



Weekly News

Friday 16th October 2026

Headteacher Award Winners

Nursery	Isla & Kalen
Reception	Maisie & Karson
Year 1	Nana and Kazmain
Year 2	Maymunah and Dara
Year 3	Ottillie & Jasper
Year 4	Ahmed & Holly
Year 5	Kiera
Year 6	Fatima and Anais

It's been another busy week at St Mary's! Tree felling, parent workshops and parent tours ! We can't believe that we're nearing the end of our first half term in school ! Please note school closes for our half term break on Friday 23rd October at 3.10pm. Have a lovely weekend in the Autumn sun.

Friday 23rd October 2026

This Is Me Day! 🌟

At our school, we celebrate the uniqueness of every child and recognise that we all have different interests, cultures, talents and hobbies that make us who we are.

This Is Me Day is a chance for children to share a little bit about themselves and the things that are important to them, both inside and outside of school.

Children are invited to come to school celebrating their individuality. They might like to wear clothing that reflects their cultural identity or represents a club or activity they enjoy, such as karate, Brownies, Cubs, gymnastics or a sports team.

Perhaps your child loves reading, building models, creating crafts, dancing, music or another special hobby. They are welcome to bring something along to show and share with their classmates.

There is no right or wrong way to take part. We want every child to feel proud of who they are, celebrate what makes them special and learn more about the wonderful diversity within our school community.

Because every child has something special to share - this is me!



NO DISCRIMINATION





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EYFS

Nursery

We have had a spooky week in Nursery! This week, we have been exploring the wonderful story *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson. The children have been busy saving the insects from the spider's web and creating their own magical potions. We have also used our playdough to make spooky witches and spiders. During our phonics sessions, we learnt the rhyme *Jack and Jill*. The children have had lots of fun playing with words, listening carefully to sounds and exploring rhyming words. Well, done, Nursery, for another fantastic week full of fun, creativity and spooky adventures!

Reception

This week in Reception we have continued to celebrate Black History Month. We have enjoyed exploring the story *'Mixed'* by Arree Chung. This week the children have also been working on their fine motor skills making their lanterns out of bamboo and also making special crowns to wear! A great week of fun, Reception.





Key Stage 1

Year One

Another fantastic week in Year One. We are really enjoying our text Astro Girl and have spent the week writing letters to Astrid. We have learned how to use different question starters to help us ask different questions. In Math's we have been learning what the decade numbers are and how to count groups of ten by skip counting in tens. In History we have been exploring and sharing our favourite memories. This is helping us build an understanding of what is the present and what is in the past. In computing we have been learning how to use a mouse and keypad and explored how to use the tools on the website 'sketchpad'. Well done Year One!



Year Two

Year 2 have had a busy week full of curiosity and creativity! They have been finding out fascinating facts about bears and using their learning to write their own information reports. In maths, the children are becoming confident adding three numbers by spotting number bonds to 10 and using them to make calculations easier. As part of our October reflections, we have been listening to the Little Liturgies and praying the Holy Rosary. In art, we have stepped into the world of Leonardo da Vinci, looking closely at his drawings and exploring how he used lines, shapes and shading. We can't wait to see the children put their ideas into practice!

Keep up to date with what is going on in school





Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3

Year 3 have had another brilliant week! In History, we played a game in which we had to trade essential items to survive the Iron Age. In Science, we explore the poles of a magnet and found that opposite poles attract and the same poles repel. In Maths, we have been measuring and converting between different units of measure.



Year 4.

Year 4 have worked collaboratively in History this week, sorting out leisure activities from modern day, the Victorian and the Tudor times and discussing what people did / do in their spare time.





Upper Key Stage 2



Year 5

Another fantastic week in Year 5!
We're really enjoying our latest English text, *Hidden Figures*. We've been learning about African American history and taking part in some brilliant role-play as Mary Jackson. We imagined how she might have persuaded the city manager to let her attend advanced maths classes at an all-white school. Her determination is truly inspiring!

In maths, we've started our new unit on multiplication and division. This week, we explored the relationship between the two operations to deepen our understanding.

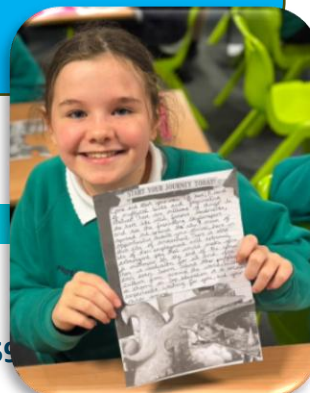
Well done, Year 5, for a super week!

Year 6

Year six have been so creative this week! We have loved writing persuasive paragraphs and then creating propaganda posters using collage techniques. The children enjoyed selecting bold images, colours and words to communicate their ideas clearly and persuade their audience.

In Maths, we have been applying BODMAS to solve complex calculations. The children have worked carefully, remembering to follow the correct order of operations and checking their answers. In Science, we investigated how exercise affects our pulse rate. We measured our pulse before and after exercise, compared our results and discussed why our heart rate changes.

Amazing work this week - well done year six!





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Love one another
as I have loved you.



Catholic Life



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>

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty – 17 October

This weekend marks the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, a reminder that everyone deserves to live with dignity, love and hope. As a Catholic school, we are called to follow the example of Jesus by showing compassion, standing alongside those in need and working towards a fairer world. Catholic Social Teaching reminds us of the importance of putting the needs of the poor and vulnerable first, recognising the dignity of every person and treating everyone with kindness and respect.

At St Mary's, our mission statement, "*Love one another as I have loved you,*" encourages us to put our faith into action through our everyday choices. Whether we share what we have, support those who are struggling, or show kindness to someone who feels left out, every act of love can make a difference.

