



Recognising and celebrating the
presence of Christ in one another.

Newsletter No. 2: Friday 12th September 2025

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

On Monday this week, our Reception class joined us. It was wonderful to see them settling in so well and they have enjoyed a really happy, busy and fun-filled start! Then on Wednesday, our new Nursery friends joined and have had a great few days calmly settling in, playing and getting to know each other. I have been greeted by lots of smiles walking around the school. Well done children! We welcome all of our new families to the school; we hope you are made to feel welcome and enjoy your time at St Mary of the Angels.

We had a wonderful Mass in school this morning to mark our new term. Thank you to our Parish Priest, Fr Ramesh and to everyone who joined us. Fr Ramesh talked to us about the importance of trying hard and sharing our God given talents within our new school year. Fr Ramesh also blessed the shells for our prayer tables - as a reminder that within our Jubilee Year and beyond we are 'Pilgrims of Hope', on a journey together.

We have taken the time to remind, discuss and understand the school mission statement: '*Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another*'. Please speak to your child about the meaning behind this and how we live it out in school and at home.

Each half term, we focus on learning about and trying to live out two of our Catholic Social Teachings. This half term, our two focus Catholic Social Teachings are '**human dignity**' and '**stewardship**.' The children are learning that everyone is special because God made us all and we want to treat everyone with respect. We believe in caring for God's gifts, that the world is for everyone and thinking of ways that we can take care of the planet and each other.

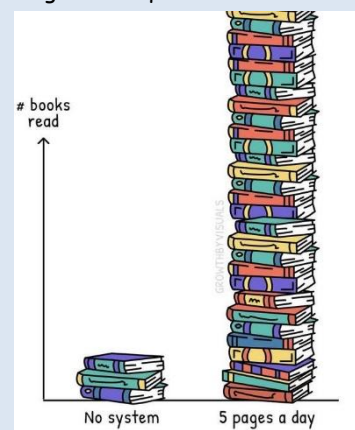
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Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill



Reading

Thank you for the support that you give to your child with homework. It all helps to consolidate their work in class and help them to remember key facts. Please also encourage your child to read regularly. This makes such a difference to their fluency and comprehension skills, as well as to their vocabulary and language knowledge and acquisition.



Parking

We are incredibly fortunate to have access to the Church car park to use at drop off and collection time and we very much value our relationship with the Parish. However, it has come to our attention that there have been instances of unsafe and disrespectful behaviour on the Church grounds. In particular, children have been observed running through areas and damaging flowers, plants and relics. Memorial ashes have also been scattered in these sacred areas. These spaces hold deep significance for many members of the Church community and must be treated with the utmost care and respect.

We kindly ask that all parents closely supervise their children while on the Church premises. The car park and gardens are not intended as play areas, and children should not be running or playing in these spaces.

Let us work together to ensure that we continue to be respectful guests on the Church grounds and uphold the values of our school community. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.



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Notices

- Homework will be set today and class pages will be ready for next Friday.
- 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 awards and treats for the children throughout the year. This is running very low after last year and we would love to set up some more treats for the children to enjoy this year.
- PE Days are as follows. Please send your child to school in their PE kit:
- Y1: Wednesday and Thursday
- Y2: Tuesday and Thursday
- Y3: Monday and Thursday
- Y4: Tuesday and Friday
- Y5: Monday and Wednesday
- Y6: Tuesday and Friday
- A reminder that healthy snacks can be brought in for break time as an alternative to toast. For health and safety reasons, it is imperative that snacks are nut free. We have children with serious allergies. Also, children will not be able to consume items such as sweets or large chocolate bars at this time. If you are sending in food such as grapes, tomatoes, blackberries - we ask they are cut up.
- This week is 'Ask about Asthma' week to raise awareness of childhood asthma. Please see the poster and ask us in school if you have any questions.
- Our PTA run a successful initiative - the 50/50 Club. We will send some more details soon and hope that you will consider signing up. Our July winner was Rachel Edwards, winning £52.50 and our August winner was Danielle Linley, winning £51.25. Congratulations. Cheques are in the school office for you to collect. Please see the attached 50/50 flyer, if you would like to sign up!

Events

Next week, we will be on week 3 of our lunch menu.

Please see the letter attached regarding 'Welcome Briefings' a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher and see the classroom setting.

Tuesday 16th September - Y6 walk to Mass with the Parish

Tuesday 23rd September - Y5 walk to Mass with the Parish

Wednesday 24th September 9am - YR parents invited for a coffee morning

Tuesday 30th September - Y4 walk to Mass with the Parish

Wednesday 1st October 9am - YN parents invited for a coffee morning

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Thursday 9th October

Friday 10th October - children can wear a yellow item for mental health day

We will be having a book fayre in school, week beginning 13th October - more details will follow.

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)

Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday, we commemorate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

In thinking about the Cross and the holy sites where Jesus died and was buried, our primary focus is the infinite love shown through the selfless and perfect sacrifice of the Son of God and the boundless mercy that has poured forth upon the world as a result.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3 13-17)

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

