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,

It has certainly been an eventful first week back after half term, and it has been lovely to see the children return refreshed and ready for another busy and exciting term. This week, we welcomed Hot Shots, who delivered a basketball taster session for the children. This is always a very popular before-school club for our KS2 children, offering a great opportunity to develop their skills and enjoy some active fun before the school day begins. Please do look out for further information about how to sign up.

We were also delighted with the children who represented St Mary's at the Northampton Cross Country event at Abington Park. They showed fantastic determination, enthusiasm and real grit throughout. Having been practising by running regular laps around the school grounds, it was wonderful to see their hard work pay off. We are incredibly proud of them all!

On Thursday, we enjoyed two fantastic activities with Northampton Saints. Some of our KS2 children took part in a rugby session, developing their skills and enjoying the opportunity to take part in some team sport. We also welcomed families into school for the start of the cooking sessions. It was wonderful to see families working together to prepare a meal, with lots of chopping, stirring and teamwork! The activity that followed was great fun too, particularly as the evening began to draw in and it started to get dark!

Today, we welcomed our school photographer into school. We are now waiting for the proofs to be sent through and, as soon as we receive them, we will share the information with you about how to view and place an order should you wish to purchase photographs.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend and enjoy some quality time together with your families.

Best Wishes
Mrs Yuen

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Open Mornings - Reception 2027



Key Term Dates

10th November – Year 5 Singing wartime Songs at Nazareth House
11th November – Remembrance Refection
12th November – Year 4 Mass at Nazareth House
18th November -Sports Hall Athletics KS2
20th November Cross Country House Group Tournament
24th November - NSPCC Workshops

27th November – Trust Training Day – School Closed

2nd December – Whole school pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty'
2nd December – Advent Reflection at the Cathedral 5-7pm
3rd December – Year 3 Mass at Nazareth House
4th December – PTA Christmas Fayre
9th December – PTA Christmas Disco
11th December – Christmas Jumper Day
15th December – Christmas Lunch menu
16th December – Reception/ KS1 Nativity 9.30/2pm
17th December – KS2 Nativity performance
18th December – last day of term

Virtue Assembly- Hope



Our Mission Team did a wonderful job supporting Mrs McElhatton in leading our Virtue Assembly this week, focusing on the virtue of Hope. They helped us to reflect on how we can place our trust in God, even when things feel difficult or uncertain, knowing that He is always with us. We thought about how hope gives us strength, encourages us to keep going and reminds us to look forward with faith and positivity. The children were encouraged to think about how they can be people of hope, bringing encouragement and light to those around them.

Cooking with Northampton Saints



It was wonderful to see some of our families enjoying a fantastic cooking session with Northampton Saints this week. Families worked together to prepare and create a delicious meal, with the children enthusiastically embracing the opportunity to get involved. There was lots of chopping, stirring and teamwork, and the delicious smells wafting through the hall certainly made our mouths water! A big thank you to Northampton Saints for providing such a wonderful opportunity!

Northampton Cross Country 2026 Success!

We were absolutely delighted with the children who represented St Mary's at the Northampton Cross Country event at Abington Park on Wednesday. They showed fantastic determination, enthusiasm and real grit throughout the event, giving their very best and supporting one another along the way. The children have been working hard in preparation, running regular laps around the school grounds, and it was wonderful to see all their practice and perseverance pay off. We are incredibly proud of them all – well done!







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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

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Come and Visit us

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Open Morning Sessions

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

Private Tours with the headteacher also available please call to book your visit

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