



St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools'

School Newsletter

'Where great lives begin!'

13th September 2024

Dear all,

It's the end of our second week of our new academic year. and everything is in full swing!

We started the week with an assembly led by our budding Year 6 leaders! The children read speeches to the whole school, in hope of being voted as House Captain or Vice Captain for one of our four houses: St Josephine, St Vincent, St Therese and St Francis. It's not easy to speak in front of so many people, but our Year 6s spoke wonderfully and did us proud- any one of them will make excellent leaders, and even if they're not one of the 8 voted in, there will be plenty of leadership opportunities for them this year, including: School Council representative; Anti-bullying Ambassador; Mini-Vinnie; Librarian and Eco Ambassador.

It was also a very exciting week for our new children in Reception as it was their first week doing full-time hours! Ms O'Shea and her team have been singing the children's praises about how well they are settling in. A special warm welcome to all of our new families.

Finally, a reminder that our Mini-Vinnies are holding a bake sale this coming Wednesday 18th September after school. All money raised will go to the Fair Trade Foundation. You can support by donating cupcakes and cakes on Tuesday and Wednesday, and by coming to the bake sale!

Warm regards,

Ms Reynolds
Deputy Headteacher

Attendance winners!	
Infant School:	Junior School:
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Punctuality winners!	
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School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
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
2nd October	Secondary Transfer Meeting for Year 6 parents	Year 6 parents	6J	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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Term, Holiday and INSET Dates 2024 – 2025 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2024

	From	To
Autumn 1	Wednesday 4th September	Friday 25th October
Autumn half term	Monday 28th October	Friday 1st November
Autumn 2	Monday 4th November	Friday 20th December - school closes at 1pm
Christmas holiday	Monday 23rd December	Friday 3rd January
INSETS (school closed)	Monday 2nd September; Tuesday 3rd September	

Spring Term 2025

	From	To
Spring 1	Tuesday 7th January	Friday 14th February
Spring half term	Monday 17th February	Friday 21st February
Spring 2	Monday 24th February	Friday 4th April - school closes at 1pm
Easter holiday	Monday 7th April	Monday 21st April
INSETS (school closed)	Monday 6th January	

Summer Term 2025

	From	To
Summer 1	Tuesday 22nd April	Friday 23rd May
Summer half term	Monday 26th May	Friday 30th May
Summer 2	Monday 2nd June	Friday 18th July - school closes at 1pm
INSETS (school closed)	Monday 21st July; Tuesday 22nd July	

Total – 195 school days



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

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...

Writing in Year 1- the children have been writing about our '**Good to be Green**' behaviour system!



Mark-making in Nursery



Writing in Reception



Stars of the Week



Robin Class	Oliver	Evie
Dove Class	Lucas	Liam
3C	Isaac	Khiearna
3W	Euale	Sofia
4D	Maariya	Georgina
4G	A'Zaria	Valeria
5B	Isha	Joshua
6J	Isabella F	Alex

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





Class Prayer

Year 2's prayer:

Dear God,

As we begin in year 2, we ask for your help with new learning.

We have new challenges, especially with reading, writing and maths.

Please help us when we are struggling.

Father we thank you for the help of our teachers, family and friends.

Amen



*Let Us
Pray*