



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter

Friday 12th September



I can't believe it's already the end of the second week. It's wonderful to see how enthusiastic the children are as they come into school. Every job comes with its perks: as a head teacher, I get to see the dedicated care and professionalism the staff display towards the children every day. I also get to see children respond to this. Each week I will talk to children about "British Values"- these values are not unique to Britain but they are all values that make our country a great place to live. This week we discussed democracy and how we live in a society where we are free to choose those who govern us or make wider decisions about the way our society should work. In school this might mean choosing other children to represent our views. You might like to talk about this at home. We all know how important reading is to the life chances of all children. Reading is at the heart of our school. We would like that to be obvious to anyone who visits our school. We are going to clear the House of Joy (the free standing structure at the entrance to the school) and set it up as a book exchange for parents and children. More details will follow. However, in the meantime, if you have any unwanted children's books that you would like to donate to the school for the library or the book exchange we would be very grateful to receive them.

Currently we are looking to rehome some furniture in the House of Joy – (free standing structure) in front of school entrance. If any of our families can make use of the wicker furniture or small wooden case and can remove them please get in touch with school office...could be a very fun little up cycle project. A small donation to the school would be appreciated.





Another busy week for Anning class. They have been revising how to partition 2 digit numbers in their math's lessons and learning about the different parts of a Bible in RE. In literacy, they have been introduced to a Troll called Timothy who is not like other Trolls and we are looking forward to learning more about him.

In their first independent write they used this picture to create the start of a narrative. Ask your child what they noticed in the picture!

This week Shire class has been exploring our school grounds to see what we could see and hear in our environment. We found some wonderful wildlife there.



This Weeks Golden Padlock winner is Hector, well done Hector you are a Cycling superstar.

Eco Schools - newsletter

We are delighted to inform you that St Mary's Catholic First School has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag with distinction for the second consecutive year.

The Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction is the highest award within the Eco-Schools program and we are extremely proud to achieve it again in 2025.

Our Eco committee have worked so brilliantly together as a team over the past year and led the whole school community with energy and enthusiasm to complete our Eco Schools projects. St Mary's children continue to be great stewards for our planet, a shining example of how we put our Gospel Values into action. Thank you to Mrs Gannon for leading on this and to all the families at St Mary's for your support too.



Today we say goodbye to two of our pupils who will be leaving us, Arabella in Year 2 and Fred A in year 4 have been a special part of our school community and we shall truly miss them. We wish them every success and happiness in their new schools, they are incredibly lucky to have you.

Good Luck 



Year Group	Event	Date
Whole School	St Mary's PTFA Coffee Morning	Friday 19 th September
Whole School	Children break up for half term	Thursday 23 rd October
Whole school	Children return after half term.	Monday 3 rd November

Have a good weekend. **S. Thomas**