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

YN: Lily	Y3: Alice
YR: Louie	Y4/5: Amari & Ned
Y1: Frankie	Y5/6: Peyton & Lucy
Y2: Florence	

LUNCHTIME AWARD

YN: Mollie	Y3: Rebecca
YR: Chester	Y4/5: Charlie & Claudia
Y1: Charlotte	Y5/6: Matteo & Sophia D
Y2: Amelia	

