

SMA News

Upcoming Events

Spring term 2020 Summary of events to date
Please be aware that these may change or be added to as the term progresses.

Month	Sacramental and Parish linked activities	School trips/visits	In School events	Additional Parental support	Extra curricular events
February	<p>9/2- 9.30am Family Mass/Y3 Mass of Commitment</p> <p>24/2- Confessions for Y6</p> <p>27/2- Y6 Confirmation 7pm</p> <p>26/2- Ash Wednesday KS2 children to Mass am</p> <p>KS1 children penitential service in school pm</p>	<p>5/2 Reception trip to the Sea life Centre</p>	<p>2/2 Y3 prayer service 2.45pm</p> <p>11/2 Safer Internet Day assemblies and lesson focus today</p> <p>14/2 -St Valentine's day themed School lunch (see Newsletters and flyers)</p> <p>14/2- Art exhibition in school am (details to follow)</p> <p>28/2 Y3 class led assembly</p>	<p>12/2 Y3 Reconciliation Parents' talk 6.30pm</p>	
March	<p>20/3 2pm in church. Sacrament of Reconciliation for Y3</p> <p>22/3 -9.30 am Mothering Sunday Mass (Y1 & Y2)</p> <p>6/3 Y4 Sacrament of Reconciliation 1.30pm</p> <p>13/3 Y5 sacrament of Reconciliation</p>	<p>6/3- Fitness and Wellbeing day in School</p> <p>25/3 Stations of the Cross Walsall Catholic Cluster schools service at St Mary the Mount Church 1.30pm</p> <p>18/3 Y4 trip to Gladstone Pottery</p> <p>IBC Y5 trip Galleries of Justice</p>	<p>6/3 Y4 prayer service 2.45pm</p> <p>9/3 School Council "Lunchbox watch" 2</p> <p>13/3 Y2 prayer service 2.45pm</p> <p>20/3 Y1 prayer service 2.45pm</p> <p>27/3- Y2 Class led Assembly 9/10am</p> <p>27/3- EYFS prayer service 2.45pm</p> <p>30/3- INSET Day - No Pupils in School</p> <p>Wk beg 31/3- R.E through Literacy</p>	<p>3/3 Phonics workshop for EYFS 2.45-3.15pm</p> <p>31/3 and 1/4 Parents' Consultations after school</p>	<p>20/3- Mothers' Day Gift Shop (PTA) Details to follow</p>

And Finally ...

Well done to Joseph in Y1, who has composed (with a little help from Mrs Amann) a new version of our Mission Statement. The children sang it for me, in Hymn Practice, this morning. It is great!



EYFS busy printing with paint.

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CELEBRATING WRITING

I just want to share with you some of the quality writing that is occurring in all subjects, in school, across the forthcoming weeks. It is really impressive and worth celebrating. Attached this week is Y1 work.

Writers in Y6 have really impressed me recently, with some quality work on Scrooge. They are using excellent research and writing talk at home to select vocabulary for effect, in keeping with the era they are writing about.

Writers in Y5 have written some stunning letters, inspired by C S Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"

Writers in Y4 are currently using their History work as a source of inspiration and are writing Viking Sagas.

Writers in Y3 have also been inspired by the Luna calendar and Chinese New Year. Their work on The legend of Nian has really pleased many people.

Writers in Y2 have had a serious case of naughty pencil crayons, quitting their jobs. They have also been challenged to write descriptively from their experiences. *(Details to follow next week)*

Writers in Y1's recent work on Road Danger as part of Local Studies, has resulted in some really great letters to parents. I would ask that you read them and please, please please, it would really mean so much if you took the time to respond in writing to them? (See feedback sheet attached). Stickers are available on request for willing parents. Remember we are a partnership in challenging children to write effectively.

Writing in Reception is going to be all about non fiction sentences, describing their trip to the Sea Life Centre.

And **Nursery** have been writing about which toppings they would like on their pizzas.



Y1 on field work checking traffic

ATTENDANCE

As promised, please find attached the current attendance details for each year group. Remember, 90% is a bottom line expectation for each child. Government expectations look more like 95-96% attendance across the school.

At the moment, we are above National expectations, with our overall attendance being 96%. Well done everyone!

Here is the class break down:

Rec	95.6%
Y1	96.6%
Y2	97.4%
Y3	97.3%
Y4	93%
Y5	96%
Y6	96%



Well done to Y1,2, 3, they are definitely in the lead. Come on Rec and come on Y4!

Thanks to Mrs Potter for being our attendance manager; the statistics have improved as a result of her.

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REQUESTS/REMINDERS

Mrs Coleman and Y5 are really desperate for some additional newspapers, for their forthcoming painting sessions. Please can you send them in for her? (No inappropriate pictures please) Thank you.

We ask for good attendance to support our Y3 children at Mass, this weekend as they prepare for their forthcoming Reconciliation and Holy Communion Sacraments. See you on Sunday 9.30am for our family Mass.

