



## Newsletter No. 1: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Weekly News

Dear Parents,

First and foremost, how lovely it was to see the smiles on children's faces as they entered the school gates this week and to get our school family back together. It has been wonderful to welcome them back to school into their new classrooms and year groups and hear about their holidays and adventures. School is looking wonderful, and staff are working diligently from the off to ensure the children of St Mary of the Angels receive nothing but the very best.

The children have enjoyed their induction week in their new classrooms this week. We feel that they have been put at ease with the nature of activities on offer, including reminders about class rules and our motto: 'be kind, be, safe, be responsible', in order to keep everyone safe and happy. Expectations for excellent behaviour and standards of work have been set and as ever, we ask for your support with this. Exciting information about new class saints, class composers, class novels and upcoming wider learning projects is also being shared!

Myself and other staff will be available daily on the school gate, so please do not hesitate to share with us anything of importance or feel free to email [postbox@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:postbox@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk).

In other news, we recently received a lovely certificate from the Mission Together charity. We are continuing our mission - being 'Pilgrims of Hope' this year and celebrating the Year of the Jubilee. The children did some excellent work last academic year, thinking about charities they would like to support and raising money for them with your generous contributions. We know that the children will be eager to get started in thinking about how we can help and support others this year - putting our faith into action!

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Kind regards,  
Mrs Hill



### Virtues

This half term, our two focus virtues are **Eloquent and Truthful**. We are teaching pupils to be **eloquent** - to have the language to ask questions, express emotions, speak beliefs, talk about matters of faith and hope, debate points of view and engage in conversation.

**Eloquence** is not confined to speaking - it also finds its expression in writing, music, drama and dance, the creative arts, design, film, digital media and sport.

**Eloquence** must be used in a **truthful** way - to speak **truth** about ourselves, and others, relations between people and about the world. Education is the search for **truth**.

As Jesus tells us, 'The **truth** will set you free.'

### Transition

We have been thinking about our former year six pupils and sending them best wishes for their new secondary schools. You are missed and will always be part of our SMA family.

Our new year six pupils have made a fantastic start as the oldest in the school, starting as they mean to go on - being role models for the younger children. Well done!

All children are making a wonderful start in their new year groups and striving to do their best.

We celebrated a great start with the children in assembly this afternoon - reflecting on all of their induction work this week.



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

## Notices

- **URGENT REQUEST: If you have not yet sent any medication your child needs into school, such as inhalers, please could you bring it to the school office next week, clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Please ensure that an adult brings this to the school office.**
- Teachers are working hard to set up the new class pages. These will contain key information, including reminders about homework and special events; plus curriculum information and links to useful websites and activities to support the children's learning. We will let you know when these are ready for you to log in.
- Just a reminder that children should not wear earrings on PE days. (On non-PE days, only small stud earrings are acceptable. Please also ensure that our uniform policy is being followed - no make-up or nail polish, no sports branded tops or trousers for PE.
- 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.
- A reminder about dismissal of the children. Lines are stationed on the playground in order from year one to year six. The lines help to safeguard the handover so that your child's teacher can clearly see who is here to collect them. A reminder that the field and play equipment are out of use at this time. No pets are allowed on site. If your child has a bike or scooter, please refrain from them using it whilst on the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation with this.
- A reminder that summer uniform can be worn for this half term - although, as we have seen this week, the weather can be very mixed! If your child has grown out of any uniform that is still in good condition, please consider donating it to us for our uniform bank - parents are welcome to see what we have in stock if you are in need of uniform.
- St Francis of Assisi's Secondary School open evening will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 6:30-9pm.

## Events

Next week, we will be on week 2 of our lunch menu.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September - new Reception intake start and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September - new Nursery intake start. We look forward to greeting you all.

Our Mass to celebrate the start of a new term will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September in school at 9:10am for Y1-6. Parents and members of the parish are welcome.

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 16<sup>th</sup> September - Y6 walk to Mass with the Parish

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Y5 walk to Mass with the Parish

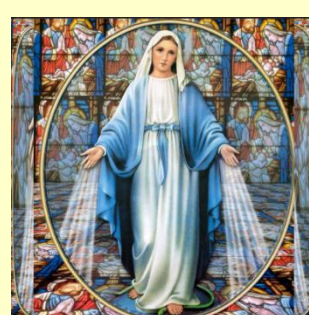
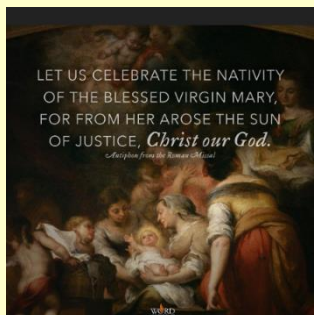
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Y4 walk to Mass with the Parish

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October

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

## Prayer and Reflection

*This weekend marks the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary - the day on which we celebrate Mary's Birthday. It is celebrated on this date as it is exactly nine months from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The birthday of Our Lady is an important feast day as we celebrate the joy she was to bring to the world by giving birth to Jesus, the Son of God. By celebrating Mary's birthday, we are also honouring Jesus and the precious gift of life.*



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher