



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Advent Term 2024 Newsletter 1



“With Christ as our guide, we let our light shine.”

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

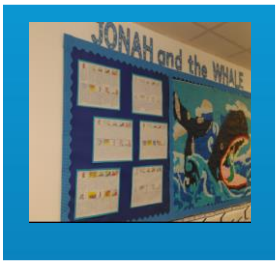
We have had a great start to this academic year. Last Friday Fr Shalbin celebrated Mass for the whole school for the start of the year and also for the school feast day, which fell on the weekend this year. We were really pleased to share the result of our recent **OFSTED report** with our school community this week. This is a wonderful accolade for the school and we again say thank you and 'well done' to our pupils, their families, our staff and the wider community.

Over the course of the week, the children have become more familiar with their new classes and are settled and learning well. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents into school for the Meet the teacher sessions on Tuesday. This week we have held elections for our Head Pupils in Year 6 and are really pleased to announce that our House Captains this year will be Leo, Lucas, Adele and Deborah. I know they will work brilliantly in partnership with one another. Our Head Boy and Head Girl are Joshua and Bernice and they will be supported by their deputies: Antoni, Mila and Chikaima. All nine will have opportunities to work together and represent the school in different ways over the course of the year. The way their classmates celebrated them as they were announced was incredibly heart-warming.

Next week Hotshots basketball club will be offering a taster session to the children in readiness of a before school club starting again soon.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend!

Best wishes,
Mrs Yuen



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We are a GOOD School!



The process was very detailed and rigorous and we are very pleased that this is acknowledged. We would like to thank all those who took part in the inspection, staff, governors, parents and especially the children!

Term Dates

- 4th September**- Start of term
- 6th September** – Mass for start of school year
- 10th September**- Meet the teacher sessions
- 24th September**- Macmillan Coffee afternoon 2.30pm
- Fridays** this half term- Year 5 Swimming
- 1st/ 2nd October**- Parents Evening
- 4th October** – Feast of St Francis of Assisi
- 11th October** – Diocesan Mass -Mission team representing our school.
- Half Term Holiday**
- 28th October- 3rd November**
- Thursdays** this half term- Year 5 Swimming
- 11th November**- Remembrance Service
- 20th December**- last day of term
- Christmas Holidays**
- 21st December- 4th January 2025**

Year 2 Exploring our local area



Our year 2 children have been 'Street Detectives' this week, looking at the local area. The children walked around our school locality observing street features and using their geography skills to locate services.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

We work to provide lots of extra-curricular opportunities for our pupils at St Mary's and this year is no exception. We have a variety of clubs that run onsite. You will receive communication with the start dates and information about how to book.

	Before School	After School
Tuesday		Choir – Years 1-6
Wednesday	Gymnastic Club Years 1-6	Music Club – Reception only Sports Competition Club – KS2 Tennis Club -Years 1-6
Thursday	Dance and Musical Theatre Years 1-6	Football Club – KS2 Mixed

Welcome to our Reception Class 2024



Our children have settled well into school life and are enjoying their learning and making new friends.

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