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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Wellies needed please



As we continue to provide a rich and engaging learning experience for our children, we would like to remind all parents of the importance of your child bringing wellies to school, especially during the upcoming months when the weather can be unpredictable.

Outdoor learning is a vital part of our curriculum at St Mary's. It provides children with unique opportunities to engage with the natural world, develop practical skills, and enhance their understanding of subjects in a hands-on and immersive environment. Whether it's exploring the local environment, participating in outdoor science

experiments, or simply enjoying nature, wellies allow children to fully participate in these experiences without concern for the weather.

Outdoor learning not only supports physical development but also encourages creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork. It helps children build resilience and a deeper connection to the environment around them. By encouraging children to spend time outdoors, we foster a sense of independence, self-confidence, and appreciation for nature.

To ensure that all children can take part in these valuable activities, it is essential that they bring wellies to school. Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies stored at school, clearly labelled with their name, to enable them to participate fully in all outdoor learning opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a well-rounded and enriching education for your child. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

YR – Wednesday

Y1 – Thursday

Y2 – Thursday

Y3 – Thursday

Y4 – Friday

Y5 – Friday

Y6 – Friday (not needing wellies at present)

Ash Wednesday

I am excited to share with you that this week, our school community gathered to celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season with a meaningful Ash Wednesday service. Led by Father Michael, the service was a time of reflection, prayer, and community, as we prepared our hearts for this holy season.

It was truly special to have Father Michael guide us through this moment, and we were also blessed to have several parishioners join us for this occasion. The children participated with reverence and understanding, receiving the ashes as a sign of humility and repentance. Their behaviour was excellent as always.

We are grateful for the opportunity to come together in prayer and to deepen our spiritual journey as a school community. Please join us in continuing to pray for one another as we move through this season of Lent, focusing on reflection, renewal, and growth.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering such a strong, faith-filled environment for our children.

Wishing you and your family peace and blessings during this Lenten season.

Football Celebration

Today was a fantastic day as we came together to celebrate our love for football. Our school hosted a fun and spirited football tournament, and it was wonderful to see so



many children participating with enthusiasm and teamwork. The children truly amazed us with their sportsmanship, dedication, and excitement. From the very first kick-off to the final whistle, the energy was contagious, and it was clear how much fun everyone was having. Whether playing on the field or cheering from the sidelines, every child played an important role in making this event a success.

We are so proud of the way our children displayed teamwork, respect, and a true sense of camaraderie throughout the day. It was a perfect reminder of the positive impact sports can have on building confidence, relationships, and a sense of community.

Year 2 Curriculum Assembly



I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for attending today's Year 2 Curriculum Assembly. Your presence truly meant the world to our students. It was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance, showing your support and enthusiasm for your children's learning journey. The children were absolutely thrilled to share what they have been working on in class. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase their knowledge, creativity, and hard work. Having you there made the experience

even more special, as it allowed them to celebrate their achievements with the people who mean the most to them.

We truly appreciate your continued involvement in the school community. Your support plays an essential role in creating a positive and encouraging environment for the children, and today's assembly was a perfect example of that.

Thank you again for being part of this wonderful occasion, and for the ongoing encouragement you give to your children and our school.

Leicester Space Centre Visit

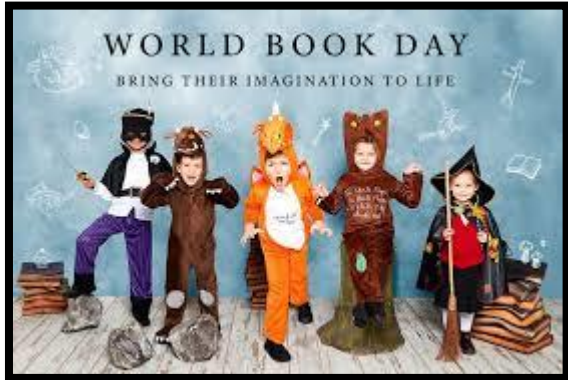
I am thrilled to share that our Year 5 children had an unforgettable day at the Leicester Space Centre. It was an exciting and educational experience that sparked curiosity and wonder about space exploration and science. Throughout the day, the children had the opportunity to engage in a variety of hands-on activities. They explored interactive exhibits about the solar system, learning about the planets, stars,

and the incredible technology that enables space travel. One of the highlights of the visit was the opportunity to experience the Space Centre's immersive 3D Planetarium, where the children were able to "travel" through the universe, observing galaxies, constellations, and the wonders of deep space in stunning detail. The children also participated in workshops that focused on the science of rockets and the engineering behind space travel. They learned how astronauts prepare for space missions and got a closer look at the tools and equipment needed for life beyond Earth. It was a day filled with inspiration, learning, and excitement, and our Year 5 children truly embraced every moment of the experience. We are so proud of their enthusiasm and curiosity, and we hope that this trip has sparked a lifelong interest in space and science.



Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to more opportunities for learning and exploration in the future.

World Book Day



What an incredible day we had celebrating World Book Day. The energy, excitement, and creativity were absolutely amazing as both students and staff came together to celebrate the joy of reading.

The highlight of the day was, without a doubt, the fantastic costumes! We were blown away by the incredible efforts made by all of our

children and their families. From classic characters to imaginative creations, the costumes were truly the best we've ever seen. Thank you so much for your support in helping make this event so special - your thoughtfulness and creativity made all the difference.

