

SMA News

This Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. The candle stands for Hope in our world



Upcoming Events

Friday 29nd November–

Second Mufti Day—in aid of the School fete. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for £1.00
Y6 Class led Assembly 9.10am

Thursday 5th December (am)–

Blue Bags due back in school for collection today

Friday 6th December–

Final Mufti Day in exchange for bottles

Science Extravaganza display in the school hall – 8.15-10am ALL parents are welcome.

Tuesday 10th December KS1 School Nativity 2.15pm in school

Friday 13th December PTA Christmas market—after school in the playground

Wednesday 11th December KS1 School Nativity 6pm in school

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Dinner Musical Assembly 2.15pm

School Fete “Meet Santa”, after school 3.45pm start. All are welcome.

Monday 16th December

ASC Christmas Party
KS2 Carol Service in church 7pm

Tuesday 17th December

EYFS Nativity Play in school 9.15am

Thursday 19th December

Choral speaking Assembly (KS2) 9.10am
Carol singing at Morrisons 6pm

And Finally...

A huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Heenan on the imminent birth of their first born, due in February, next year. We are looking after her carefully and I know you will too. Mrs Polito will be stepping into her shoes in Y6 and Mrs Harbord will be supporting across Y5/6 also.

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ADVENT BUILD UP

As promised, last week, here is a list of details about events across the build up to Christmas, for your convenience:

- ◆ 2/12: Christmas tree erection
- ◆ 6/12: School Fete (after school) and final Mufti day.
- ◆ 10/12: Y5 to represent school at the Walsall Catholic Cluster Carol Service and KS1 “The Wiggly Nativity” in the school hall (2.15pm)
- ◆ 11/12: KS1 “The Wiggly Nativity” in the school hall (6pm)
- ◆ 12/12: Christmas Dinner in school
- ◆ 12/12 Musical Assembly (2.15pm)
- ◆ 13/12: PTA Christmas Market (3.15pm)
- ◆ 16/12: After School Club Christmas Party
- ◆ 16/12: SMA Carol Service (KS2) in church - 7pm
- ◆ 17/12: EYFS “Shine Star Shine” Nativity 9.15am in hall
- ◆ 18/12: KS2 Christmas Parties.
- ◆ 19/12: Choral Speaking Assembly for KS2 9.10am & EYFS/KS1 Parties
- ◆ 19/12: KS2 Carol Singing at 6pm in Morrisons (for charity)
- ◆ 20/12: Whole School Mass (9.10am) followed by Tea/Coffee for all of our helpers and friends of SMA.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Listen and
let God
speak first.



Our Food for Life team prepare for the next stage in the Bronze award. Thank you to Mrs Howlett and her team for their hard work including her recent Nutrition Level 3 certification renewal.



YR's decluttered classroom is really helping with a good attitude to learning. Thanks Mrs Steele.

Congratulations and reminders

Our Christmas tree will be in the hall from early next week; please be as generous as you can with presents, labelled for those less fortunate. I know you recognise the need... you always do.

Congratulations to our choir, who sang, last night, at the Forest Arts Choir Festival. I am reliably informed that they were just fantastic! That is lovely news. Well done Mrs Amann, Mrs Lee and thanks also to Tilly's Nan for helping out, too.

Thank you to the 50+ strong representatives at our family Mass on Sunday, to commit our Confirmandi in preparation for their Confirmation, in February 2020. I have received oodles of compliments from parishioners, who loved the children's reading, singing and general good manners and behaviour. That represents at least 25% of our school. Particular thanks to Mrs Heenan and Mrs Evans for all that they do for Y6. It is appreciated. Also Thanks to Mrs Hayes and Mrs Amann for their input.

We look forward to Y6's Assembly tomorrow morning;

Our Science Extravaganza promises to be a success, next Friday. You will have received a letter with details. Please come and be proud! We are.

Please find attached details from our recent, “Settling in Survey”. Thanks to those who completed it for us.

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Tomorrow is Mufti day—children are allowed to wear their own clothes in school, for the privilege of bringing in £1 towards the raffle prize. Can I appeal to parents to dress children appropriately, especially if they have P.E. Can I also remind children that behaviour is expected to be fabulous, just as it is when we are in school uniform.

Please remember that upcoming events are posted on the Facebook page: [St Mary of the Angels PTA Facebook page](#).

You should have received a blue bag before half term. Please return them on the morning of 5th of December (no earlier please, parents, as we have no place to store them).

Our School Fete “Meet Santa” is **NEXT FRIDAY 6/12** after school. Please remember to come with your spare change, ready to spend. Huge thanks to Mrs Doocey and her PTA Angels for all that they do, to raise funds for the children here. We are currently saving for new outdoor equipment. We are getting nearer and nearer to the necessary total.

OTHER NEWS

A massive thanks to Bryan and to Mr Leek for erecting the stage, as a two man band, earlier this week. “The SMA Chuckle Brothers” Thank you so much!



St Mary of the Angels settling in survey Autumn 2019 Summary of Outcomes

Thank you to all of you who took the time to return our settling in survey. In total, approximately 56% of parents new to the setting, responded.

Their views are represented in the summary below:

How useful was...	Very useful	Adequate	Not very useful
<i>The meeting for parents prior to children starting school</i>	90%	10%	0%
<i>The information pack you received</i>	90%	10%	0%
<i>The visit your child made to school</i>	83%	17%	0%
<i>The letter explaining school systems</i>	83%	17%	0%
<i>The home visits</i>	88%	12%	0%
<i>The opportunity to meet new parents</i>	83%	17%	0%
<i>The start to school for your child</i>	83%	12%	5%

Additional comments made included the following:

- *The prospectus was not clear with regard to PE kits for nursery, but staff were more than accommodating*
- *Thank you for all of the support*
- *Our child loves Nursery. Thank you for all of the staff's hard work.*
- *I didn't really see the need for a home visit*
- *As new parents, we were anxious to know whether our child was progressing and making friends etc. Could the diary be used if there are any concerns with such issues in the first few weeks?*
- *There was no information on where to find the dinners on the school website*
- *The staff are wonderful- thank you.*
- *My child just loves Nursery and loves Mrs Smith*
- *We think it is a good school and we can see the impact expectations and adaptations made are having on our child, already. We are really pleased.*

Unfortunately, there was no name on the questionnaire which stated that the start to school was not very useful, so we are unable to respond to this comment. Please call in and let us know why - then we can know for the future what the issue is/was.

