



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Serving with love, striving for excellence

Autumn Term Newsletter 11: 29th November 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and children,

What a busy week we have had here at St Mary's! On Tuesday this week, we welcomed Maggie from CAFOD back to our school. She talked to the children about World Gifts, Advent and Catholic Social Teaching. She also gave us Advent Prayer cards and donation envelopes that the children will be taking home. If you have any spare coins that you would like to donate to CAFOD as part of their Christmas World Gifts campaign, kindly return your donation in the envelope to school by Friday 13th December. We will let you know how much is raised.

This week is also National Tree Week and as each of our classes are named after trees, we thought this would be a perfect opportunity to celebrate this and for children to learn more about their class names. There has been lots of interesting science learning going on and we even have some beautiful displays to decorate our classes with.

It was also lovely to see so many parents attending Willow class liturgy yesterday and going to mass with the Year 3 children on Wednesday. The children and staff work incredibly hard to prepare and they are so proud to share this time with you.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Katharine Sexton—Interim Headteacher

November Prayer

Jesus,

You care about us and want good things for us. Thank you for the precious people inside our hearts. Watch over us, guide us, let our hearts be ruled by you. Christ the King, Be King of our hearts.

Amen



ART COMPETITION

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA NATIVITY SCENE COMPETITION

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 have been working hard on creating beautiful artwork, to enter the annual Knights of St Columba Nativity Scene Competition.

Winners of the competition receive cash prizes of up to **£30** as well as a cash reward of £150 for the school.

In order to enter the competition, the following information will need to be provided for each child, along with their artwork.

- Name of entrant
- Age of entrant
- Date of birth
- School year group
- Name and address of school

If you do not want your child to enter the competition, and do not want us to provide this information for your child, Please contact the school office by:

Tuesday 3rd December - 12pm

If we do not hear from you, we will submit the entries and hopefully we have some winners.



CAFOD Visit

On Tuesday, CAFOD came to visit. 'CAFOD is an amazing charity that helps people all over the world. They showed us each advent candle and taught us about donating money to countries around the world who have experienced natural disasters.' - Finley
Please look out for the CAFOD envelopes that will be sent out with the children and donate to CAFOD's World Gifts appeal, if you can. Thank you.



Attendance

Overall attendance for this week % (net 95.4%),

KS1 class with the highest attendance: **CHERRY**
KS2 class with the highest attendance: **CEDAR**



Celebrating our Achievements

House Points

This week's winning house is:

1 st	3rd	2nd	4th	5th
Red	Orange	Blue	Yellow	Green
532	513	477	451	524

Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
-	Jah'zion	Kwabena	Fope	Michael	Jazmine	Evie
-	Ola	Omesede	Johaann	Anthony	Brume	Naomi

Catholic Social Teaching Awards

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
-	Ziyone	David	Jemimah	Kendi	Kian	Eseosa
-	Jomi	Elisa	Samarah	Ethan	Yaa	Gabriel

Our Catholic Life

Our Catholic Social Teaching principle for this week is:



The Common Good

"To struggle against injustice is to promote the human and spiritual progress of all, and therefore the common good of humanity".

Badminton MYG Event



Ka Yi, Lena, Ruby, Ellis, Samuel, Mason finished 3rd out of 27 winning 19 games out of 24. They showed great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

[Mr Luke Francis](#)

EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
6th December	Ash & Elm Reading Open Evening at 2.45pm
10th and 11th December	Y1 and Y2 Nativity in the afternoon 2pm
13th December	Reception nativity
16th December	Nursery nativity
18th December	Y5 and Y6 nativity in the church
19th December	Xmas parties and Xmas dinner
20th December	End of term

Birthdays

The following children have celebrated their birthday this week, or will do so this weekend.

Abigail, Devananda, Favour, Aiden, Isabella, Lena, Maja

