

'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

YEAR OF PEACE

HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER NO. 5

2nd October 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have enjoyed another beautiful week of autumn sunshine, which has provided plenty of opportunities for the children to take their learning outdoors and explore the changing season around them.

Our Reception children have been making wonderful use of conkers in their play and learning, while our Year 2 children have been busy in the school garden harvesting tomatoes and aubergines, as well as collecting sunflower and calendula seeds to dry and prepare for planting in the spring.

Through these hands-on experiences, the children are beginning to develop their understanding of where our food comes from and the journey it takes before reaching our supermarkets. They have been learning about the important role farmers play in planting, growing and harvesting many of the fruits and vegetables we enjoy.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to build on this learning as the children explore autumn and discover more about why this time of year is traditionally associated with harvest. It is wonderful to see them learning from the natural world around them and making meaningful connections between their classroom learning and everyday life.

Individual Photographs

Individual pupil photos will take place **On Tuesday 6th October**, during the school day. However, if you would like your Infant school child to have a photo with a sibling from the Junior School you can bring them to the Infant School hall from **8am – 8.40am**. It will be on a first come first serve basis.

St Francis Class Assembly

St Francis class have their assembly for the school and their parents on **Wednesday 7th October at 9.15am in the school hall**. We are inviting parents from St Francis class to join in our collective worship.

Year 2 Parents

You will now be beginning to think about the next stage of your child's education as they will be starting Key Stage 2 from September 2027.

The Junior school are having a Year 2 – 3 transition meeting on **Thursday 26th November at 9am**.

Please ensure you attend as you are required to complete application forms in order for your child to get a place in the junior school. You will also receive all relevant information you may need.

LOVE

PEACE



*Learning to love, loving to
learn.*

FAITH

RESPECT

'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

YEAR OF PEACE

Open Mornings

We have open mornings coming up in November for prospective parents.

If you know anyone that is looking for a school for children aged between 3 and 7 years olds please tell them about our open mornings:

Monday 9th November

Tuesday 10th November

Monday 16th November

Tuesday 17th November

For details on how to book a tour of the infant school please go to our website:

stmaryscatholicprimaryschoolstrust.co.uk

Month of the Holy Rosary



October is the month of the Holy Rosary. During this time, we come together as a school to say a decade of the Rosary.

We would like to invite parents to join us, so you are all very welcome to come to the school hall at **3pm every Wednesday**.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our **Harvest Festival Assembly on Friday 16th October at 9.15am in the school hall**.

Harvest is a special time of year when we give thanks for all the wonderful food we enjoy each day and remember the dedicated farmers and growers whose hard work helps to provide food for us all.

This year, our theme is **"A Harvest of Colour"**. We will be celebrating the beautiful colours found in the fruits, vegetables and other foods that are grown and produced for us.

As part of our Harvest celebration, we would be very grateful for any **donations of tins or dried goods**. These will be taken to our local church to support the **local food bank**, helping families and individuals in our community who may be experiencing difficult times.

Through our generosity, we will be putting our faith into action and living out the values of **Catholic Social Teaching** by thinking of others, sharing what we have and supporting those in need.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity. Together, we can make our Harvest celebration a wonderful expression of gratitude, community and care for others.

LOVE

Learning to love, loving to learn.

FAITH

PEACE

RESPECT



'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

YEAR OF PEACE

Reception Welcome Liturgy

We would like to welcome all St Andrew and St George parents to join us in our Reception Welcome Liturgy . This is an opportunity for all our reception parents, children and staff to come together for this time of collective worship. The Reception Welcome Liturgy will be held on **Tuesday 20th October** at in both classrooms (time to be confirmed).

Macmillan Coffee Morning.



Many of us have been touched by Cancer in some way, whether it be a close friend, a relative or ourselves.

Macmillan do a wonderful job in supporting families, patients and survivors in their Cancer journey.

Please join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 23rd October** at 9.15am in the school hall.

If you are able to bake or donate a cake for this day it would be greatly appreciated.

This will also be the day that the children wear pink for **WEAR IT PINK DAY** to support the breast cancer charity.

Please help us to support these important charities as much as we can

Celebrations this week



Our stars of the week are:

Aurora in St Bernadette Class

Jeremiah in St Therese Class

Meera in St Francis Class

Joey in St Martin Class



Living and learning in the St Mary's Way are:

Elijah in St Bernadette Class

Hazel in St Therese Class

Vincenzo in St Francis Class

Sophia in St Martin Class



On the Golden Table this week for having impactable table manners are:

Kassandra in St Andrew Class

Bhoja in St George Class

Daronn in St Bernadette Class

Antonella in St Therese Class

Miriam in St Francis Class

Precious in St Martin Class

LOVE

Learning to love, loving to learn.

FAITH

PEACE

RESPECT



'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

YEAR OF PEACE

Wednesday word

MESSENGER

"Let the message of Christ live in you"

St Paul

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for all the messengers who help us to know you.

