

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter

Statement to live by

Our Statement to live by next week is: 'I try to love others as I love myself' Please talk to your child about this.

Happy New Year

We would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy, and peaceful 2025. The children have all made a great start back this week and are so settled and ready to get learning again. We look forward to what the year ahead will bring!

Reading at home and rewards

A wide range of studies show that children who have always read regularly in school and beyond, are more likely to do well in school, have strong friendships, have better mental health, and even better paying jobs and happier lives! Above all, we want our children to become fluent readers and to enjoy reading!

All aspect of the curriculum and learning (especially as children move up to High school) is easier for children who can read well.

We expect all children to read at home daily as part of their homework and we ask parents to support us and their child here. Class teachers will explain to parents our new reward system where children get prizes for meeting their half termly reading targets.

Teacher/Teaching Assistant for the day

This very popular competition is back and is always very popular! The Teacher/Teaching Assistant for the day will take place on Friday 24th January and tickets go on sale on Monday. Keep a look out for the flyers from FPTA with details on how to buy raffle tickets for this event.

Spanish day

We all enjoyed dressing up in our Spanish clothes and colours on Wednesday this week. The children enjoyed doing a range of Spanish activities, especially the Spanish food tasting! We had a competition to name the most Spanish speaking countries and the following children won. Well done to them:

Alfie in Year 3, Kane in Year 4, Oscar A in Year 5,

Uniform

The majority of our children look so smart in their uniforms this week. Can we just remind parents about ensuring children are wearing correct uniform in school including a tie, correct shoes and only small plain stud earring, hoop earrings are not allowed. Also, earrings must be removed on PE days. If ears are newly pierced, parents need to send in plasters to cover them for PE. Thank you. We do have a supply of spare uniform for anybody to take, free of charge. Please contact the office in confidence if we can help here. Ties are on sale at the office for £2.50.

Church News

The whole school will celebrate mass together next Wednesday at 10.00am at church to mark the start of the New Year. Everyone is always very welcome to come to these class and school masses.

Head Boy and Girl message

Happy New Year and welcome back for the Spring term. We hope everyone had a nice Christmas break. Congratulations to Year 6 for winning class of the week, enjoy your treat. There will be class champion next week and you can bring in your own awards too. Have a great weekend.



10TH JANUARY 2025

DIARY DATES

Mass Times

Monday 13 January-10 am Mass at St Mary's

Tuesday 14 January-10 am Mass at St Patrick's

Wednesday 15 January-10 am Full school Mass at St Mary's - everyone welcome

Thursday 16 January-1.30 pm Mass at Saint Patrick's with pupils from school - everyone welcome

Friday 17 January-10 am Mass at St Mary's

Saturday 18 January-10-10.30 12 noon Confessions at St Mary's Mass at St Patrick's, Confession to follow

Sunday 19 January-9.30 am Mass at St Patrick's with children's liturgy

11:15am Mass at St Mary's

AWARDS

No Class Champion Awards this week

Winning House this week

St Andrews

Class of the week Year 6

