

Newsletter

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Friday 19th January 2024

Attendance for
week: 96.73%

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

"Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Life"



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

Well it's been a chilly, snowy and busy week here at St Mary's, thank you to families for sending in spare shoes/socks etc, this has really helped us keep everyone dry and warm in this cold weather. Please follow the same system on any future snow days this year. We've had so many enrichment opportunities this week with live storytelling performances, line dancing workshops, Forest School and Health Workshops with our local basketball team. This has all been in addition to the fantastic work going on in every class, every day. It's a great blessing to be able to see and appreciate what a rounded and purposeful curriculum the children receive every day here at St Mary's.



This week we welcomed Chester Phoenix Basketball Team into school for the Hoops for Health workshops with our Y6 children. They addressed important issues around staying safe and looking ourselves, including the dangers of smoking, the importance of balanced diets, and the value of exercise on our health.



Our KS2 children enjoyed a fantastic storytelling performance with 'Gripping Yarns' this week. We explored themes around bullying through the story "Standing By". It was moving and emotive and helped us all reaffirm our commitment to looking after each other by speaking out against bullying.



This Week's Special Awards

Well done to you all!



Year 6: Isla H & Shay

Year 5: Junior & Holly

Year 4: Ben & Fern

Year 3: Daniel & Charlie

Year 2: Polly & Isabelle

Year 1: Noah WH & Scarlett

EYFS: Kyana & Elsie

Dates for your diary...



- **Tuesday 23rd January**—Dance Breakfast Club meet at 8am in the school hall.
- **Tuesday 23rd January**— Netball Tournament for 5/6
- **Thursday 25th January**— Parent's Meeting for the First Holy Communion preparation programme, 3.15pm in the Y3 classroom, please see earlier letter for details
- **Sunday 28th January**—Catholic primary schools singing together at 11am Mass at Our Lady's Church
- **Wednesday 31st January**—Y1 and Y2 drama workshops with Freshwater Theatre Company as part of National Storytelling Week
- **Wed 31st / Fri 2nd Feb**—Bikeability—cycling safely course in school for Y5/6. Please see earlier letter

MORNING ACTIVITIES.... Every day this week I have been humbled by my morning walk through school at the beginning of the school day. Learning activities and Readiness for Learning activities are in full swing by 8.45am in every classroom, including: Lego Therapy, Sensory Circuits, Reading Interventions, Playdough Group, and so much more. Please ensure your child is on time for school every day—this is by 8.45am. Late arrivals, even by a few minutes mean that some children frequently miss out on these very important 'starting the day well' activities.

FOREST SCHOOL: Next week's Forest School Class is... YEAR 5—25/1/24

