



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

## Newsletter No. 1: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Weekly News

Dear Parents,

First and foremost, how lovely it was to see the smiles on children's faces as they entered the school gates this week and to get our school family back together. It has been wonderful to welcome them back to school into their new classrooms and year groups and hear about their holidays and adventures. The children have certainly brought the sunshine with them and have been a delight this week, even with some very warm conditions and new classrooms and routines to learn about. School is looking wonderful, and staff are working diligently from the off to ensure the children of St Mary of the Angels receive nothing but the very best.

Well done to all children who have been swimming this week! This is an exciting, new initiative, organised by Mrs Smith. It has been fantastic to have the pool on site and give all children the opportunity to access swimming lessons. The children's excellent behaviour and attitudes have been commented on very positively by the swimming instructors. We look forward to another week of swimming next week.

The children have enjoyed their induction week in their new classrooms this week. We feel that they have been put at ease with the nature of activities on offer, including: reminders about class rules to keep everyone safe and happy; expectations for behaviour and standards of work and exciting information about their new class saint, their class composer and their upcoming wider learning projects!

We have been thinking about our former year six pupils and sending them best wishes for their new secondary schools. You are missed and will always be part of our SMA family.

Our new year six pupils have made a fantastic start as the oldest in the school, starting as they mean to go on - being role models for the younger children. Well done!

Myself and other staff will be available daily on the school gate, so please do not hesitate to share with us anything of importance or feel free to email [postbox@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:postbox@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk).

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Hill

### Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, the children have been commended on the excellent start they have made to our new academic year!

Individual certificates have been distributed for children's positive attitudes, perseverance and excellent communication.

Our Class of the Week Award was presented to Y5 and Y6 this week. They have started the year off beautifully as fantastic role models for the rest of the school!

Our Attendance winners for this week were Y1 with 100%!

### Catholic Social Teachings

This half term, our two focus Catholic Social Teachings are **'human dignity' and subsidiarity.'**

The children are learning that everyone is special because God made us all and we want to treat everyone with respect and to have what they need because God made them too. We believe everyone should have a say and be treated fairly.





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### Notices

- If you have not yet sent any medication your child needs into school, such as inhalers and spacers, please could you bring it to the school office next week, clearly labelled with your child's name and class.
- This week, we congratulated Mrs Steele who has achieved twenty years of service with SMA! Well done and thank you!
- Teachers are working hard to set up the new class pages. These will contain key information, including reminders about homework and special events; plus curriculum information and links to useful websites and activities to support the children's learning. We will let you know when these are ready for you to log in.
- Homework will be set next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- Just a reminder that children should not wear earrings on PE/swimming days. Children are not allowed to take part in the swimming lessons if they are wearing earrings. Please also ensure that our uniform policy is being followed - no sports branded clothing or leggings.
- If you would like your child to have toast this half term, please pay via the school gateway - today is the last day this will be open.
- 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.
- All staff have received updated safeguarding training this week. We will be bringing our school website up to date with key safeguarding information and information about policies that we are currently redrafting. We will keep you informed of any changes and updates as appropriate.

### Events

Our Mass to celebrate the start of a new term will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September in school at 9:15am for Y1-6. Parents and members of the parish are welcome.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September - new Reception intake start

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - new Nursery intake start

We look forward to greeting you all.

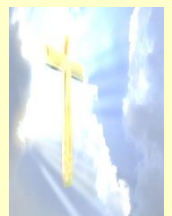
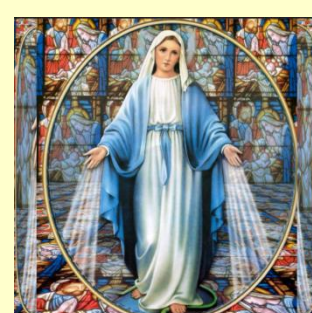
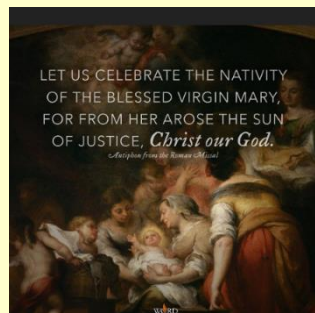
We have been putting together the dates for some key events this term. Please look out in future newsletters for more information.

### Prayer and Reflection

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - the day on which we celebrate Mary's Birthday.

It is celebrated on this date as it is exactly nine months from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The birthday of Our Lady is an important feast day as we celebrate the joy she was to bring to the world by giving birth to Jesus, the Son of God.

By celebrating Mary's birthday, we are also honouring Jesus and the precious gift of life.



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher