

Newsletter

Newsletter Number 7

Friday 20th October 2023

Attendance for week: 96.08%

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

"Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Life"



A message from Mrs Thorpe to all our families...

Wow—we've already completed the first half term of the year. What an amazing half term we've had, with so much to celebrate. This week we have welcomed several external visitors, all have been complimentary about the school, praising behaviour, relationships and culture. I am so proud of all the staff and children, the word of the week has most certainly been JOY. Everywhere I have walked around school I have heard laughing and seen so much joy in the experiences of our children (and staff). Thank you also to everyone for attending our Parents Evening this week, next half term you will receive your child's brief attainment and progress report and our next Parents Evening will then be in March. When we return, we will be in November, the month of remembrance. If you have any names of loved ones who would like to be included in our remembrance prayer book, please do share these with us and we will include these special people in our prayers throughout the month.



ARTSMARK: I am delighted to share that our school have been awarded SILVER ARTSMARK from the National Arts Council. This is in recognition of the rich provision for the wider Arts that we offer here at St Mary's. Our Arts curriculum includes Music, Drama, Visual and Performing Arts as well as creativity through writing, designing and exploration. A massive THANK YOU to Mrs Kane, our Arts Lead, who does such a wonderful job co-ordinating the Arts in our school.



This Week's Special Awards

Well done to you all!



Year 6: Luna & Jacob

Year 5: Harper & Indie

Year 4: Jake & Aariya

Year 3: Daisy & Brayden

Year 2: Sophie R & Olli

Year 1: Luna & Luke

EYFS: Tommy M & Carson

Last week our Y5 class visited Chester Cathedral. I received a lovely phone call from the Education Team praising and complementing the behaviour, manners, attitude and presentation of the children from St Mary of the Angels. Well done to all our children—you are such a credit to our school and to your families.



Dates for your diary...



- **Friday 20th October**— we finish today at the usual time
- **Monday 30th October**—School reopens at 8.40am
- **Wednesday 1st November**—Y6 visiting Liverpool
- **Friday 3rd November**—Y6 Chemistry with Cabbage day
- **Thursday 16th November**—Y4 Ancient Greece Day

Dates to remember next half term!

Friday 24th November—INSET day, school closed to pupils

Friday 1st December—Non-uniform day, bring a bottle

Thursday 7th December—Christmas Food & Craft fair, 3.15pm

Please remember also that we don't finish for Christmas until Friday 22nd December—this is later than some other local schools.

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT... This week we welcomed visitors from the Local Authority who carried out a full audit of our safeguarding systems here at St Mary's. The inspection outcome was excellent and validated our judgements that safeguarding systems at St Mary's are effective. Furthermore, our visitors commented on the warm, positive relationships between staff and pupils. They also described pupil behaviour as exemplary and saw for themselves just how hard our children work and well they care for each other. They asked me to pass on their direct thanks to families and let you know what an absolute credit your children are to you.



Later today, our Y5/6 children are hosting a coffee afternoon for our families. Thank you to everyone who is supporting us!

FOREST SCHOOL: Next Forest School

Class is EYFS on 2/11/23

