Family Update
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Dear Families,

We have thoroughly enjoyed being back at school this week. This term, we are focusing on our school value of 'Forgiveness'.

At the start of the week, we talked about what it means to be a school community characterised by forgiveness and the importance of making deliberate choices of words and actions that allow the whole school community to flourish.

Over the coming weeks, as we approach the season of Advent, we will focus in further on how values are linked to our upcoming celebrations of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Farewell Mrs Ramphul



On Wednesday, we bid farewell to our wonderful Special Needs Coordinator, Mrs Ramphul.

Mrs Ramphul has worked at St Mary's for the last 7 years and has taught many cohorts of children in her time here.

In recent times, she became the school's SENCO, offering support and guidance for many children and families, to ensure the very best outcomes. As she heads off on maternity leave, we would like to thank her for her dedication to the children and families of St Mary's.

We wish her all the best as she spends time raising her family.

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World Nursery Rhyme Week

Next week, our EYFS children will be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week! Each day, we will explore a different nursery rhyme through singing, movement and fun activities. Nursery rhymes are a wonderful way to develop children's language, listening and early oracy skills. We encourage families to join in at home by singing and sharing their favourite nursery rhymes together. We look forward to a week filled with music, rhyme and lots of singing!



Click on the image to hear the 5 official rhymes for the week.

Remembrance



On Wednesday, we will be holding our Remembrance Collective Worship in school. This ties in strongly with our value of the half term, which is Forgiveness.

Remembrance is always a very special occasion and an opportunity to pause what we are doing and take time together to remember and give thanks for those who have served and sacrificed for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. We look forward to sharing this meaningful moment with the children and helping them understand the importance of remembrance in a way that feels both respectful and age-appropriate.

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Anti-Bullying Week



During the week beginning Monday 16th November, we will be celebrating Anti-bullying week.
This is a special time to remind us how important it is to be kind, respectful, and to stand up for one another. The aim of Anti-Bullying Week is to help everyone understand what bullying is, how it affects others, and how we can all play a part in making our school a happy, safe place for everyone.
This year's campaign - Break the Silence - will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.
To celebrate, children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November, as a fun way to show that we are all unique and special in our own way!

Maths Week

From Monday 23rd November to Friday 27th November, we will have our annual Maths Week!

Throughout the week, children will explore real-life applications of Maths, such as money, mass and capacity. As part of this, each class will design, produce and advertise products to sell to one another at the Business Fair on Friday 27th November.

On this day, children may wear a smart, business outfit to school and bring a maximum of £5 cash to spend at the fair. At the end of the school day, if classes have any remaining products, these will be brought to the playground for parents and carers to purchase.

The class that makes the most profit, will be awarded the Maths Week Trophy!

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Dates for the diary

Please add the dates below to your diary so that you don't miss out.
All of the dates are available on the school website too.

Date	Time	Focus	Led by/who is invited
9th to 13th Nov	All Week	**Nursery Rhyme Week**	Nursery and Reception
Mon 16th Nov	Afternoon/evening	**Parent/Teacher Meetings**	Whole School
Wed 18th Nov	Morning	**Individual and sibling photos**	Whole School
Thur 19th Nov	9am - 10am	**FoSMA AGM**	At School
Mon 23rd -27th Nov	All Week	**Maths Week**	Whole School
Fri 27th Nov	2:30-3:30pm	**Maths Business Fair**	Children from Nursery - Year 6
Mon 30th Nov	3:30pm - 4:30pm	**Christmas Fair**	Whole School
Fri 11th Dec	3:30pm - 4pm	**Christmas Bake Sale**	Whole School
Sun 13th Dec	10:30am	**Members of the school choir singing at the St Mary's Church Family Carols**	Invited members of the school choir
Mon 14th Dec	9:30am	**Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show**	Year 1 and Year 2 Parents invited. Two adults per family.
Tues 15th Dec	9:30am	**Early Years Nativity**	Nursery and Recption parents invited. Two adults per family.
Wed 16th Dec		**Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**	Whole School
Wed 16th Dec	2:45pm	**Christmas Church Service**	Whole School
Friday 18th Dec	1:30pm	**Last day of term - School finishes at 1:30pm. There is no wraparound on this day!**	Whole School

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A Message from FOSMA

Dear Parents & Carers,

Help us make this year's Christmas Fair on 30th November extra special! ❤️
We've created an Amazon Wish List for anyone who would like to donate items towards the fair. Donations can be made anonymously, and there's absolutely no pressure to contribute!

🛍️ Wish List

Every little contribution helps create magical memories for our children! 🎄✨
Thank you for your continued support! ❤️



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Attendance

Class	Attendance This week	Attendance this year so far
Nursery	88%	93.1%
Reception	93.9%	95.1%
Year 1	8.9%	94.5%
Year 2	93.2%	95.0%
Year 3	95%	96.2%
Year 4	91.7%	96.1%
Year 5	98.3%	96.9%
Year 6	95.8%	97%

Congratulations to Year 5 our attendance winners this week!

Well done, Year 5!

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for loving, caring for and cherishing every child and adult that makes up our school community.

We pray that your love will be at the heart of all that we do. Help us, by your spirit, to be a community of kindness, justice and love.

Amen