



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Newsletter No. 5: Friday 4th October 2024

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week we have been thinking about our Gospel message in which Jesus taught his disciples not to be jealous. Jesus instead asks us to be generous towards others, celebrate their success and see what we can learn from others' achievements and good deeds. By doing this, we can grow in faith and in love.

This week, we have enjoyed a treat lunch on Thursday and also delicious oat biscuits this morning during our snack time. Thank you for supporting this initiative. The money raised today will be sent to the charity Mary's Meals. This charity raises money to provide one good meal every school day for hungry children living in seventeen of the world's poorest countries. We have been reflecting on how lucky we are to have hot lunches and an education every day. Thank you to our cooks for making these delicious goods.

We have also welcomed two new lunchtime supervisors to our team this week, Mr Balay and Mrs Roberts. They are settling in really well.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our YR coffee morning this morning. We hope you found this relaxed, informative and had a chance to meet some of the other parents. Please remember to complete the induction questionnaire as parental views are important to us.

Thank you to Year Six, who led each class through a prayer service in honour of St Francis this week. We are so proud of how they delivered the important messages about the life of this special saint. Well done, also, to all of the year six children who put themselves forward for house captain roles this week. The children go from strength to strength in their confidence, courage and resilience and it is wonderful to see.

they can **nerous**, take some time to speak your child/children about how Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this afternoon, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been demonstrating brilliant scientific and mathematical skills. Exceptional manners and trying so hard with our new handwriting method!

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y1 and Y6 for their kind, safe and responsible behaviours with full engagement in their work and activities.

Our Lunchtime Award winners are Y5 for improved manners and lovely behaviour.

Our Attendance Award was presented to Y3 with 100%

Open Day

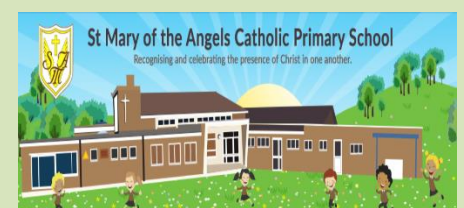
We are holding an open day for any prospective Nursery and Reception parents.

You are welcome to join us to find out more about the school on:

Wednesday 6th November at 9:30am

If you know of any prospective parents, please pass on this message. We look forward to seeing you then.

We have a small number of spaces in this year's Nursery class. This is a rare opportunity, so please contact the office if you would like any more information.





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Notices

- The staff are busy planning lots of exciting curriculum learning for this academic year. We kindly ask that you donate to our school fund via the gateway to help pay for any little extras and treats for the children throughout the year. This is running very low after our school anniversary celebrations and we would love to set up some more treats for the children to enjoy this year.
- Fr Craig will be returning to Aldridge on Friday 18th October at 6:30pm for Mass at Church. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for him, please do so via the gateway - this has been amended so that you can contribute a total of your choice.
- PTA Updates: Our PTA are planning a disco for the children to enjoy on Wednesday 23rd October. Please see the flyer attached and pay via the gateway. Thank you for your support with this exciting event!
- The most recent PTA 50/50 winners are Rebecca Akers, Sean Mallaband and Mrs Connell. Cheques are making their way to you.
- We have been made aware of a few cases of head lice across school. Please check your child's hair regularly. More information on symptoms and treatment can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>
- If you are at Asda this weekend, we have signed up the Cash Pot for Schools initiative. Please have a look at the flyer attached for more information.

Admissions Reminders:

- If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2025, the deadline for applications is 31st October 2024.
- If your child is due to start Reception in September 2025, you need to apply between 4th November 2024 and 15th January 2025 through Walsall Council.
- If your child is due to start Nursery in September 2025, please apply via the school office by 14th February.
- Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Events

Week beginning 7th October, we are celebrating poetry week and have a visitor 'Pep the Poet' for YR-Y6 on Monday 7th October (please see separate letter for more details)

Tuesday 8th October - Y4 walk to Mass with the Parish

Thursday 10th October - children are invited to wear one yellow item in honour of mental health day, for example a yellow jumper or yellow hair accessory

Friday 11th October YN Stay and Play 9am

Friday 11th October 2:45pm Y1 Welcome Briefing

We have a book fayre in school week beginning 14th October. More details to follow.

Friday 18th October 9:15am - Harvest Mass. More details to follow.

Prayer and Reflection

This week we celebrate the feast day of St Francis of Assisi



Francis was called to care for the spiritual wellbeing of the people of the Church. Francis took care of people, was a true friend to animals and preached repentance and the Gospel. He was a writer and chose to live in complete simplicity and poverty. His way of life began to spread and many others chose to follow his example.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