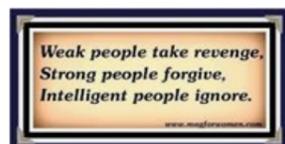
We also ask for your continued prayers for our Y6 Confirmandi class, as they prepare for their Sacrament at the end of this month.

Next Friday, we have our Art Exhibition in school. Please find the letter attached if you have not already sent it in.

Our website is in the process of a refurb, so apologies—we will be with you very soon. We will also be sharing a twitter feed to help keep you up to date.

Thanks to Mrs Ward for her hard work on these updates. She is definitely bringing us into the 21st Century.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY





St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Head teacher: Mrs. C.M. O'Hara B.Ed DPSE



Friday 24th January 2020

Dear Parents,

Riding high on the success of previous year's enthusiasm for Art Week culminating in our SMA Art Exhibition, children will again be focusing on a finished piece to display, in the next few weeks. They will be developing their skills in painting, photography and drawing.

On Friday 14th February from 8.30am - 10.00am the children will showcase their final piece of art in an exhibition, and you are invited to come and see their work, on display, in a Finale of SMA artistic talent. We are expecting quality art, quality presentation and proud children.

This is also an opportunity for your child to strive to: produce work they are pleased and proud of; to develop skills in art; to demonstrate resilience and extend confidence in their own abilities.

Please come and join us. Complete and return the slip below to let us know numbers. If would like to purchase your child's finished piece of art, you can pay £3.00 on the School Gateway prior to the showcase.

Kind Regards

St Mary of the Angels Teaching Staff

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ART EXHIBITION - 14th FEBRUARY 2020

I parent of _____ will be attending the art exhibition. Circle the time below.

8.30 - 9.00am

9.00 - 9.30am

9.30 - 10.00am

Signed _____

Date _____

In line with Data Protection this information will be shredded once the event has taken place.

Feedback sheet for parents



Dear Y1 children I want to say the following about your lovely letters:

From

Signed _____

Date _____

Friday 31st January

St Marys of the Angels

Weston Crescent

Andridge

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Dear Parents,

We have had school and local area
and have been learning a lot about
Andridge in Geography wider
Learning Topic. We have been looking
at ways of being safer we have
found out that lots of children
come to school in a car when
we don't get a walk we can
cars not parking in the church
we think it would be better if
of them to park in the church
This would be better because
it would be safer. We also
think it would be safer if
you switch your engine off
because it will be strong and more

Please don't drink fasto *
Please help us to make Adridge
a better place and keep us safe.
Thank you for reading my
letter. From Joe my age six

Friday 31st January

St Mary of the Angels

Weston Crescent

Aldridge

31.1.20

Dear Parents we love our school and local area and have been learning a lot about Aldridge in our Geography Wider Learning Topic. We have been looking at ways to park your cars safely.

Please do not park on the pavements

because children can't get through.

People parking on the zig zag. Stop parking on the zig zags, and park in the church.

There is lots
Things lost OF spasms
to park and it keeps
you safe and fit.

Thank you for reading
my letter.

Friday 31th January

St Mary of the Angels
Weston Crescent
Aldridge
31.1.2020

Dear Parents.

We love our school and local area and have been learning a lot about Aldridge in our Geography Wider Learning topic. We have been looking at ways to park safely.

We found out that people need to park safely because they are parking on the zigzags and pavements!

When we went for a walk we saw
a car on the pavement and it
drove off ^{nearly} hitting my fat!
We think it would be better
if people would not
park on the zigzag and
parked in the fantastic church.
This would be better if you
switch your engine off when
you park. It is destroying
our world!

We also think it would be
safer if you slowed
down. Thank you for
reading my letter from

Friday 31st January

St Mary of the Angels

Weston Crescent

Aldridge

Dear Parents we have our school
and have been looking at way
to park safely. Please switch the engine
off because it is destroying would!

Please do not park on the zig zags
Park in the church.

Please do not drive fast because
you may drive in to Summons car
or a child!

Thank you for reading my letter

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A good try 

Friday 21st January
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Weston Crescent

Aldridge

31.1.2020

Dear Parents

We Love our School and local area
and have been learning a lot about
Aldridge in our Geography Wider Learning
Topic. We have been looking at
ways to keep parking safe.

When we went for a walk we saw
cars parking on the zig zag.
We think it would be better if you
could park on the church.

We also think it would be safer
if you turn off your engine because it
is ^{ruining} ~~polluting~~ our Woods.

Please help us to make Aldridge a bet
ter place and keep us safe.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Friday 31th January
St Mary of the Angels
Weston Crescent Aldridge
31.1.2020

Dear parents

We love our school and
local area and have been
learning a lot about

Aldridge in our geography

Wider learning topic

We have been looking at ways
to be safe. Please keep

children safer by parking
in the church

Please slow your cars
down.

Please switch your cars off
because it is shocking our
wide world

Please keep our wide world
safe.