



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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“With Christ as our guide, we let our light shine.”

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful half term break and were able to enjoy some family time. The time to rest and just be, is important for us all. With Autumn upon us, we see the beautiful images of leaves falling from trees and the beautiful autumnal colours; which reminds us how nature is preparing itself to rest and hibernate. This half term in front of us is always a busy one. It is in fact my favourite of all half terms. This week has been full of learning opportunities for our children and it has been a real joy seeing them in their classes demonstrating excellent learning behaviours as they grasp new concepts.

Thank you to those who entered the 'Take a photo' Competition. We have received many entries; the photos are beautiful and all so different. The results will be announced next week.

This week we have shared with the children a new maths learning platform called, "Winning with Numbers." The children all have a log in for this. The platform is an excellent way of reinforcing the basic skills of number in sequential order. Ask you child about this and when they get their log in, it would be really beneficial if you encouraged them to log in at home and have a go. Next week we have our Reception and Key Stage 1 Cinema Visit. Thank you to all the parent helpers who have offered their help on the day. Please note on Sunday, there will be a short Act of Remembrance in Park Square, Kings Heath at 10.45am led by Reverend Roger. He has asked that we spread the word. Have a wonderful weekend.

**Best wishes,
Mrs Yuen**



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Year 5 Visit Nazareth House



Our Year 5 children were invited to Nazareth House to sing wartime songs to the residents. They sang a wide repertoire of songs from the wartime era, then engaged in conversation with the residents listening to their stories. The children have been invited back to sing carols later in December.

Term Dates

Half Term Holiday

28th October- 3rd November

Thursdays this half term- Year 5 Swimming
7th November - Year 6 Parents Residential meeting

11th November- Remembrance Service

13th November – Reception/ KS1 Cinema Visit

27th November – KS2 Cinema Visit

1st December – Start of Advent

4th December – School Pantomime 'Cinderella'

10th December – Rec/KS1 Nativity 9.45am + 2pm

12th December – School Christmas Lunch

17th December – PTA School Christmas Disco

18th December - 'Carols around the Tree' KS2

20th December- Last day of term

Christmas Holidays

21st December- 4th January 2025

Year 6 Study- A child at War



As part of their History project, 'A child at war' the children have been finding location of the Blitz.

Our Lady Art Exhibition

We are delighted that the children's artwork has been displayed in St Patrick's Catholic Church as part of an exhibition. They have been well received by the Parishioners.



St Mary's Remembers...

We have been preparing for Remembrance Day on Monday. We have been selling poppies on behalf of The Royal British Legion. Thank you for your support with this. We will mark Armistice Day by gathering at 11am, together as a school, to remember and reflect on those, who have lost their lives in conflict.



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