

St Mary's Catholic School

Newsletter

November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am looking to start up a brand new parent/teacher association (PTA). Who wants to join? The PTA works alongside school staff to set up fundraising activities. These are fun things for the children to do (eg. discos), whilst also raising some money for the school. The money is used to buy things that the school budget can't pay for, eg. We would love to buy some new climbing equipment for children to use at breaktimes and a new shelter to store bikes and scooters. The more parents who help, the less everyone has to commit to. You could volunteer to lead one fundraising event whilst another organises a different one. We are looking to do one event per term to start with. If you would like to help, please see Miss May, Mrs Ede or myself.

Christmas is coming and it is currently freezing! But I can see children coming to school with no coat. Please dress warmly for the weather and do check this newsletter for all the Christmas diary dates. Our Harvest festival was lovely with our new priest Father Michael. Come along to our Advent one and watch your children celebrate how we get ready for Christmas.

Finally, you have probably seen me wheel out trolley loads of cardigans and jumpers onto the playground - all unnamed and some brand new! We also have a large collection of reading books we no longer need. Some staff have volunteered to set all these out on tables for you to take. Look out on Dojo to see the date for this.

Best wishes,
Miss Teixeira

Dates for the Diary



- 1st December - Advent Liturgy 9am (parents invited)
- 8th December - KS1 Nativity 2pm
- 10th December - EYFS Nativity 2pm
- 11th December - Class 3/4 Performance 10am
Class 5/6 Performance 2pm
- 15th December - Celebrate in Hope 9am (parents invited)
- 17th December - Christmas Jumper/Dinner
- 18th December - Christmas Disco
- 19th December - Last day of term



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

5th January - Back to School

Sports

Well done to our hockey team who played their 1st set of league fixtures last night.

3 wins, lots of goals, but, most importantly, lots of support and encouragement for each other!

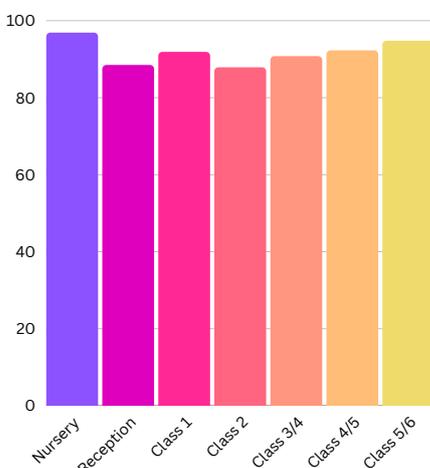
Even better was that it was the 1st ever time 4 of the children had played hockey for the school.

Well done to you all!
Mr Cox 😊

PARENT PAY

Please **log on** to your ParentPay accounts and settle any monies which is owed either for swimming, lunches, wrap around care etc. **All school lunches** are to be ordered on ParentPay, log in's have been issued to all children. If you are having trouble logging in or need your account details pop into the school office where we can help.

Attendance



Nursery

Spaces available from the age of 3 - we are now taking applications for September 2026.



Headlice

We have had a large number of complaints, Please check and treat your child's hair regularly, you can refer to the NHS website for guidance.

This year during our performances we would like to collect donations to purchase CAFOD world gifts and bring hope and love to some of the poorer communities
Thank you

CAFOD A better world needs all of us


CONGRATULATIONS
To Nursery with 96.9%