



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Advent Term 2026 Newsletter 5



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

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and enjoyable week at St Mary's, with lots of exciting opportunities for our children to learn and develop new skills.

Some of our KS2 pupils took part in Sports Leader training, this week. The children worked hard to develop their leadership skills and are now ready to support and lead games during break times. We are looking forward to seeing them put their new skills into practice, helping to make playtimes fun, active and inclusive for everyone.

Today, our School Mission Team travelled to Dunstable to celebrate Mass alongside children from Catholic schools across the Diocese. It was a wonderful occasion, and our children were excellent ambassadors for St Mary's. They were formally commissioned and blessed, recognising the important role they play in living out our Catholic mission and sharing Gospel values throughout our school community. We are very proud of them!

A big thank you to everyone who has already returned their Cauliflower Christmas Cards artwork. The courier will be collecting the artwork next week so that the finished products can be printed in time for early December. If you have not yet returned your child's artwork, there is still time to do so on **Monday at the very latest**. Please do consider placing an order, as the finished products are always lovely and make such special, personal gifts for family and friends at Christmas.

Next week, our thoughts will turn to Harvest, and we are asking every child to bring in a tin of food to support our Harvest collection. All donations will be given to our local food bank to help support individuals and families in our community. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to put our faith into action by thinking of others and sharing what we have with those who may be struggling. Let's work together to make our Harvest 2026 a really special one through your kindness and generosity. Every donation, however small, will make a difference.

A polite reminder- When you are collecting your child at the end of the day, please make sure your child stays with you as you exit the site. Please do not let your child onto the play equipment. We have several after school clubs, which have been delayed while waiting for families who have let their children play on the grounds.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for working in partnership with us to ensure our children have such positive and enriching experiences at St Mary's.

**Best Wishes
Mrs Yuen**

Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion



Open Mornings - Reception 2027



OPEN MORNINGS

30TH SEPTEMBER 10-11.30AM
14TH OCTOBER 10-11.30AM
10TH NOVEMBER 10-11.30AM

Come and see our school in action

Call the school office to book your place.
 Private tours are also available, please call to arrange a viewing

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Key Term Dates

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
 6th November – School photographs Individuals/ Siblings
 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
 16th December – Reception/ KS1 Nativity 9.30/2pm
 17th December – KS2 Nativity performance
 18th December – last day of term

Mission Team Commissioned

Today our Mission Team attended the Diocesan Mass in Dunstable, where they were formally commissioned by Cannon Michael Harrison



It was a wonderful and uplifting occasion, bringing together children from schools across the Diocese to celebrate our shared Catholic mission and commitment to living out our faith.

The Story of Creation



This week, we welcomed Rev Roger, who visited through 'Open the Book' to retell the story of Creation. Several children enthusiastically took on acting roles to help bring the story to life. The children were reminded that God created our beautiful world for us to enjoy and cherish, and that we all have a responsibility to care for His creation. This was a lovely opportunity to reflect on how we can show our gratitude to God by looking after the world around us and making positive choices to protect it.

Play Leader Training

Well done to the children who have successfully completed the Play Leader training programme delivered by Northamptonshire Sport! The children are now ready to take on their new roles, supporting and leading games during break times. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their leadership skills, confidence and teamwork, while helping to ensure that younger pupils enjoy fun, active and inclusive playtimes.





West
Northamptonshire
Council



FAMILY HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

A programme for parents and children to cook,
move and learn together!

Completely Free!



HEALTHY COOKING

Families will work together to
prepare nutritious and
tasty food.

All ingredients and equipment
will be provided.



ACTIVITY SESSIONS

Enjoy an hour of activity each
session, with exercises and
challenges so good you'll be
doing them at home.



Completely free
for up to ten
families.



St. Mary's
Catholic School.



Led by
Northampton Saints
Foundation.



Spread out over
six, two hour
sessions.

INTERESTED?

To register your interest,
please contact:
office@nma.olicat.uk

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FOUNDATION?

Head to our website by scanning the QR
code, or find us on social media.





*Giving thanks
this*

HARVEST

FROM **MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER**
WE ARE COLLECTING FOOD
DONATIONS
FOR THE CATHEDRAL FOODBANK

Suggested donations include:

- **Tinned tuna**
- **tinned meat**
- **Jam**
- **Spreads**
- **Tinned vegetables**
- **Tinned fruit**
- **Tinned soup**
- **Tinned custard/ Rice pudding**

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Matthew 25:35-36

**Together we can make a real
difference**



*Come and
Visit us*



Open Morning Sessions

**30th September/ 14th October +
10th November - 10-11.30am**

**Private Tours with the headteacher also
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