



Newsletter No. 6: Friday 10th October 2025

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

We have been reflecting on this week's Gospel, in which Jesus tells us how powerful faith is. How if we have faith, we can do anything we want to, even if at first it feels impossible. Jesus tells the disciples that even if they have faith like a tiny mustard seed, they could tell a mulberry tree to move from where it is in the ground and plant itself in the sea. We have been thinking about what changes we can make to the world around us because of our faith.

We marked World Mental Health day today by wearing an item of yellow. Mental health is the emotional and spiritual resilience which enables us to enjoy life and survive pain, suffering and disappointment. It is a positive sense of wellbeing and an underlying belief in our and others' dignity and worth. We know that children's minds are constantly being shaped by their environment and the connections they make. Children's brains develop at an amazing rate and they are starting to understand the world in which we live, how to manage emotions, build relationships, believe in themselves, develop resilience against adversity and have trust in others. The children are learning even more about this in school, in how to support a positive mindset and sense of wellbeing, how to try to keep mentally healthy and how to show support for ourselves and others. This work will be ongoing throughout the year, with more of a focus in mental health week in the spring term. More information can be found on these websites:

[Britain Get Talking | Schools \(itv.com\)](https://www.britaingettalking.com/schools)

[Anna Freud | Anna Freud](https://www.annafreud.com)

[Mental health for children, teenagers and young adults - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-teenagers)

Our Mini Vinnies are busy working on a new initiative: plans for Harvest. They would like us to collect tins and packets of food for the local food bank, supporting people locally. As well as this, they want to fundraise for our global family: raising money for a charity called Mary's Meals and for Cafod World Gifts. Please see the separate letter outlining all of their ideas. These initiatives give our children the chance to turn all of their concern into action, which is truly inspirational and in keeping with all of our Catholic Social Teachings! We would welcome your support with this and ask if the children can wear an item of blue clothing next Friday to show our solidarity with this initiative.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

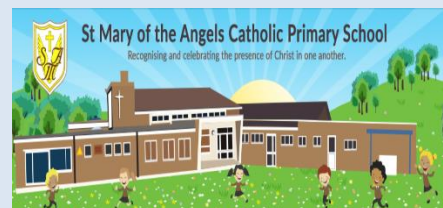
Open Day

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 5th November at 9:30am

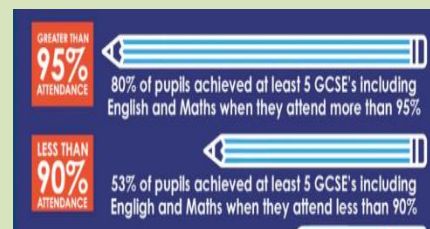
If you know of any prospective parents, please pass on this message. We look forward to seeing you then.



Attendance Matters

Poor attendance affects children emotionally, socially and also academically. Children in school get to have fun, achieve, develop new skills, build confidence, self-esteem and experience new things. Attendance at primary school is also important in habit forming for the future - secondary school and in the world of vocations. Let's give our children the best possible start in life.

A reminder that holidays, and routine appointments such as dental check-ups, should all be taken outside of school time. We also request that parents call if your child is going to be absent, rather than email. This is per our attendance policy which is available on our school website. Please leave a message if there is no answer.





Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Notices

- We are accumulating a lot of lost property and spending a lot of time trying to find uniform that is unnamed. Please ensure that all of your child's uniform is named - particularly jumpers and cardigans.
- We are passionate about giving children many opportunities to read interesting and challenging texts in school and at home. We are looking for some reading volunteers to help listen to our children read and support them with their reading. If you are able to offer a few hours a week, please get in touch with the school office.
- We are on menu week 3 of our updated menu next week. We are also still looking to recruit a kitchen manager. Please see the advert attached and pass it on to anyone who may be interested.
- Please note our policy on watches - children are welcome to wear a watch and we encourage them to be able to tell the time. However, watches are worn at your own risk. Please do not send children in with expensive watches. Watches with cameras or recording devices are not permitted in school.

Admissions Reminders:

- If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2026, the deadline for applications is 31st October 2025.
- If your child is due to start Reception in September 2026, you need to apply between now and 15th January 2026 through Walsall Council.
- If your child is due to start Nursery in September 2026, please apply via the school office by 13th February.
- Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Events and Diary Dates

We will be having a book fayre in school, week beginning 13th October. Please come through the main entrance. It will be open between 3:30 and 4pm. We have a card machine for card payments.

Thursday 16th October 2:15pm - YR parents are invited to a welcome prayer service

Friday 17th October 9:10am Harvest Mass in school for Y1-6 (all welcome)

Parents' evenings will be on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October. Please see separate letter.

Thursday 23rd October - we will be celebrating a France themed day. Our children have access to a range of modern foreign languages, with French being the one that we primarily focus on. The children will be immersed in some lovely activities celebrating France and the French language. Children are invited to wear red, white and/or blue clothing.

Half term break: Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

People often forget to thank Jesus when something good happens. All too often, we take things for granted and forget to thank God. Let us remember that God is always with us - through our struggles and our joy, our despair and our hope.

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows mercy to the ten lepers and they are healed. Only one turns back and praises God.

"And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'"
Luke 17:11-19

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

