



6th September 2024

St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools'

School Newsletter

'Love one another; Always do our best; Take care of ourselves and the world around us'

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break, filled with wonderful memories and time to recharge. As we begin this new academic year, I want to extend a warm welcome to both our returning families and those joining us for the first time. It's an exciting time to be part of our school community, and I know we have a fantastic year ahead.

Every new school year brings fresh opportunities—new friendships, goals to achieve, and challenges that will help us grow. Whether you're entering a new class, taking on a new role, or simply trying something new, remember that growth happens when we step out of our comfort zones. Let's approach this year with curiosity, kindness, and a commitment to being the best versions of ourselves.

Our teachers and staff have been busy preparing to make this year engaging, supportive, and inspiring. We are all here to help you succeed, and I can't wait to see what we will achieve together.

On Wednesday 18th September, our Mini Vinnies will sell cakes to raise money for the Fair Trade Foundation to mark **Fair Trade Week**. If you can donate cupcakes and cakes they would be greatly appreciated by the team. If you would like to donate to the cause, you can use our link: [click here](#).

Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

Warm regards,

Mrs Reynolds
Deputy Headteacher



Some lunchtime reading in our 'quiet area'

School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
9th September	Meet the Teacher	Year 1-6	Classrooms	
wb 9th Sept	Activities start in After School Club: Mon: Art and Craft Tues: Dance Weds: Ball sports Thurs: Ball sports Fri: Homework	All	Book via Arbor	3.30-4.30
18th September	Bake Sale by our Mini Vinnies for the Fair Trade Foundation (please donate cakes to sell by Tuesday and Wednesday of this week)	All	tbc	3.30pm
28th October- 1st November	October Half term holiday- school closed	All		
12th & 13th November	Parent Teacher Consultations	Years 1-6 Parents	Infant and Junior Halls	3.40-5.50 pm





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Re: Communication at St Mary's

Dear parents and carers,

We thought it would be helpful to remind parents how best to make contact with the school. Please find the information below.

I wish to speak to my child's class teacher:

The best time to speak to the class teacher is at the end of the day (once they have dismissed their class).

If you cannot make this time, email the school office to request a phone call back from the teacher, and they will do their best to phone you back at the earliest convenience.

I wish to pass on a message to my child's class teacher (eg. my child has forgotten their homework or to wear a PE kit etc):

As our teachers are in their classrooms in the morning, and not at the gate, it is not possible to speak in person to them before the start of school.

The best way to pass on a message to your child's class teacher is by emailing our school office, who will pass on the message to them.

Emailing teachers:

Our email system is not set up for back and forth communication between teachers and parents.

Emails should only be sent (to our office@ email and never the teacher's personal email) if they do not require a response back from the teacher (eg. my child has forgotten their homework or to wear a PE kit etc).

If you require a response, please see the teacher at the end of the day, or email the office requesting a phone call.

I wish to speak with the office team:

The morning is the office team's busiest time. If your query is not urgent, please email our school office and they will get back to you.

I have a concern regarding my child potentially having a Special Educational Need:

Speak with your child's classroom teacher. They will be able to advise if they share these concerns and will be able to refer them to the SENDCo if so.

I wish to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team:

It is important that you first speak to your child's class teacher about any concerns you wish to raise. They are the adults who see your child each day, and are best placed to talk to with regards to your child. On the rare occasion that parents are dissatisfied with the outcome of speaking to the class teacher, you may wish to speak to a member of our Senior Leadership Team. To request a conversation with a member of the SLT, it is best to put your concerns in an email, and one of the team will make contact with you- either face to face, phone call or via email depending on the concern.

This week at SMP...

Year 3 produced some fantastic art this week, inspired by Max Ernest's style of painting 'Frottage'.



Lunchtime fun!

Our children have been enjoying all of the new activities available for them at lunchtime!





Stars of the Week



Robin Class	Sabaothe	Roman
Dove Class	Merveline	Erica
3C	Whole Class	
3W	Triana	Shaddai
4D	Isabelle	Lena
4G	Erica	Samantha
5B	Morgan	Drew
6J		

Congratulations to our Stars of the week!
These pupils have worked exceptionally hard
to stand out amongst their peers. Well done
everyone!





Class Prayer

Each week a class will write a prayer for our newsletter. This week our wonderful Year 1 children have been the first:

Dear God,

**This year help us to do all of our work
even when it is difficult.**

Help us to all be good friends.

Amen



*Let Us
Pray*