



'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

YEAR OF PRAYER

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Dear parents / carers,

We had a visitor in school this week. Mrs Fox, from the local authority looked around the school and I wanted to share with you the wonderful things she said about the children. She commented on how independent all our wonderful Nursery and Reception children are and how engaged in their independent learning they all were. She noticed how calm and engaged all the children in Key Stage 1 were with their learning and how well they responded to each other and to her. All our fabulous children were very confident to talk to Mrs Fox about their learning. She was very impressed.



As you are aware we had a NSPCC assembly this week for the children in Key Stage one, reminding them that if they ever feel unsafe at home or at school then they should speak to a familiar adult. The children enjoyed the assembly and were all able to tell me that they could speak to someone both at home and at school and they understood that they all have a right to 'Speak out and stay safe'.

We also learnt the NSPCC rhyme to remember the childline number which is 0800 11 11

If you did not get a chance to see the links that I put on the Newsletter last week you can see them on the links below.

Speak out, Stay safe - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfY_xrSQNEk

PANTS - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnroTxz7USI>

If we, as a school and you as parents, can equip the children with the right tools to be able to speak out and stay safe in the world then we are doing a good job.

St Francis Assembly

The whole school and St Francis parents were able to see St Francis Class wonderful assembly on Wednesday. They spoke about how unique and special we all are and no matter what we look like or who we are, we are all special in the eyes of God. We saw some wonderful acting – showing us that it is not ok to shout and not let others play with us and we feel much happier when we are kind and caring towards others.

They also showed us how we can live the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching and that it our Catholic Faith to do what God has called us to do, by helping others, sharing with others, showing we care, knowing we are all special, being peace makers, caring of our wonderful world.

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As we continue to prioritise the well-being and development of all students at St Mary's Catholic Infant School, we would like to take a moment to address the importance of respectful communication when it comes to matters concerning our children.

We understand that conflicts or disagreements among students may arise from time to time. When such situations occur, it is crucial that we handle them with care and sensitivity, prioritizing the needs and growth of the children involved.

In line with this, we kindly remind all parents and guardians to refrain from engaging in discussions or conversations about issues between children outside of the school environment. While we value open communication and parental involvement, addressing student matters within the school grounds allows us to provide timely support, guidance, and resolution in a controlled and supportive setting.

By maintaining confidentiality and respecting the privacy of all individuals involved, we not only uphold the integrity of our school community but also demonstrate a collective commitment to fostering a culture of trust and respect.

Should you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's well-being at school, we encourage you to reach out to us directly. The St Mary's team is here to listen, support, and work collaboratively with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter. Together, we can continue to nurture a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all members of our school community.



A Word from Pope Francis

*"The family's strength lies in its capacity to **love** and to teach how to **love**. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to love everyone."*

*"What does **love** look like? It has hands to help others"*

St Augustine of Hippo

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for being our **loving** friend. Please help us always to **love** you and to keep growing in **love** for one another

Amen

Golden Table

Unfortunately, I was unable to have lunch on the Golden table today but Mr Francois Williams stepped in and had the pleasure of having lunch with such polite children. He told me he could see why they had all been chosen. This week the children with exceptional manners were:

in Kamsi St Andrew Class, Hemkrish in St George Class, Francis in St Bernadette Class, Lisa in St Therese Class, Nichole in St Francis Class and in Julian in St Martin Class

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Summer 1

Week 1		Week 4	
15.4.23		6.5.24	BANK HOLIDAY
16.4.24	St Bernadette Feast day	7.5.24	
17.4.24		8.5.24	
18.4.24		9.5.24	Ascension Day, Reception to Golden Hinde
19.4.24		10.5.24	
Week 2	21.4.24 Earth Day	Week 5	
22.4.24		13.5.24	St Martin to Mass
23.4.24	St Georges day	14.5.24	
24.4.24		15.5.24	St Martin Assembly
25.4.24		16.5.24	
26.4.24		17.5.24	
Week 3		Week 6	
29.4.24	St Francis to Mass	20.5.24	
30.4.24		21.5.24	
1.5.24	St Francis Assembly	22.5.24	
2.5.24		23.5.24	St Marys Feast day
3.5.24		24.5.24	INSET DAY

Summer 2

Week 1		Week 5	
3.6.24		1.7.24	
4.6.24	Nursery to Bocketts Farm	2.7.24	
5.6.24		3.7.24	Year 1 to British Wildlife centre
6.6.24		4.7.24	Catholic Infant Sports day EY new parents meeting 6pm
7.6.24		5.7.24	
Week 2		Week 6	
10.6.24		8.7.24	
11.6.24		9.7.24	
12.6.24	St Andrew Class Assembly Year 2 Sea life Centre Brighton	10.7.24	St Therese Assembly
13.6.24		11.7.24	
14.6.24	Father's day assembly	12.7.24	
Week 3	Fathers day 16th June	Week 7	
17.6.24		15.7.24	
18.6.24		16.7.24	Year 2 leavers Mass
19.6.24	St George Class Assembly	17.7.24	Nursery picnic
20.6.24		18.7.24	Reception Graduation
21.6.24		19.7.24	
Week 4		Week 8	
24.6.24		22.7.24	Whole school to Mass.
25.6.24	Sport Day	23.7.24	END OF TERM
26.6.24	St Bernadette Assembly	24.7.24	INSET DAY
27.6.24			
28.6.24			

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