



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

**Newsletter No. 5: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

Our parent workshops and 'meet the teacher' meetings are now complete. Thank you to everyone who attended! If you couldn't attend, there are some notes on the class pages. We are sure you found these informative and have some new strategies for supporting your child at home. We have planned in parents' evening for the first week back after half term. More details will follow.

Our Mini Vinnies have been working particularly hard behind the scenes planning some lovely fundraising ideas to celebrate Harvest. They decided to raise money for Cafod today through an interesting take on the family fast day. Thank you to all who supported this. The soup lunch was delicious and we really enjoyed helping such a worthwhile cause.

Our Season of Creation work has come to fruition this week. The theme this year is 'Let Justice and Peace flow' and the symbol is a mighty river. As a school, we have created our own 'mighty river' through creative art work. The idea is that all rivers represent different countries and faiths, but we all live in solidarity. We have displayed our creative art offering in St Mary of the Angels Church if you would like to take a look! Thank you, Mrs Hayes, for coordinating this. Please ask your child about how they have been learning to look after God's creation, be sustainable and help those in need.

Here is some more beautiful creation work on our new boards.



Well done to the children who took part in the football competition at Streetly Academy yesterday. We are very proud of you and all of your achievements. Thank you to Mr Reynolds for facilitating this.

Have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the October sunshine!  
Kind regards,  
Mrs Hill

**Award Winners**

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been producing beautiful writing across the curriculum and being reverent and respectful during visits to Church and during our Rosary services.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y2 and Y4 for excellent writing and presentation.

Our Attendance winners for this week are Y4 with 99%.

**Open Day**

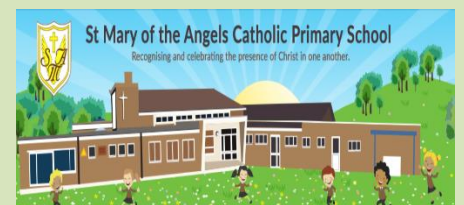
We are holding open days for any prospective Nursery and Reception parents.

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

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 and Reception class. This is a rare opportunity, so please contact the office if you would like any more information.





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## Notices

- PTA News: We would like to thank the members of our hard-working PTA who have recently stepped down, including our chairperson Mrs Guest. They have put so much time and effort into planning and leading events that have benefited our children greatly - play equipment, games, resources, treats... the list goes on! We do really now require some new faces to help support these initiatives. The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in school. You are most welcome to come along and join the fun, planning some lovely events and fundraisers for our children!
- The PTA also run a successful 50/50 club. The idea is that you sign up to a monthly subscription and then have the chance to win cash prizes in the monthly draw. Please see the flyer attached and support if you can by signing up. This month's winner is Maggie - a prize of £62.50 will be making its way to you!
- Medication: Thank you to those parents who have provided medication for their child which will be stored in school. Please note that it is parental responsibility to ensure that children have any medication they may need on the way home.
- We are always looking for ways to promote reading for pleasure in school and Blue Peter have started a book club initiative and promoting some new and exciting books. Please take a look.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>  
If your child does have any books that they have read and are looking to recycle, we may be able to use them in school (particularly KS2 novels.) Please send any photos of the books to Postbox. Thank you.

## Events

- Y6 are at Woodlands on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Y5 will be there on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Please see separate letters.
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - World Mental Health Day - children are invited to wear a yellow item of clothing.
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Dan Callow Season of Creation retreat day - please see separate letter
- We will be having a book fayre in school, week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October - more details will follow.
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 9:15am - Harvest Mass in school, all welcome
- Y6 Bikeability - more details to follow
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Science Extravaganza - more details to follow
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

## Prayer and Reflection

*This week we celebrated 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

