



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Advent Term 2026 Newsletter 7



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

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another half term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. It has been a productive and positive term at St Mary's, with the children working hard, embracing new learning opportunities.

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who attended our meeting this week. It was an opportunity to discuss the SATs that the children will be sitting next year, as well as to launch the details of our Year 6 residential visit. A letter with further information about signing up for the residential will be sent out after half term.

Thank you also for your support with today's non-uniform day. The money raised will go towards the Caritas Northampton Christmas Bags Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and reflects the caring and compassionate community we are so proud to be part of.

After half term, we have lots to look forward to! Our school photographs will take place on Friday 6th November, and we have a busy programme of events planned for the weeks ahead. Our popular cooking sessions with Northampton Saints will also be getting underway. All families who have secured a place have received a letter, and we are currently holding a waiting list for future sessions.

The next half term is always a particularly busy and exciting time in school as we begin our preparations for Advent and Christmas, including our Christmas Nativities, Christmas Fayre and Christmas Disco, alongside many other events and activities. Please keep an eye on school communications and the calendar for dates and further information so that you do not miss anything.

As we head into the half-term break, I hope that all our families enjoy some well-deserved time together. I have attached a half term Science Challenge - a fun competition for those that feel inspired! We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November refreshed and ready for another busy and exciting half term.

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

Half term - Monday 26th – Sunday 1st November

4th November – Cross Country Event

5th

5th November – Cooking with The Saints session 1 3.30-5.30pm

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

Supporting Caritas Northampton



Thank you for your generous donations. Today our non-uniform day raised **£170.96** for Caritas Northampton. This will help to provide Bags of Kindness for those in need around Christmas time.

The Story of Noah's Ark



The children thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful retelling of the story of Noah's Ark, led by Rev. Roger during our collective worship. The children were fully engaged and had the opportunity to take part by dramatising different parts of the story, bringing this familiar Bible story to life. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and excitement as they acted out the events and reflected on the story's message of faith, trust in God and His promises.

Safety Talk by PCSO's



On Wednesday, our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a valuable safety talk led by our local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). With the darker evenings drawing in, the children were reminded of the importance of being visible when out and about, including wearing bright or reflective clothing. They also discussed ways to keep themselves safe in the community, particularly as we approach the half-term holiday.

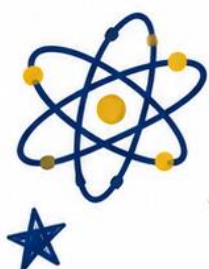
Bulb Planting in Year 6



This week year 6 showed how they can follow in the footsteps of St Francis and be 'Stewards of God's creation'. They cleared a large area of our prayer garden, pulling up weeds and turning over the soil, before they then planted a selection of bulbs. We are looking forward to seeing the flowers growing in the spring.

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HALF TERM SCIENCE COMPETITION

This half term, we are challenging you to create
a fact file on a **famous Scientist!**

You can choose a scientist from the list (or pick someone else who inspires you!). Your fact file should tell us about their life, their discoveries and why they are important.

Here are some suggestions:

- ★ Marie Curie
- ★ Albert Einstein
- ★ Stephen Hawking
- ★ Isaac Newton
- ★ Charles Darwin
- ★ Mae Jemison
- ★ Alexander Fleming
- ★ Dmitri Mendeleev
- ★ Katherine Johnson
- ★ Jane Goodall

(or choose another scientist who inspires you!)



Prizes will be
given for winning
entries!



Please make your fact file

A4 size

and remember, attention
to detail and presentation
are important!



Return by **Monday 2nd November**

Be creative,
be curious,
be a scientist!

Marie Curie

Scientist • Physicist • Chemist

Background

- Born: 7 November 1867 in Warsaw, Poland.
- Died: 4 July 1934, France.

Key Discoveries

- Pioneered research on radioactivity.
- Discovered the elements polonium and radium.
- Won two Nobel Prizes (Physics 1903 and Chemistry 1911).

Why she is important

Marie Curie was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and the only person to win in two different sciences. Her work helped advance cancer treatment and our understanding of atoms and radioactivity.



"Nothing
in life is
to be feared,
only to be
understood."
- Marie Curie



PTA Christmas Fair

Friday 4th December 2026

3.30-5pm in the school Hall

**ARE YOU HAVING A
HALF TERM SORT OUT ?**

*Do you have any unwanted gifts
that could be a raffle prize?*

**We are accepting donations of
toys, books and raffle prizes.
Please send any donations to
the school Office**





*Come and
Visit us*



Open Morning Sessions

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

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