ST. MARY'S RC. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Weekly News

Friday 23rd October 2026

Headteacher Award Winners	
Nursery	Harper & Andreas
Reception	Eva and Emily
Year 1	Jasper and Amaia
Year 2	Oscar and Ireoluwa
Year 3	Isabella & Sophia
Year 4	Raksha and Jareeh
Year 5	Jude
Year 6	Alfie and Caolan

Thank you all for an amazing half term! We have enjoyed a wonderful range of experiences, including a visit from an MP, fantastic forest learning, school tours, parent workshops and celebrations of learning!

We are also delighted to announce that we have been awarded **Gold Standard in our recent UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools assessment**. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the hard work, commitment and dedication of our entire staff team.

A huge thank you to everyone who made our **'This Is Me' Day** so special. It was fabulous to celebrate our diverse cultures, interests and simple pleasures that make each of us who we are.

Thank you to our whole school community for making this half term so memorable. We hope you all enjoy a restful and happy break!

WE ARE GLORIOUS!
This Is Me!

School Reopens
Monday 2nd November 2026
8.30am

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EYFS

Nursery

We have had a wonderful week in Nursery!

The children have loved exploring our focus book, We're Going on a Pumpkin Hunt and taking part in a range of exciting activities linked to the story. We also went on our very own Maths Pumpkin Hunt, where we had lots of fun exploring numbers and counting pumpkins! Our focus rhyme this week has been Miss Polly Had a Dolly. We clapped out syllables and exploring rhyming words, helping to develop the children's listening skills and phonological awareness. Our number of the week has been number 6 and we have been practising recognising and counting this number through a range of activities. Of course, we have also enjoyed developing our spreading skills during Toast Tuesday, as the children practised spreading their own toppings onto toast and building their independence. Well done, Nursery for a great first half term we are so proud of you.

Reception

We have had a wonderful first half term in Reception ! This week we have continued to explore our 'mixed' story and used our phonics to write words using phase 2 sounds. Today the children have thoroughly enjoyed their 'This is me' day. It has been lovely to see all the children expressing themselves and show casing their fantastic talents. Well done Reception on a great first half term we are so proud of you.

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Key Stage 1

Year One

What a great last week of the half term we have had in Year One. We have been completed our art projects inspired by Dave Draws and created our own artwork map of our local area. We have been learning about what a childhood looked like in the past and compared it to our own and discussed what we think childhoods in the future will be like. We have been learning how to cross the tens boundary when counting and identified that there is always a nine before the next decade number. In writing we have started crafting a fact file about Space which we will be publishing into our publishing books. We have been done so much learning and growing already this half term and are making so much progress. Well done Year One we are so proud of you!

Year Two

We have had a brilliant last week of Half Term in Year Two! We have been doing lots of art inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci In English this week we have been neatly writing up our reports on bears. We have learnt so many fantastic facts about them that we can't wait to share with you all. We have also enjoyed learning more about how schools were different in the past and recognising what was the same and what was different. On Friday we loved coming in in our various outfits that reflect something special about each of us!

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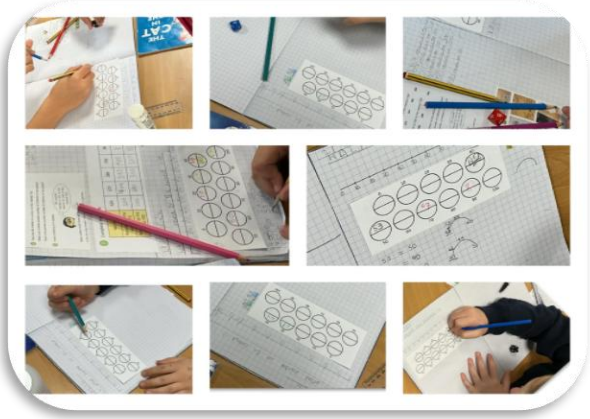
Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3

The children have had another fabulous week! They have been busy finishing off this half term's topics. In History, the children explored life in the Iron Age and discussed change and continuity when comparing the Stone Age. Bronze Age and Iron Age. In PE, they applied their throwing and catching skills to smaller balls and it was delightful to see the progress. In Maths, the children have been partitioning 3 digit numbers in different ways.

Year 4.

This week the children have worked hard on rounding numbers. We have explored how rounding is used in real life situations, helping us to understand why this skill is so useful. We have played a game to practise our skills, deepen our understanding and consolidate our learning.



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Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5

Our final week before half term has arrived, and we're incredibly proud of all the progress Year 5 have made.

The children took part in their Class Mass with confidence, delivering the readings beautifully and singing the hymns with joy. You did yourselves proud!

In Science, we explored the properties of different materials and how these make them suitable for particular uses. In Maths, we focused on common multiples and factors.

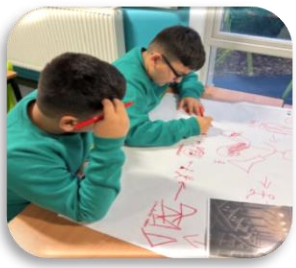
Thank you, Year 5, for your hard work and enthusiasm throughout the half term. We hope you enjoy a restful break and look forward to welcoming you back after the holidays!

Year 6

What a brilliant week we have had in Year 6! The children have worked with enthusiasm and focus. In Maths, we have started work on our fractions units and are making good progress with equivalent fractions. In English, the children have been so creative as they build up to writing narratives based on *The Arrival*. We particularly loved our drama and storytelling session, which brought ideas and characters to life.

In Art, the children have used skills developed over the half term to create wonderfully atmospheric pieces inspired by Paul Nash. It has been lovely to see their ideas develop through careful choices of tone and texture.

Have a great half term — it is well deserved!



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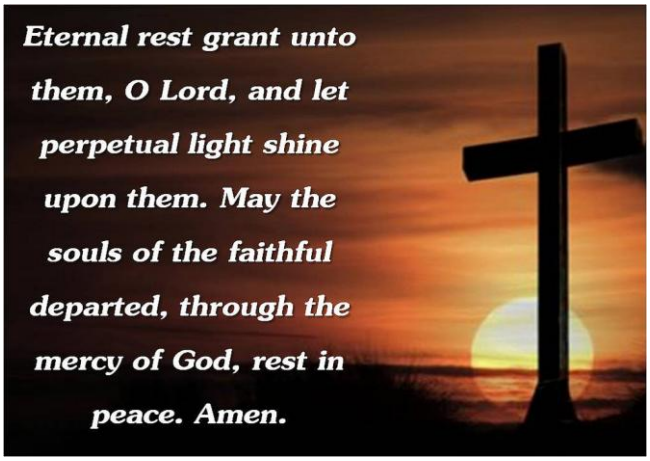
Catholic Life

In November we will be adding the Eternal Rest prayer to our daily prayers so we may pray for those we have lost.



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

As November is the month of Remembrance, we will be making our memorial wall to remember and pray for those who are no longer with us, like we have done in the last few years. As part of our Prayer and Liturgy throughout the month of November, we would like to invite the children to bring in any pictures of family members who have passed away. This could include any 'In Memory' cards. Our memorial wall will be in the KS1 library area this year.

If these can be brought into school by the end of the first week back (Friday 6th 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.