

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | November 18th 2022



From the Head...

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been much in the news this week about climate change with the COP27 conference, which we have looked at in school. As nations contend with the complexities of achieving 'net zero', we come back to the simple idea at the heart of our faith, which is to 'Live Simply'. Pope Francis reminds us in 'Laudato Si' about our 'care for the common home'. This reminds us of the need to take swift and unified global action. So, as well as praying and reflecting on God's creation we should aim to do practical things, such as reducing our impact on the planet by reducing, reusing and recycling. If you have a moment have a look at the CAFOD website with your children: www.cafod.org.uk This is an organisation that brings hope and compassion to poor communities, standing alongside them in the fight to end poverty and injustice.

On Friday 25th November we will be having an Advent Day, this is where we shall be changing our prayer areas to the liturgical colour of purple to symbolise Advent. We are inviting Parents and Carers to join us from 9.15 – 10.15am. We would ask you to sign in with Mrs Worrall (so we know who we have in the building in case of a fire). Doors will open at 9.15am – as we need to register the children. We are acutely aware that some of you have never had the opportunity to be in your child's class. If you have more than one child with us we will escort you between classes.

Get your creative hats on as we will be creating Advent wreaths, making models of baby Jesus and creating Advent inspired works of art. We will hold Advent prayer services within our own classes too, but this will happen later as we are spending the day preparing for the most wonderful season to begin.

During the season of Advent (beginning on Sunday 27th November and throughout December) try to prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus. We have explained to children that this is a season of waiting; a season of hope and love. Let it be a special time for all families.

As a school we have had a case of impetigo reported and parents in that class have been advised. We would ask you all to monitor your children and enclose a link for more information. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo>. If you would like to discuss further then please do catch me on the gate, email or call the office. The school will be having a deep clean today – what a welcome for our new Site Services Officer; Mr O'Connor.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I am sure you will all be watching the England Vs New Zealand game on Saturday!

God Bless

Maureen Collier

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES!
CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT OUR SMALL SCHOOL BY
OFFERING A PRIZE FOR OUR UP AND COMING RAFFLE?

ST MARYS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, SOUTHAM.
PRIZES NEED TO BE WITH SCHOOL BY 24TH
NOVEMBER

RAFFLE: If any parents run a local business or know someone who does, please consider supporting our Christmas raffle! We already have some great prizes, but would love more. Please speak to your class rep or email friendsofstmaryssoutham@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you for your support, FOSM.

Stars of the Week

Nursery – Everleigh

Reception – Leo

Year 1 – Frankie

Year 2 – Thomas

Year 3 – Cillian

Year 4/5 – Harry & Ned

Year 5/6 – Matteo & Max

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



Thursday, November 24

Year 5 Mass - 9:15 @ Church

Friday, November 25

Advent Day 9:15 - 10:15

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

NEW Saturday, December 3

09:30 - 11:30

Santa Breakfast



12 December 7-9pm

Wreath making workshop

** additional date added **

▶▶ 5th 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/>

Reception and Nursery have been learning about 'People who care for us' in RE. We looked at how our families and community help to look after us and discussed which actions demonstrate this. We have learnt why two people get married and decided to role play a wedding. The children pretended to make a promise to care and love each other for as long as they shall live. We had lots of fun and everyone enjoyed it!



Year One - Ms Priestley

I have been blown away this week with how brilliantly Year One have been working! We have had a go at writing our own versions of the Three Billy Goats Gruff and wow! I am amazed at how resilient they have all been and how much effort they have put in to create their very best work. What super stars! In maths, we have been learning about fact families and putting our adding and subtracting skills to the test. It has also been so lovely to see the Nativity coming together - we have some fantastic performers in our midst and I think there will definitely be a few teary eyes in the audience at how beautiful they all sound! We had a lovely craft afternoon yesterday for RE where we are creating stained glass windows to represent the parables we have been learning about - I'm sure they would love to tell you about the different stories! Thank you for all your brilliant work, Year One, let's keep it up! 😊

Year Two - Ms Pahnke

Year Two had an exciting week. They have been investigating a 'robbery' at Sweet Boutiques and using their knowledge of properties of material to help them find out which animal it was. Following our investigation, we have written an important letter to the 'police' to inform them of our results. In Maths we have been furthering our knowledge of addition and subtraction and moving onto adding two 2-digit numbers, we have enjoyed using our resources to help us with this. In RE, we have learnt of a time when Jesus was feeling anger when God's house was used as a market. To help us learn the seven continents we have remembered a song. This has also provided us with some facts about each continent and they can name them largest to smallest. Thank you for your continued support.

Year Three - Ms Keith

We have been working very hard again in Year 3 this week! In our English lessons, we published our letters to Mrs Collier and have been practising some of our grammar and reading skills. In our Maths lessons, we have continued practising our addition and subtraction skills and in our topic lessons we have learnt all about Claudius and his invasion! We have also enjoyed a visit from Severn Trent this week and learnt all about how people waste water and the strategies that we can use to help save water. We also look forward to starting our new Advent topic in RE next week! Thank you for your continued support.

Year Four & Five - Mrs Hawley & Ms Costa

It's been another busy week of learning in Year 4/5 this week. In our maths lesson, we have continued practising our subtraction and addition skills using the column method and in English lessons we have written diary entries as the character Sam from the book we have been reading 'Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Sharks.' In our RE lessons, we have been learning about the Holy Rosary. We have been looking at how we pray using the Rosary and looking at the different mysteries which focus on the important parts of the life of Jesus Christ. We had a lovely workshop on Wednesday morning too from Severn Trent where we learnt all about how we use water in our everyday lives and what we can do to help save and not waste it when at home. Yesterday, Year 4 and I went to Mass at church. The children behaved impeccably, and the readers read beautifully. I was very proud of them especially when I was stopped by a parishioner on the way out who told me how lovely the Mass was and how wonderful the children were throughout. Well done Year 4!

Year Five & Six - Mrs Banat-Ruvz

What a busy but exciting week we have had. Firstly, we finally completed our art work linked to last month's Black History and we created a *Gallery of Greatness*. Later in the week, Severn Trent Water held an assembly and workshop helping us understand the importance of drinking tap water, using a reusable water bottle to reduce plastic pollution plus way to reduce wastage of water. The end of the week saw us take part in a really exciting STEM project making gliders - it's great to see that we have lots of budding engineers in our midst.

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

YN: Ivy	Y3: Alice
YR: Archie	Y4/5: Tallulah & Ollie
Y1: Charlotte	Y5/6: Hamish & Harriet
Y2: Amelia	

LUNCHTIME AWARD

YN: Orla	Y3: Knox
YR: Poppy	Y4/5: Jasper & Darcy
Y1: Maisie	Y5/6: Esther & Tadei
Y2: Finn	

HOUSE POINTS

St George 248
St Andrew 211
St Patrick 205
St David 171

