



Newsletter No. 8: Friday 24th October 2025

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the importance of prayer - that God is always listening and will answer, sometimes in unexpected ways. The children have been taught the following vocabulary to help them understand the message - persistent, persevere, determined, faithful and committed,

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fayre last week. The amazing amount of money raised (£1234.81) enables us to order some new books for our classrooms with the commission. This is a record amount for us; we really do appreciate you taking the time to come and have a look at the books on offer. Whilst this is wonderful, we are always looking for additional, quality texts for our class libraries. If you are having a clear out and have any children's books in good condition that you would be willing to donate, please could you send a photo of them to Postbox@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated food goods and payments via the gateway as part of our Harvest offerings. The Mini Vinnies enjoyed organising and bagging up these wonderful contributions to send to the Thomas Project food bank last Friday. Through our Catholic Social Teachings, we are called to help each other and try to make sure that all people around the world have their fair share of the things that God has given us. The children have made excellent links to the charity work that they have undertaken, with the food bank donations. We have also thought about people further afield in our global family who need our help. The children responded in a caring and compassionate way in advocating support for the charities CAFOD and Mary's Meals. They are clearly demonstrating the Catholic Social Teachings of solidarity, distributive justice and caring for the poor and vulnerable. We have raised £96 so far and will present them with a cheque after half term. You can find out more here:

https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/?gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI-geolc2KiQMV-jgGAB1BliRKEAAYASAAEgIULvD_BwE

On Thursday, we celebrated a France themed day. The children and staff dressed in red, white and blue and the children engaged in some super activities: learning more of the language, food tasting, crafts, singing and learning all about Disneyland Paris, the Eiffel Tower, the Tour de France and much more! Thank you to Mrs Amann for organising this and to the teachers for planning the exciting activities. C'etait super!

Well done, also, to Nursery and Reception children; we have been so pleased and proud of you in your first half term joining our school family and making a wonderful start. Keep up the good work.

Have a lovely half term.

We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 3rd November.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Peer Mentors

Well done to our Peer Mentors who led us in a prayer service this morning around the theme from the Parable of the Sower.

We have been thinking about how we are using our gifts and talents and we have celebrated many of the children's successes, efforts and achievements this morning. These include awards for: resilience, beautiful behaviour, excellent presentation, sports awards, highest Dojo points and badges for our new learning behaviour initiative. We will share more of this with you next half term.



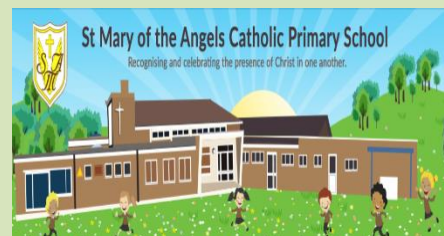
Open Day

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.





Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Notices

- A huge thank you to Mr Linley and Mrs Roberts who have served as parent governors for us at St Mary's. They have given their time and support to everything that goes on behind the scenes and we are so grateful for their time and hard work. We are pleased that Mrs Roberts will be staying on as a foundation governor and we are looking forward to welcoming our two new parent governors - Mrs Maddison and Dr Sadaf.
- PTA Updates: The committee are planning some exciting events for the children to enjoy next half term! Please keep checking the newsletter for more details. The PTA 50/50 winner for October is Mr and Mrs Seager, winning £52.50 - your cheque is in the office.
- Mrs Roberts, one of our lunchtime supervisors, has resigned. She will be leaving us to work in a secondary school in mid-November. We will miss her and wish her very well! As a result, we have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. Please see the advert sent today and call the office if you have any questions or would like any further information. Please also pass it on to any friends or grandparents who may be interested.
- School Council will be selling poppies week beginning 3rd November before and after school on the gate. Please bring cash or send your child in with cash in a named envelope. The children will receive a poppy to wear. This is in remembrance and support of those who are and have been in the armed forces.
- Please see the letters sent a couple of week's ago regarding our new catering consultancy service - Caterlink - starting after half term. We are really excited about this and will be on menu week 1 during the first week back.

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday is the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Jesus is teaching us that if we are welcome to admit our weaknesses and our need for God's mercy, then we will welcome God into our hearts and our lives. God is loving and merciful and wants us to be honest and sincere rather than full of self-importance.

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

(Luke, Chapter 18)



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

Events

- Tuesday 4th November Y6 walk to Mass with the Parish
- Sunday 9th November - Aldridge Remembrance Parade (please see separate letter)
- Monday 10th November - Anti-bullying day (children can wear odd socks)
- Tuesday 11th November - Y6 visit St Francis for a prayer service
- Tuesday 11th November Y5 walk to Mass with the Parish
- Wednesday 12th November Y1 eye tests
- Tuesday 18th November 9:10am Y5 Class Showcase - parents welcome
- Tuesday 18th November Y4 walk to Mass with the Parish
- Wednesday 19th November - Times Tables Rock Stars Day for Y1-6 (seen separate letter)
- Wednesday 19th November - flu catch up session
- Thursday 20th November - 9:10 Y4 Class Showcase - parents welcome
- Tuesday 25th November Y3 walk to Mass with the Parish
- Wednesday 26th November - Professor McGinty visit for Y4 and Y6
- Wednesday 26th November 9am YR parents are invited to a workshop
- Wednesday 3rd December 9am YN parents are invited to a workshop
- Friday 5th December - Inset day (school closed to pupils)
- Tuesday 9th December 9:30am and 2:15pm Y2 and Y1 Nativity (more details to follow)
- Thursday 11th December 2pm - Musicians' Concert (parents welcome)
- Wednesday 17th December - Christmas jumper day
- Thursday 18th December 6:30pm KS2 Carol Service in Church
- Friday 19th December 9:15am Mass (all welcome) Term finishes for pupils at 1:30pm