# ST. MARY'S RC. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love one another as I have loved you

## Weekly News

Friday 6th November 2026

| Headteacher Award Winners | |
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| Nursery | Teo & Hannah |
| Reception | Pamela and Hector |
| Year 1 | Mirha and |
| Year 2 | Lucia and Taylor |
| Year 3 | Felicity and Charlie |
| Year 4 | Aiwanseosa & Emmett |
| Year 5 | Yaran |
| Year 6 | Cora and Tiago |

Welcome Back! We hope you had a lovely half term and managed to enjoy a little rest. We have had a lovely week are we're looking forward to a busy term. The stage is up and rehearsals are underway for festive celebrations!




**Friday 13th November**
**Parent Workshop**
**9am**
Nursery Parent and Carers
Find out more about Foundations for phonics, Number and supporting children with the pincer grip.

**Monday 16th November**
Odd Socks Day.
Come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate diversity.

Wednesday 11th November
9am
Y6 Remembrance Assembly












**Friday 20th November**
**Non Uniform Day**
To support St Mary's Church Fair in Decemeber please bring a gift for the tombola: chocolate, sweets,toys...


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## EYFS

**Nursery**

We have had a wonderful first week back after half term! The children have loved sharing their stories and telling us all about what they got up to during their break. We have also really enjoyed seeing all the activities you managed to complete from our Half Term Bingo Card on Seesaw. Thank you so much for taking the time to share these with us we really appreciate it! In class, we have started learning our Christmas songs in preparation for our Christmas Sing-Along! We will be posting the songs on Seesaw so that you can enjoy singing along at home too, so please keep an eye out! Our learning this week has included enjoying our focus book, Percy the Park Keeper: Hide and Seek, as well as learning our rhyme of the week, 'Pat-a-Cake, Pat-a-Cake'. The children have loved joining in with the familiar words and actions! We have also been learning all about Bonfire Night. The children had lots of fun exploring different patterns and getting creative with our messy play activities. Well done, Nursery, we are so proud of you.

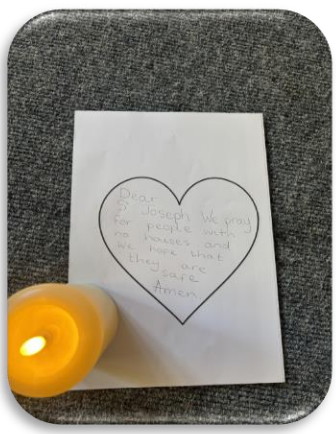
**Reception**

We have had a great first week back after half term! The children have enjoyed sharing stories about their half term and we have loved seeing your seesaws, so thankyou for sending them in ! In class we have started learning our Christmas songs for our Christmas sing-a-long ! The children have been working hard to learn all the words and actions and we are so excited to share it with you ! On Thursday we learnt all about bonfire night and did lots of bonfire art in provision. We finished this week off joining together as a class and writing a prayer to our class saint.









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# Key Stage 1



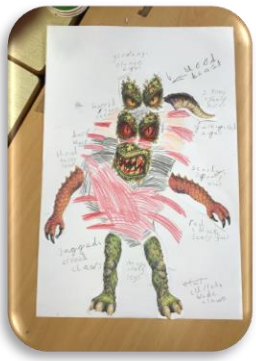


## Year One

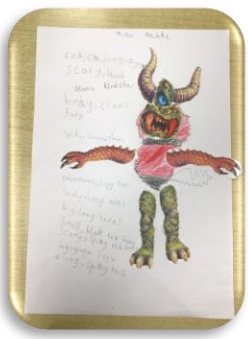
Year One has had a fantastic first week back and have done some amazing learning. In writing we have been finishing off our fact files on space and publishing them for our pink books. In Math's, we have been comparing the height, mass or capacity of different objects and we have been learning to compare different amounts. In Science we have started learning about the Seasons with a focus on Autumn and Winter. In Geography we have learnt what an aerial photograph is and why some people might need to use them . We looked the Earth and then looked at our local area. Well done Year One!

## Year Two

Year 2 have had a brilliant first week back and it has been lovely to see everyone settling in, reconnecting with friends and getting stuck into their learning. Our classroom has taken on a mysterious new feature: a suspicious wall! Inspired by *The Minpins*, the children let their imaginations run wild as they designed monsters that might be hiding behind it. We have loved seeing the different ideas. In maths, we have been exploring how to find the difference between two numbers. The children have tried out different methods and are beginning to explain how they calculate the difference. It has been a busy and exciting start to Year 2, and we are looking forward to all the learning and adventures still to come!









