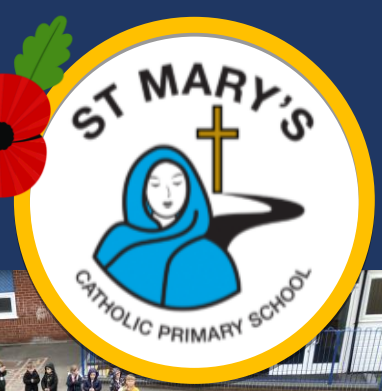


# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | November 11<sup>th</sup> 2022



## From the Head...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This weekend we celebrate Remembrance Sunday and honour those who gave their lives to secure the freedom that we enjoy today. As a whole school we gathered today to have a moment of silence to remember the fallen and all those who have been victims of warfare. We have been very conscious of areas of the world still affected by war, and the children within our school family who have been affected by this, and we remember the importance of praying for peace. My thanks must go out, once again, to staff for educating our children about this very important day and for the stunning entrance display (see back page).



Today I had the privilege of having a tea party with our Super Star children and I hope I have the opportunity to do this with every child across the year. All of our children are beautiful individuals but these children always go above and beyond to demonstrate our school values through their words and their actions – they should be so very, very proud of themselves.

This is the crazy time of the year, but such a wonderful time to prepare our children through the season of Advent, leading to that very special day, the re-birth of the new Messiah, Christmas day. Please continue to check the diary as dates are all on there and we will keep reminding you!

We are looking for donations of costumes for our school Christmas performances – if you are a dab hand with a needle and thread then we need you! We need to organise clothes for Mary and Joseph, angels, the shepherds, the Wise men, the stars and the multitude of animals. I know that we are asking a lot at a time when we are all counting the pennies (and the pounds!), as a school we are the same.

Covid is still with us and we need to keep classes ventilated at all times, please dress your children in layers as it can be a little breezy in the classrooms. If they wear layers, they can always take jumpers and cardigans off. On that note can I please, please, please implore you to name your children's uniform and their coats! The amount of jumpers, cardigans, shoes (yes odd shoes!), trousers, coats, gloves we have to try and reunite with children every day is on an epic proportion. If items are named we can reunite lost items with their owners.

Have a wonderful weekend with your wonderful young people.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

## SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Our amazing altar servers have received their Guild of St Stephen medals and we couldn't be any prouder of them - what marvellous disciples they are and they have worked hard to achieve this. Well done to you both!

The Guild aims to: encourage, positively and practically, the highest standards of serving at the Church's liturgy and so contribute to the whole community's participation in a more fruitful worship of God. To provide altar servers with a greater understanding of what they are doing so that they may serve with increasing reverence and prayerfulness and thereby be led to a deepening response to their vocation in life.

## St Mary's Superstars

By Special Invitation... The Superstar Tea Party for last half term's children, who staff have recognised always show their Super Star quality, took place this week.

Congratulations to all our superstar children!

Cara, Teddy, Loui, Amelia, Noah P, Tallulah, Stephanie, Miriam, Sophia K

## Stars of the Week

Nursery – Roman

Reception – Lauren

Year 1 – Kabelle

Year 2 – Aimee

Year 3 – Felicity & Sebastian

Year 4/5 – Isabella & Dougie

Year 5/6 – Jimmy & David

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



▶ **PLEASE NOTE MASS DAY CHANGE:** New Thursday dates for Class Masses from now on

November 14 - 18

Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday, November 17

Year 4 Mass @9:15AM Church

Friday, November 18

Non-Uniform Day - *bring a bottle for FOSM's Water/Wine stall at the Christmas Light Switch on.*

Wednesday, November 30

ALL St Andrew's Day

Wear a blue or tartan item with your uniform.

Tuesday, November 29

Nativity Dress rehearsal

Thursday, December 1

Nativity Performance @10AM

Tuesday, December 6

Nativity Performance @6PM

Friday, December 9

Christmas Dinner & Jumpers

Wednesday, December 14

KS2 Christmas Carol Concert Church @ 6.00pm

**FOSM DATES & UPDATES...**

Friday, November 25

Xmas Jumper Sale

▶▶ Now accepting jumper donations in to school

Sunday, November 27

Christmas lights switch on

▶▶ Now accepting donations of bottled water/wine for our popular stall in to school

12 December 7-9pm

Wreath making workshop

\*\* additional date added \*\*

▶▶ 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 7-9pm fully booked; waiting list available

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

We have had some very exciting news from Mrs Clarke, one of our chickens has laid their first egg! The children enjoyed reminiscing and sharing their memories of the chicks hatching. The children were intrigued to see what was inside the egg, so we cracked it and cooked it. This led to interesting discussions about the clear white changing colour as it cooked. Thank you to the Clarke family for the lovely photographs and updates. The chicks were very lucky to have such a lovely new home to go to!



**Year One - Ms Priestley**

Another super week in Year One! We have been working hard on our sentence writing and addition. We have some fantastic mathematicians in our class and I am incredibly proud of how much effort each of the children have put in to become even better at adding more and finding parts. The Three Billy Goats Gruff have tasked us with building a bridge for them to cross without a grumpy troll underneath, so this week we explored lots of different materials we could use and whether they were flimsy, rigid, flexible or solid! Keep up the hard work Year One 😊

**Year Two - Ms Pahnke**

What a super week! The children have had lots of questions to answer this week, some of which is learning they haven't done yet but they have shown great perseverance all the way through. We have learnt new information about St. Francis and what qualities he and other saints have. We are inspiring to show these qualities throughout our lives every day. We have also spent time remembering those who have passed away and created some beautiful art work on this. In PE we have been practicing our balance skills and seeing how long we have hold positions for. This meant we got to also show off our dance moves in a game of musical statues. The children have hard at work practicing the Nativity. You should have received a letter informing you of your child's role. If you have any questions regarding their costume, please ask.

**Year Three - Ms Keith**

This week in Year Three we've had another great week of learning. In our Maths lessons, we have been practicing our addition and subtraction skills using the column method and in our English lessons, we have written a letter to Mrs Collier, as Julius Zebra, persuading her not to come and visit him at the Watering Hole. After having such a fantastic time at Lunt Fort last week, we have also continued to look at life as a Roman Soldier in our Topic lessons. We have also started a new topic in our Science lessons called 'Health and Movement'. The children have enjoyed learning about a balanced diet and are looking forward to learning about the human body. Please remind the children that their reading and spelling books should be in school every day and homework books should be returned to school on a Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support with everything!



**Year Four & Five - Mrs Hawley & Ms Costa**

This week, Year 4/5 have been working hard in Science learning how to categorise different animals by their characteristics. In RE we have been writing our own prayers of praise and thanks, we have also been writing our own versions of the Our Father. In topic we have been learning about the different Biome regions of the world such as: the savannah, tropical rainforests and frozen tundra. We have been writing prayers and poems for Remembrance Day, so we never forget!

**Year Five & Six - Mrs Banat-Rinz**

A lot of this week in November has been about remembering those who are no longer with us. We have written prayers to loved ones and fallen soldiers. The highlight for me was the heartfelt "black out" poems everyone produced that brought a tear to my eye. We have been really busy comparing cathedrals in Coventry UK and in Rhode Island USA and we even tried to construct our own out of cardboard- these are still a work in progress! Thankyou once again for your continued support with reading with your child daily, encouraging them to play TTRS each night plus ensuring they complete their homework by Wednesday each week.

**EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR**

YN: Mollie	Y3: Sophie
YR: Poppy	Y4/5: Noah & Tami
Y1: Nero	Y5/6: Amelka & Olivia
Y2: Jamal	

**LUNCHTIME AWARD**

YN: Kai	Y3: Alfie
YR: Arlyn	Y4/5: Delilah & Layla
Y1: Leo	Y5/6: Thomas & Jessica
Y2: Delilah P	

**HOUSE POINTS**

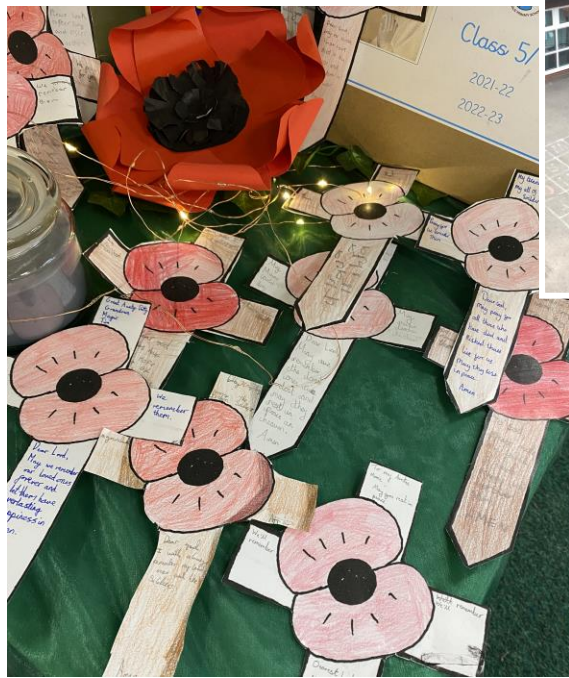
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# LEST WE FORGET

REMEMBRANCE DAY



A brightly ever living God,  
We give thanks to the people who gave their lives for our freedom.

O God,  
May they be happy in heaven and be joyous of the freedom they gave to us.

Our Lord,  
May they have the happiness they deserve and may they smile down on us from heaven.

Thank you Lord,  
for their amazing work they did for us, our country and the world.  
May they rest in peace for ever.

Maker of heaven and earth,  
Now they are in heaven, may they their families be so comforted and helped for having this dreadful loss.

God, our father,  
May they be remembered and remembered for generations to come.

Father in Heaven,  
May they be praised and glorified for ever and ever.  
Amen

World War I

17 million people died  
1914-1918  
4 years of pure terror

What is it that we do for All Souls?