



St Mary's CE Primary School Newsletter

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School closure

Just a reminder that school is closed for Local Elections on Thursday 2nd May, and on Monday 6th May for Bank holiday.

Our school Vision and Values



We have now completed our consultation on our new vision and values with parents, children and governors. Thank you for sharing your views, we value your input on the new vision and values for St Marys. Our children came up with some great ideas for St Mary's Values.

The full version of Vision and Values can also be found on the school website, under 'About us'. Here is an outline:

Our School Vision

We aim to nurture the whole child, with the opportunity to develop their full potential through an inspiring and creative curriculum, instilling a life-long love for learning in an inclusive, supportive Christian community. Providing children with the strength to enable them to flourish.

Isaiah 40:31

But those who trust in the Lord for help, will find their strength renewed.

They will rise on wings like eagles;

They will run and not grow weary

They will walk and not grow weak.

Our Values

- Love

Love is the most important core value in school. We strive to bring our community together with love, kindness and friendship. We seek to appreciate everyone for who they are and welcome them to our school family. We encourage the whole school community to consider others before themselves and to practice friendship, compassion, forgiveness and tolerance.

- Hope

Hope is rooted in God's love for us. At St Mary's, we have high hopes and aspirations for all our pupils, our school and our community.

- Trust

Trust is central to our school community. We trust in God, one another and ourselves. We value those around us who we know we can rely on, who we can support and be there for us. When we work together, we grow stronger and are enriched.

- Respect

One of core Christian values includes self respect, respect for each other, the wider community and the world. Respect embraces individual differences and similarities within school and community. We celebrate these differences and rejoice in similarities. As a school we ensure children have equal opportunities to be successful and appreciate everyone's talents.

- Perseverance

At St Mary's we work hard and aim to be the best we can. We know that sometimes things can be difficult, but we keep going and with God's help we don't give up.

- Friendship

Friends are incredibly important as children grow up. Friendships allow children to grow and develop social and emotional skills. This ensures that the unique individuality of each person is recognised, echoing the value placed by God on the preciousness of each person.

School dinners



As you will be aware we are now using AiP (Alliance in Partnership) for our school dinners. Food is prepared and cooked fresh for our children, it's been good to see them trying new foods. We will be working with AiP over the coming weeks to tweak things to ensure all children have a good meal and enjoy their lunchtime.

Key Stage Two SATS week commencing 13th May 2024

Year 6 are working really hard as they prepare for SATS in a few weeks. Thank you for your continued support!

Elements Choir Day



As you know we are a founding school of Elements Diocesan Learning Trust. On the 18th April, St Mary's choir had a wonderful day at Christ Church Coseley, singing with choirs from Church of the Ascension, Pedmore and Christ Church Primary Schools.

Well done to everyone who attended!

Attendance - Week ending 26th April 2024

As a school, our current attendance for the year so far is. It's really important that your child is in school and on time as much as possible. There is likely to be an impact on learning and achievement for any child with an attendance below 95%.

Attendance update

We want all our children to learn and progress. If children are regularly absent from school they are not able to make the most of the opportunities we offer. We monitor the attendance of all individual pupils and will be regularly contacting, reminding and supporting as needed.

Attendance for this week is 93.2%

Well done Year 1 for the best attendance!

Reception 87.7%

Year 1 98.4%

Year 2 92.3%

Year 3 89.1%

Year 4 97.8%

Year 5 95.6%

Year 6 90.7%

School Priorities

- This week on Voting day, all staff will be attending RWI Phonics training. As you will be aware phonics is an essential part of children's reading skills.
- I'm pleased to say we are seeing improvements in lunchtime behaviour, both in the playground and when walking to the hall for lunch.
- School grounds- One of our parents in Key Stage One has kindly offered to clear some of the overgrown Forest school area. This will take place in the coming weeks.
- We would love to see our allotment area come back to life, and for children to use this area again. To help us to do this, we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please email the office with your child's name and times when you would be available to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

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