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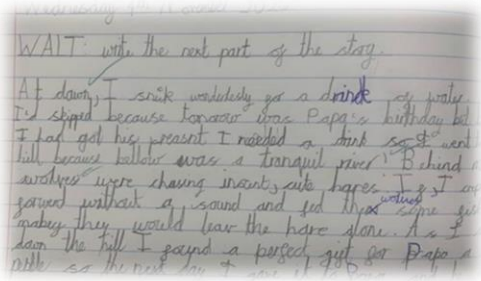
# Lower Key Stage 2

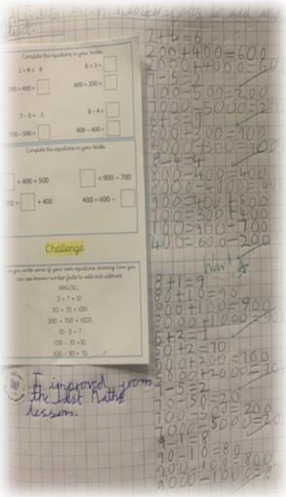
**Year 3**

**The children have had a great start to the new half term! This week they have started to write their own version of the book, 'The First Drawing.' Already the children have shown us that they can use fronted adverbials, a range of conjunctions and speech. In Maths, the focus has been on numbers to 1000 and understanding the value of each digit in a 3-digit number. In Geography, the children explored the different layers of the Earth !**







**Year 4**

The children have made a great start to this half term learning about The Iron Man. The children have been working towards creating a news bulletin announcing the coming of The Iron Man.

We have also begun to look at the rainforest and its importance to our planet. We will be discussing their locations and whether we could grow our own rainforest!

We started our unit of addition and subtraction this week and are looking forward to exploring new strategies and vocabulary.

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# Upper Key Stage 2




**Year 5**

What a wonderful first week back! The children have been fantastic, returning to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn! In Maths, we have been exploring square and cube numbers, deepening our understanding and challenging ourselves along the way. In English, we have begun writing our non-chronological reports about the four inspirational *Hidden Figures* who played such an important role in NASA's space exploration.

In Science, we have been busy investigating different materials to discover which makes the most effective heat insulator. We also had a very special treat in P.E., as two professional female basketball players from Manchester Basketball joined us to share their skills and expertise!

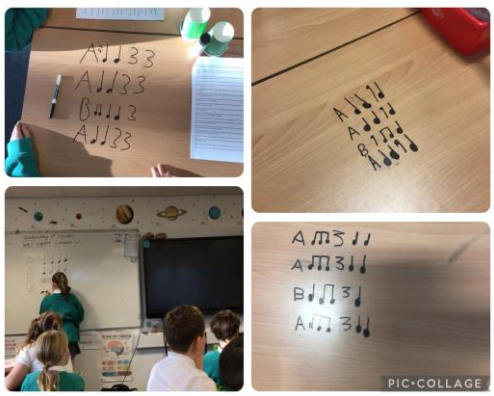
What a brilliant start to the new half-term!

**Year 6**

We have had a wonderfully creative week in class .In music, we have been practising using our composition skills and our co-operative learning power. It has been lovely to see everyone sharing ideas, listening carefully to one another and developing their musical thinking together.

We are very excited that we are finally planning and writing our own stories based on 'The Arrival'. The children have been discussing characters, settings and journeys and we cannot wait to see how their ideas develop on the page.

We have also spent time preparing for our Remembrance Assembly, where we remember those who have lost their lives at war. The children have approached this important time thoughtfully, learning about the significance of remembrance and preparing their contributions with care.

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# Catholic Life




Reminder: If you would like a photo of a loved one who has passed away included on our memorial wall, please send it in with your child by Wednesday next week (11th of November). They will be returned as soon as we have made copies of them to create our memorial wall. See parent mail for more information.

THE Wednesday WORD

Good News for Families

*The Wednesday Word* is a weekly resource that helps families read and reflect on the Sunday Gospel together. It is designed especially for children and includes simple explanations and questions to talk about at home. You can find it here: https://wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm



Inter Faith Week 2026
8-15 November

This week coming is **Inter Faith Week**, an opportunity to learn about and appreciate the different religions, beliefs and cultures within our communities. It reminds us of the importance of understanding, friendship and respect, recognising that we can learn so much from one another. As a Catholic school, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and deserves to be treated with dignity, kindness and respect. Jesus teaches us to love our neighbours, welcome others and show compassion to everyone, whatever their faith or background.

At St Mary's, we can live out our mission statement, *'Love one another as I have loved you'*, by celebrating our differences, showing kindness and helping everyone feel welcomed, valued and that they belong.