Throughout the day, the children participated in a variety of fun and engaging activities, from reading challenges to storytelling sessions. It was a joy to see everyone immersed in the magic of books and sharing their favourite stories with friends and teachers. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and a true love for reading. We also enjoyed some great interactive lessons, where children had the opportunity to discuss their favourite characters, authors, and books, sparking inspiring

conversations across the school. It was wonderful to witness the enthusiasm and passion for literature that was displayed by our students.

Thank you once again for your wonderful support and for providing such incredible costumes. World Book Day was a memorable and fun-filled experience for everyone, and we're already looking forward to next year!

[Telford and Wrekin Advice for parents/carers on visits to settings involving contact with animals such as lambing events, petting zoos etc.](#)

Visitor attractions involving contact with animals are understandably popular with parents and children but do carry a risk from infectious diseases.

All animals naturally carry a range of micro-organisms, some of which can be transmitted to humans, where they may cause ill health.

Some of these, such as E. coli O157 or Cryptosporidium (Crypto), present a serious health hazard and have the potential to cause serious illness which may be particularly severe in young children.

We see many cases of Crypto each year in the Health Protection Hub, particularly among children, and it's a miserable experience for them and their parents.

Following these practical steps will help your child stay safe and healthy:

- *Children should wash their hands in the following four situations: after contacting animals, before eating, before and after using play equipment, and when leaving site. It will help to explain why they must wash their hands thoroughly in these situations and to show them what proper handwashing looks like. Bear in mind that alcohol gel is not a suitable substitute for proper hand washing with soap and running water – it doesn't work against Crypto.*
- *Do not suck fingers or put hands, pens, pencils or crayons etc. in mouths.*
- *Check that cuts, grazes etc. on children's hands are covered with a waterproof dressing.*
- *Do not kiss animals.*
- *Eat only food that you have brought with you or food for human consumption that you have bought on the premises, and eat only in designated areas.*
- *Never eat food that has fallen to the ground.*
- *Never taste animal foods.*
- *Children should not eat, drink or chew anything (including sweets) outside the areas designated for eating at the visitor attraction.*

- *Where possible, clean or clean and change footwear before leaving. The site should have facilities to clean footwear and pushchair/pram wheels as you leave the site. Wash hands after cleaning/changing footwear.*
- *Do not use or pick up tools (e.g. spades and forks) or touch other work equipment unless permitted to do so by site staff.*
- *Do not climb on to walls, fences, gates or animal pens etc. Some animals put their feet on the fences of their pens and contaminate them with faecal matter.*
- *Listen carefully and follow the instructions and information given by the site staff.*
- *Do not wander off into unsupervised or prohibited areas e.g. manure heaps.*
- *Allow plenty of time for hand washing before eating or leaving the site so that the children do not have to rush.*
- *If a member of your group shows signs of illness (e.g. sickness or diarrhoea) after a visit, visit the doctor and explain that they have had recent contact with animals. Please also contact the attraction you visited and inform them of the illness*

Dates for your Diary

26.02.25	Faiths around the world's day	Children across school will be celebrating the different faiths around the world.
03.03.25	Year 6 SATs parents meetings	There will be two meetings for parents, one straight after school and one at 5pm. These meetings are to enable parents to better understand the SATs and how to support their child. Year 6 parents only.
05.03.25	Ash Wednesday Service in school	Father Michael will be leading an Ash Wednesday service at our school at 9:15 am.
06.03.25	World Book Day	children are invited to come to school dressed as one of their favourite characters from a book of their choice.

07.03.25	Year 2 curriculum assembly	Children in year 2 will be sharing the work they've been doing in their class. All parents of year two children are invited. This will begin at approximately 8:55 AM in the hall.
19.03.25	Photographer in school	the school photographer will be taking photos of individual children, teams, and siblings. More information will be provided closer to the date
28.03.25	Year 3 curriculum assembly	Children in year 3 will be sharing the work they've been doing in their class. All parents of year two children are invited. This will begin at approximately 8:55 AM in the hall.
01.04.25	Year 6 trip-Shropshire discovery centre	
03.04.25	Year 2 Trip to Cosford	
09.04.25	Easter Egg Hunt	
10.04.24	Children break-up	
11.04.25	PD day	
28.04.25	Return to school	
05.05.25	Bank Holiday Monday	
06.05.25	Reception Trip to Home Farm	
09.05.25	Year 4 curriculum assembly	Children in year 4 will be sharing the work they've been doing in their class. All parents of year two children are invited. This will begin at approximately 8:55 AM in the hall.
12.05.25	Year 6 SATS week	These tests assess children's knowledge and understanding in core subjects: English (reading and grammar, punctuation, and spelling) and mathematics. The results help teachers understand how well children have progressed and are used to inform the transition to secondary school.

23.05.25	Leavers mass in Shrewsbury Break up	Our 6 children will be travelling to Shrewsbury to celebrate mass together with other year 6 children from Catholic schools across Shropshire
03.06.25	KS1 Sports day	Families of children are invited to come and spectate our Sports Days. These will begin at approximately 9:00 AM.
05.06.25	KS2 Sports day	
20.06.25	Year 1 curriculum assembly	Children in year 1 will be sharing the work they've been doing in their class. All parents of year two children are invited. This will begin at approximately 8:55 AM in the hall.
23.06.25	Parents Evening	More information to follow.
24.06.25	Parents Evening	
04.07.25	Reception curriculum assembly	Children in Reception will be sharing the work they've been doing in their class. All parents of year two children are invited. This will begin at approximately 8:55 AM in the hall.
18.07.25	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Parents of children in year 6 will be invited to our leavers assembly to celebrate the children's years spent here at Saint Mary's Catholic primary school. The assembly begins at approximately 9:00 AM and should last just over an hour.
	Children break-up for summer	
21.07.25	PD day	