



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Advent Term 2026 Newsletter 2



"With Christ as our guide, we let our light shine."

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another good week in school, with lots of exciting learning and activities taking place across the school. The children have been thoroughly enjoying their new learning topics, particularly in Art, History and Science. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity as they explore new ideas, develop their knowledge and get stuck into their learning.

We have also had some exciting opportunities for the children to find out more about activities available outside of the school day. This week, Rhino joined us to offer the children a taster session and to introduce them to the range of before- and after-school clubs they provide. We have also circulated Hotshots leaflets with information about their before-school basketball club. We hope these opportunities will provide our children with some enjoyable ways to develop new skills, build confidence and have fun with their friends.

It was also lovely to hear our choir rehearsing on Tuesday evening. The sound of the children singing together was a real highlight and we are very much looking forward to hearing more from them as they continue to rehearse.

Please do take some time to look at the key dates for the term, particularly our upcoming Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October. Bookings will open next week on MCAS, where you will be able to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss their progress, learning and how they have settled into the new school year. Further information will be shared with you once the booking system is open.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a very positive start to the term, and we are looking forward to all that the coming weeks will bring.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes
Mrs Yuen

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Year 2 Science Study

Year 2 have been busy exploring our outdoor grounds as part of their science learning. They enjoyed looking closely at the world around them and identifying things that are living and non-living. The children worked together to spot plants, trees, insects and other living things, while also identifying objects such as stones, benches and playground equipment. They discussed the differences between living and non-living things and began thinking about what living things need to survive and grow. It was wonderful to see the children being curious, asking questions and sharing their observations as they explored our outdoor environment!



Materials - Year 5



This week, Year 5 became prospectors. They put their skills to the test by carefully sieving soil containing gold nuggets and flakes, first using a large colander and then a finer sieve. The children enjoyed getting hands-on and discovered how sieving can be used to separate materials of different sizes!

Fun at Lunchtime



The children have lots of fun during lunchtime, enjoying the fresh air and spending time together outside. Some children enjoy running around and playing games, while others like kicking a ball, chatting with friends, or exploring the outdoor area. There is plenty of laughter and excitement as they take part in different activities, making lunchtime a happy and enjoyable part of their day.

Rhino Taster Sessions



Our children have been experiencing Rhino Tasters sessions! They have really enjoyed getting involved and trying new activities. Rhino Clubs are available to book before and after school, making them a great option for families looking for an exciting and engaging activity for their children.

Key Dates this term

3rd September- Start of School Year
 24th September – Year 6 Mass at Nazareth House
 1st October – KS2 Girls' Rugby Tournament
 6th /7th October – Parents' Consultation Evenings
 8th October – Year 5 Mass at Nazareth House
 9th October – Diocesan Schools' Mass at Dunstable
 w/c 12th October – Harvest Collection
 14th October Year 6 class assembly – parents invited
 21st October – Year 6 Parents Meeting
 (Residential + SATs) at 2.30pm
 23rd October – Non Uniform day in support of Advent
 Charity

Half term - Monday 26th – Sunday 1st November

4th November – Cross Country Event
 12th November – Year 4 Mass at Nazareth House
 18th November -Sports Hall Athletics KS2
 27th November – **Trust Training Day – School Closed**
 2nd December – Whole school pantomime 'Sleeping
 Beauty'
 2nd December – Advent Reflection at the Cathedral 5-7pm
 4th December – PTA Christmas Fayre
 9th December – PTA Christmas Disco
 18th December – last day of term

Christmas Holidays –

Monday 21st December – Monday 4th January

5th January – Lent term starts
 7th January – Young Voices Concert– Year 5+6

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