



The Enriched Curriculum

This week has seen the launch of a quite staggering amount of extra-curricular activities, before and after school, at both the juniors and the infants. Between the staff and the opportunities that the Saints foundation offer, we are providing more enrichment opportunities than we have done in a long time. And the children are loving it all, engaging with multiple activities, so good is the offer.

For example, the infants have Art, choir, active maths, Lego, French and book clubs whilst the juniors have board games, choir, dance, gymnastics, judo, rugby, football, CAFOD and netball clubs. The vast majority of the clubs are FREE and gives the children an opportunity to show off and develop their talents, abilities and interests as well as improve their fitness and skills in the sports related activities. I am so proud of the staff giving up their time to do these additional activities and impressed with how many children are taking part. My wish is for every single child to take up the offer of attending at least one club this academic year as we aim for 100% participation. Well done to everyone involved so far.

Our Key Priorities This Year

Every year a school has to create a School Development Plan (SDP) with key priorities to ensure continuous improvement. These key priorities have been agreed by staff and governors and include the following: Key Priority...

Is to improve the curriculum that children learn so that their knowledge progresses

Is to improve children's achievement in reading, writing and maths

Is to develop a new restorative behaviour policy

Is to develop children's knowledge and understanding of the 5 fundamental British Values

Is to improve teaching, learning and assessment and especially subject leadership

Is to improve leadership structures, roles and responsibilities and, finally,

Improve the Early Years curriculum with a particularly sharp focus on vocabulary

As the year progresses we will share with you what improvements we are making and, as much as we possibly can, will want to engage with our parent body in order to elicit your views and ensure you (and the children) are an integral part of our improvement strategy.

Save the Date...next Friday we are hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning in the hall with PTFA help. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us and support this most worthy cause, from 0910am in the infant hall. In the meantime...

Have a great weekend. God Bless and good luck to Saints in the Grand Final on Saturday!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 28th September Y2M Class collective worship in the hall at 9:10am

Tuesday 4th October Reading meeting for all **Infant** parents from 5pm

Monday 3rd October Tempest individual/family photographs from 8:30am at **Infants**

Friday 7th October Harvest festival in Church at 2:15pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
Parents welcome in Church

Tuesday 11th October Tempest individual/family photographs from 8:30am at **Juniors**

Wednesday 12th October Parents evening at the Infants and Juniors in the school halls

Thursday 13th October Parents evening at the Infants and Juniors in the school halls

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The PTFA are hosting a Macmillan coffee morning in the Infant school hall on **Friday 30th September from 9:10am onwards.** Parents/Grandparents and all family members are all welcome.

We welcome all cake donations from the families of St Mary's

Please bring cake donations into school on Thursday 29th September or first thing Friday morning.

We thank you in advance for your support for this wonderful charity.



The first session of the With You Always programme will begin on Tuesday 27th September at 3.45 in St Mary and St John's church.



If anyone did not attend the initial meeting in school but would like their child to begin their sacramental journey, please go to church on this day and Mrs Bryant will enrol you.

Thank you for all the families who came to our PTFA Welcome BBQ last Friday at the Junior School.



It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all. Many thanks to our PTFA for all of their continued hard work and support for our School.

Sharing the Gospel

Real - life stories

In this week's gospel, Luke 16:1-13, Jesus tells one of his most challenging parables. A manager's dishonesty has been found out and, frightened for his future, he makes a series of dodgy deals with his master's clients. The disciples are then invited to reflect on how best to live in the real world, and whether their true master is God or worldly matters. All the readings this week challenge us to think about the way that we use who we are and what we possess to bring transformation to the communities where God has placed us. It's easy for us to separate the sacred from the secular – but God doesn't make that distinction.



Prayer

Loving God,
We come before you now:
in faith we bring to you all that we have, in hope we bring to you all our dreams, in love we bring to you all that we are.
Help us to share the good gifts that come from you,
for your glory.
Amen.



BRITISH VALUES

This week's British Value we have been looking at is:

Individual Liberty

Our actions have consequences. If we choose to buy and use items made from plastic, we must consider the impact this will have on our world.

The story it links to in the news is:

A housing association has built Europe's first virtually plastic-free housing development in the UK. Built by GreenSquareAccord, the £1.3m project in Redditch, Worcestershire consists of 12 affordable one-bedroom homes built using plastic-free alternatives to reduce environmental impact. Each apartment features many alternatives, such as wooden kitchen units and aluminium window frames. The wiring uses a mineral-based insulation rather than the usual plastic, and solar thermal heating systems are also installed.



Please use our school email addresses to contact your child's class teacher.

Your email will be forwarded via the school office and your child's class teacher will endeavour to reply as soon as possible.



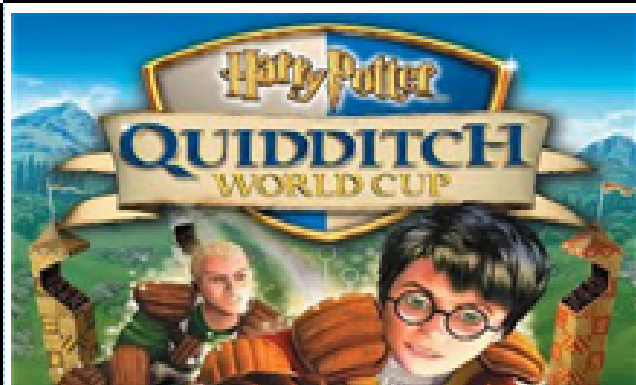
If your child comes to school on a scooter, please talk to them about the importance of riding safely and respecting pedestrians.

We have talked about this in assembly today and the children are aware that if we have further issues, we may have to ban scooters from school property.

Upper KS2 Mass will be held in the Junior School Hall on Thursday morning (29th) at 9.30. All parents and carers are invited to share in our celebration.

Y6 Football Tournament

Well done to our Y6 representatives who attended the first tournament of the year.



This week, the Juniors participated in the now annual Quidditch tournament.

After a 'sorting hat' assembly, all classes went outside and had their own mini-tournament, with staff acting as the golden snitch. Mrs Robb won the best golden snitch award (some said it was a pity award) and St Mary's house captains, Paulina and Riley lifted the trophy at the end of what was a fantastic day.



STARS OF THE WEEK AND BEE AWARDS

	Star of the Week	Kindness Award		Star of the week	Bee Award
Nursery	Leo	Lilly	Y3RI	Cooper	Rosie
RM	Sadie	Sonny	Y3RO	Oliver	Lola
RB	Theo	Deity	Y4W	Zara	Jacob
Y1O	Parker	Erin	Y4M	Oliver	Keira
Y1G	Adam	Shivam	Y5R	Charlie	Lola
Y2M	Tommy and Freddy	Amelie	Y5HQ	Shayna	Frazer
Y2T	Martha	Kennedy	Y6W	Charlie	Divina
			Y6D	Evie	Sophie

Respect & Manners Award

Juniors: Lola B

Infants: Isabella



Could we please ask all parents to be respectful of our lovely residents and be cautious of how and where you are parking at drop off and pick up.

Infant school request

**We are running low on boys and girls underwear .
We already have lots of spare uniform so will only need the above items.**

All donations greatly received