



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Newsletter No. 7: Friday 17th October 2025

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

This week our Reception class held a prayer service and told their audience all about new beginnings and laying the foundations for a wonderful primary learning experience here at St Mary of the Angels. They read and sang so beautifully and presented their Harvest offerings with such joy and confidence! Thank you to Mrs Coleman, Mrs Joyce, Mrs Malhi and all parents and grandparents for your support.

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fayre this week. The turn-out was great and, for all of the money spent, we earn some commission to spend on books for our children in school. We hope you managed to stock up on books. Thank you to Mrs Polito and Mrs Wilkinson, who lead the English curriculum in school and to all of the staff who helped. We are certainly encouraging a love of reading in school and are encouraging the children to develop their reading fluency. We are also looking at ways to develop the children's stamina for reading and would ask for your support with this at home. Please also check out your child's class page; there are some resources to help support with reading on there, including the 50 recommended reads for your child's age group. This is an excellent and diverse set of books.

Well done to the Y3 and Y4 children who took part in a football golf competition on Thursday. We are so proud of how well they did and how well they represented school with excellent behaviour. Thank you to Mr Reynolds and Mrs Malhi for supervising and supporting the children. Well done to the Y5 and Y6 children who won all of their matches at the bench ball competition on Wednesday - amazing!

It has been fantastic to see the Mini Vinnies' Harvest ideas come to fruition this week. Thank you to everyone for wearing blue today, supporting and celebrating our Harvest theme in showing solidarity and caring for our global family. We will let you know how much we have raised for the charity Mary's Meals and for Cafod. Thank you, also, for your generosity in donating tins, cans and packets of food which will be donated to the Thomas Project food bank. We also shared a joyous Harvest Mass in school this morning, with all of your donations on display. Such a wonderful occasion for our community of faith.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill



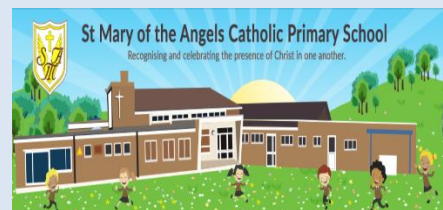
Open Day

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

At St Mary of the Angels, we work in partnership with parents to ensure a high level of attendance, so that children can meet their full potential.



Attendance Ladder



If attendance falls below 90% you are persistent absence and will be referred to the Educational Welfare Team at Walsall Council in order to approve attendance.



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Notices

- 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 4 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 that we do not permit toys to be in school, such as Labubus. Please remove them from children's bags as they are causing a distraction and we cannot guarantee they will not get lost or broken. Please also note that lip gloss is 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

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

Autumn term 2 starts on Monday 3rd November

Friday 5th December is an inset day

Important Assessment Dates:

Y6 SATs - Week beginning 11th May

Y4 Multiplication Checks - Week beginning 1st June

Y1 Phonics Screening - Week beginning 8th June

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. We should not become disheartened, but keep talking to God, because God will hear and answer our prayers, even if it is not always in the way we expect.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

In Happy Moments
Praise God
In Difficult Moments
Seek God
In Quiet Moments
Trust God
In Every Moment
Thank God

