



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

**Newsletter No. 39: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

This week we have been thinking about the Gospel message in which we hear the story of the Good Samaritan. A man asks Jesus who his neighbour is and Jesus tells the well-known parable to explain. Jesus teaches us that everyone is our neighbour and we are called to help each other. Jesus ask us all to go and do the same thing the Samaritan did - show love for our neighbours.

Also, on Monday Y1-6 had a wonderful and enriching afternoon as they were the audience for a band from Walsall Music Hub. It was so wonderful to be a part of this live music experience. Thank you to Mrs Amann, our music leader, for organising this for us.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Y6 as we say a fond farewell to them today. They have shown great maturity, talent and teamwork throughout the year, and, although we are sad to see you go, we know that you are ready for the next part of your journey. We thank all children and families for your support and commitment to the school. It's been such a lovely end to the year with an emotional Mass this morning and the starting of a new tradition - planting our Year Six leavers' flag - The Flag of Hope. It looks beautiful.

We also say goodbye to Miss Barnsley today. Miss Barnsley has done some brilliant work with Early Year's children this year, as well supporting children from all year groups with fun activities across lunch time. We will miss her and wish her well in her new role.

Let's offer our congratulations to Miss Friel who is getting married over the summer! We wish Miss Friel and her partner, Aidan, a beautiful wedding day and all good wishes for the start of a happy and healthy married life together.

Finally, I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you from all of the staff for all of your kind words, good wishes and gifts. As always, it is an absolute pleasure being part of the SMA family, working every day with such delightful, enthusiastic children and hard-working and talented staff. A huge thank you to our governors, who work so hard behind the scenes to ensure that St Mary's is such a magnificent place to be. Finally, thank you to you, all of our parents and families for all of your support this academic year.

We hope that you have a safe, sunny and relaxing summer break and we are looking forward to welcoming you back in September.  
Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

**Personal Development**

**Faith in Action**

We have received a lovely letter from the Catholic Children's Society thanking us for the donation from school to support children and families facing hardship. Please see the letter and certificate attached. We have had another wonderful year and supported many charities. Often, the children take part in selecting those we are helping based on issues or events close to their heart. Thank you to all of you for your very generous contributions throughout the year to support each and every one of these initiatives.

**Stewardship of God's Creation**

We have made even more progress with the RHS School Gardening Awards! We are so proud to have received the level 4 award! Thank you to a wonderful team of staff who have worked so hard to meet all of this new criteria and also to our team of Eco Warriors amongst the children who keep our environment beautiful.





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### Notices

#### PTA News:

The successful summer fayre raised a wonderful: £1488.36!  
The Someone Special gift shop raised £221.60.  
Two fantastic amounts and now that the pot is mounting up, we will be in touch next academic year with news of exciting spends that will benefit the children.  
Well done, also, to Mr and Mrs Payne, June's 50/50 winner. Your cheque is in the office to be collected.

Please see the date below for **St Francis of Assisi Secondary School** open evening:

**Open Evening 2025**  
Thursday 18th September 6:30pm- 9pm

We know that many of you will be purchasing new uniform and PE kit during the holidays. Please see our website for uniform information for fairness and consistency for all. Please note, there should be no sports labels or sports brand names on any PE t-shirts, jumpers or trousers. (Nike, Adidas, etc. are not acceptable as part of our school uniform.) It is red t-shirts and jumpers for PE with an optional school badge.

Items with the school badge are available from: <https://www.a4jdesigns.co.uk/> and <https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/>

We also have a stock of upcycled uniform in school. Please contact us if this would be helpful for you.

If your child has grown out of their red t-shirt or jumper and they are still in good condition, please consider donating them to us in September. This is greatly appreciated.

A reminder that as usual, all medication will be sent today. It will be handed to parents as we do not keep medication in school over the summer.

### Events and Diary Dates

#### September:

Our inset days for next academic year are on our school website.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September are inset days.

Year 1-6 start back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

YR start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

YN start on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Please see the letter sent earlier this week with reminders about the new term.

Inset Days for 2025-26 (school closed to pupils):

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July
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Term dates are on our school website.

### Reflection and Prayer

*This Sunday is the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear how Jesus was grateful for all of the work that Martha had carried out, but what really made him happy was Mary taking time to listen to the word of God and being free from distractions.

Despite busy and hectic lives, we must not forget what is important: making time for Jesus and listening as he speaks to us.

Lord God, you are always trying to help us know the path to follow. You give us your words in Scripture to listen to, and you surround us with people who can help us. Help us to listen to you, and remain faithful to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher