



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

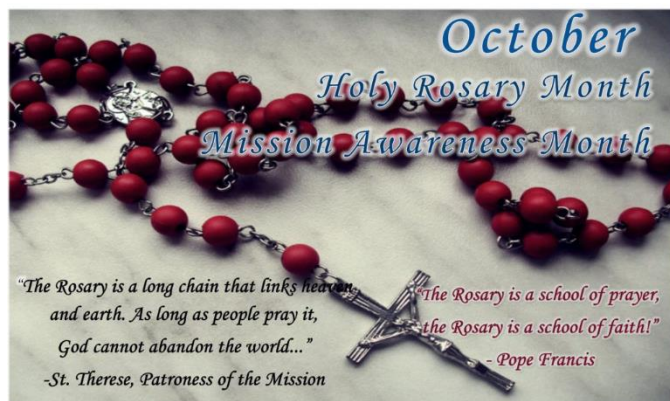
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



October is the month of the Holy Rosary and the Bishop has set us a mission of praying one decade of the rosary (one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and one Glory Be) each weekday during October. You can track your progress using this [chart](#). The children have received a set of rosary beads from the Catenians to help them with this mission. Also, each Monday in October, Dan, our new chaplain will be leading a Rosary Club at lunch time to help us fulfil this mission. On Monday

we celebrated our back-to-school Mass with Fr Bill. We wait until our new Reception children have settled and been assigned their Year 6 special friends before we celebrate Mass together as a whole school family. It was a wonderful occasion and the children read, sang and participated beautifully showing great reverence and respect. Fr Bill gave us 10/10 which is quite the accolade. Each Wednesday at 10:00am a different class will be attending the parish Mass at St Mary's and parents/carers are most welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY WORD

The latest version of the Wednesday Word can be accessed [here](#). Please enjoy spending some time sharing the Word with your children.

HOUSE POINTS

Please see the totals for the month of September below. Blue team are currently in the lead, but I am sure it will be close run thing by the end of term...

Red	Yellow	Blue	Green
1,444	1,431	1,470	1,410



CURRICULUM INFORMATION



A reminder that curriculum information for each year group is available on the [school website](#) along with other relevant information regarding the St Mary's curriculum. Our curriculum is built around six key pillars: coherence, sequence, context, excellence, balance and inclusivity and the SANCTA values are the golden thread that encapsulate and support our principles of curriculum design.



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NSPCC's SPEAK OUT. STAY SAFE PROGRAMME

Last week I sent home a letter informing you that children in Years 1 to Year 6 at St Mary's will be participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online** programme the week beginning 30 October. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages are delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.



Two accredited NSPCC volunteers will be visiting St Mary's on Thursday 2 November to run follow-up workshops with children in Years 2, 5 and 6. We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS



There will be no cross-country club after school on **Wednesday 18 October.**

This is due to a KS2 cross-country competition taking place at Marple Hall High School, 3:45pm till 5:15pm. We are inviting all our cross-country club and Woodbank park pupils to attend this competition. On arrival, Mrs Ashton will meet the children and support the pupils at the competition. We ask that parents remain at the competition and stay with their child. Please complete the form on the attached link if your child is able to attend. <https://forms.office.com/e/AkAf2UxesL>

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thank you for supporting our coffee and cake afternoon last Friday in support of Macmillan. We had a delicious and wide variety of cakes donated that were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you for your support of this well deserving charity providing outstanding support to cancer patients and their families. We raised a fantastic **£156.**



GARDENING WORKING PARTY THANKS



Thank you to Dr Tognarelli & Nicco, Mr & Mrs Beetham & Pauric, Mrs Drake, George & Nora and Mrs Buckley for their help with tree felling and heavy pruning in the school garden on a wet Sunday morning. It makes a big difference in preparation for the children's gardening on Wednesdays! The photograph shows some of our fantastic parents tackling the jobs our pupil groups can't! Mr Percy plans to hold a Sunday working party once a month. Details of the November working party will be added to the dates for your diary section soon.

PARENT GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

The St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust have confirmed the successful appointment of Mrs Rachel Brislane and Dr Claire Tognarelli as Parent Governors on the St Mary's Local Governing Board effective from 2 October 2023 until 1 October 2027. Further information about the role of parent governors can be found [here](#). I look forward to working with Claire and Rachel in their new

voluntary roles and I know their valued skillsets will bring further capacity to an already strong Local Governing Board.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2023

A reminder that next Friday we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day at St Mary's and we are asking all children to wear an **item of yellow** with their uniform and to donate £1, which will form part of our contribution to the Healthy Young Minds organisation. This is a wonderful charity which does so much to support children and young adults. During that week, the children will have a special focus on mental health as part of their learning.



ONLINE PARENTING COURSES



Online parenting courses are a great way to get advice and learn new skills in the comfort of your own home and at times to suit you. Courses from an organisation called Family Lives are filled with helpful techniques and ideas that we are sure will help you become a confident and happy parent. Crucially, you can work through the course whenever and wherever suits you and at your own pace. The range of courses are [here](#).

THE MONTH AHEAD...KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
	<i>Please note the dates and times detailed below are provisional and may be changed if necessary. (New events added in bold.)</i>
3-17 October	Harvest Collection for Wellspring. Wishlist here.
9 October	Year 4 Collective Worship at 2:30pm in the hall. All welcome.
11 October	Year 3 to attend 10:00am parish Mass at St Mary's. Parents welcome.
11 October	Y5 Young Sports Leaders at Aquinas 9:30am-11:30am.
13 October	World Mental Health Day. (Wear an item of yellow with their uniform - £1 donation to Healthy Young Minds).
18 October	PTA Sponsored Bounce.
18 October	Cross Country competition at Marple Hall. 3:45pm – 5:15pm.
20 October	Coffee and Cake with Mrs Bradbury 1:15pm – 2:15pm in the hall.
20 October	Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm in the hall. All welcome.
20 October	School closes for the October half term break.
30 October	School reopens following the October half term break.
31 October	Closing date for Secondary School applications.
31 October	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Programme (Y1 – Y6).
1 November	All Saints' Day Mass. 10:00am in school. All welcome.
1 November	PTA Meeting via Zoom at 7:00pm. All welcome.
3 November	PTA Sparkle Disco.
8 November	CAFOD Catholic Social Teaching Workshops KS1.
8 November	UKS2 Mixed Football at Marple Hall 3:30pm – 5:30pm,
15 November	CAFOD Catholic Social Teaching Workshops KS2.
15 and 22 November	Parents' Evenings. (Booking details to follow later in October.) 3:45pm - 6:45pm.
22 November	Year 4 to attend 10:00am parish Mass at St Mary's. Parents welcome.
26 November	Parish Ambassadors updates to Holy Spirit and St Mary's parishes.
28 November	Online Safety Talk/workshop for parents. 6:00 – 7:00pm.
29 November	Year 5 to attend 10:00am parish Mass at St Mary's. Parents welcome.
29 November	Nasal flu vaccinations (YR – Y6).



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT AND PRAYER

'The Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you will be amazed at the results.' Saint Josemaria Escriva.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend. Mr John Nish and Miss Alice Poole.