



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Advent Term 2026 Newsletter 6



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

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have particularly enjoyed spending time in classes, talking to the children about their learning. It is always a pleasure to hear them explain what they have been learning, share their ideas and talk so enthusiastically about their work. These conversations are a wonderful reminder of the curiosity, ambition and love of learning that we continue to nurture across our school.

On Wednesday we held our second open morning for prospective Reception families for September 2027. It was lovely to welcome families into St Mary's and give them an opportunity to see our school in action. If you know anyone with a child due to start Reception next September, please do spread the word and encourage them to come and visit us.

A reminder to all our Year 6 parents that the deadline for secondary school applications is fast approaching. Applications must be submitted **by 31 October 2026**. Please ensure that you complete your application as soon as possible. Applications received after the deadline may not be processed until after those submitted on time, which could affect the likelihood of your child receiving a place at your preferred school. Please do not leave this until the last minute!

Thank you to everyone who responded to our exciting opportunity to work in partnership with Northampton Saints. We have been absolutely delighted by the response and have suddenly been inundated with families keen to take part! These sessions will provide a fantastic opportunity for families to cook nutritious meals together, learn about healthy lifestyles and enjoy fun activities. Families who have secured a place will be notified by letter shortly. Due to the high level of interest, we are also keeping a waiting list for these sessions and will keep families informed about any future opportunities that may become available.

We were thrilled this week to receive confirmation that St Mary's has been recognised through the prestigious Northampton in Bloom awards. This recognition celebrates the efforts made last term to transform areas of our school grounds from grey to green, creating a more attractive, welcoming and environmentally friendly space for our children and community. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes
Mrs Yuen

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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

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

Tremendous Harvest Collection



A huge thank you to all our families for your generous donations in support of our local Food Bank. Thank you for helping us to make a difference!

Celebrating Our Northampton in Bloom Award!



Last night, Mrs Bayley and Mrs Wilson attended the Guild Hall for the Northampton in Bloom Award ceremony, where our school was recognised as an award recipient! We are incredibly proud of this achievement and would like to say a huge well done to our Eco Team and everyone who has contributed to helping St Mary's gain this prestigious award. Thank you for your hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to making our school environment a beautiful, welcoming and greener place for everyone. What a fantastic achievement for our school community!

Year 6 Leads St Francis of Assisi Celebration of the Word



Our Year 6 children led a beautiful assembly to celebrate Harvest, giving thanks for the food we enjoy and for the many blessings in our lives. They shared their learning about their class saint, St Francis of Assisi, who reminds us of the importance of caring for God's wonderful creation. The children reflected on how we can all play our part in looking after our world, showing kindness to others and being thankful for all that we have. The assembly concluded with a thoughtful prayer, inviting us all to reflect on how we can live out these values in our everyday lives. Well done to Year 6 for leading us so prayerfully and thoughtfully!

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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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