Help us to be your faithful messengers, so that others will come to know the joy of loving you.

Amen

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation.

God Bless you all and have a wonderful weekend

Dates for your Diary

Here are some dates for your diary. As we plan more events we will add them on and let you know in advance.

Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn 1

Autumn 2 Term

Week 1		Week 1	
31/08/2026		02/11/2026	All Souls Day
01/09/2026	INSET DAY – Allergy, cyber security, phonics and Oracy training	03/11/2026	St Marin's Feast day – Visit the church
02/09/2026	INSET DAY – Safeguarding training	04/11/2026	
03/09/2026	KS1 Children return to school EY home visits	05/11/2026	
04/09/2026	EY home visits	06/11/2026	
Week 2		Week 2	
07/09/2026	EY part time AM and PM Nursery 1 hour sessions	09/11/2026	Open Day
08/09/2026	International Literacy Day EY part time AM and PM Nursery 1 hour sessions	10/11/2026	Open Day
09/09/2026	EY children in full time	11/11/2026	Remembrance Day assembly
10/09/2026		12/11/2026	
11/09/2026		13/11/2026	
Week 3	Recycling week	Week 3	Anti-Bullying Week
14/09/2026		16/11/2026	Open Day Odd Socks day
15/09/2026		17/11/2026	Open Day
16/09/2026		18/11/2026	Year 2 Visit National Army Museum

LOVE

Learning to love, loving to learn.

FAITH

PEACE

RESPECT



'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

YEAR OF PEACE

17/09/2026		19/11/2026	Faith Leaders and Student council to St Aiden's for Wintershall Advent Travelling Crib
18/09/2026		20/11/2026	
Week 4	KS1 Year Group Curriculum Meetings with Parents	Week 4	
21/09/2026	St Francis to Mass	23/11/2026	
22/09/2026	Year 2 Curriculum meeting	24/11/2026	
23/09/2026	Year 1 curriculum meeting	25/11/2026	
24/09/2026		26/11/2026	I Rock performance assembly
25/09/2026		27/11/2026	
Week 5	Beginning of Black History Month	Week 5	Advent Begins
28/09/2026	St Martin to Mass	30/11/2026	Feast of St Andrew- St Andrew Class to church
29/09/2026		01/12/2026	
30/09/2026		02/12/2026	Nursery Nativity Play
01/10/2026	St Therese Feast Day – St Therese class to visit the church	03/12/2026	Reception Nativity Play
02/10/2026	National Poetry Day	04/12/2026	
Week 6		Week 6	
05/10/2026	St Bernadette to Mass	07/12/2026	
06/10/2026	Individual school photos	08/12/2026	
07/10/2026	St Francis Assembly	09/12/2026	Year 2 Nativity Play
08/10/2026	Rosary	10/12/2026	Year 1 Nativity Play
09/10/2026	Celebrate National identities (dress in national clothes) Take 10 to Read	11/12/2026	Reception Height and weight
Week 7		Week 7	
12/10/2026	St Therese to Mass	14/12/2026	
13/10/2026		15/12/2026	
14/10/2026	Flu Vaccinations	16/12/2026	
15/10/2026		17/12/2026	
16/10/2026	Harvest festival Assembly	18/12/2026	Carols by candle light 2.30pm END OF TERM
Week 8			
19/10/2026			
20/10/2026			
21/10/2026	St Martin class Assembly		
22/10/2026			
23/10/2026	Wear it Pink Day Break up for half term		

Spring Term Dates 2026/2027

Spring 1

Spring 2

LOVE

Learning to love, loving to learn.

FAITH

PEACE

RESPECT



'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

YEAR OF PEACE

Week 1	Staff meeting:	Week 1	
04/01/2027	INSET DAY	22/02/2027	
05/01/2027		23/02/2027	
06/01/2027	The Epiphany of The Lord	24/02/2027	
07/01/2027		25/02/2027	
08/01/2027		26/02/2027	
Week 2		Week 2	
11/01/2027		01/03/2027	St Francis to Mass
12/01/2027	Parent evening	02/03/2027	
13/01/2027	St Martin Liturgy	03/03/2027	
14/01/2027	Parents evening	04/03/2027	World Book Day
15/01/2027		05/03/2027	Mothers Day Liturgy
Week 3		Week 3	
18/01/2027	St Francis to Mass	08/03/2027	St Martin to Mass
19/01/2027		09/03/2027	
20/01/2027	St Bernadette Class Assembly	10/03/2027	St Therese Class Assembly
21/01/2027		11/03/2027	Whole Class photos
22/01/2027		12/03/2027	
Week 4		Week 4	
25/01/2027	St Martin to Mass	15/03/2027	St Bernadette to Mass
26/01/2027		16/03/2027	
27/01/2027	St Francis Liturgy	17/03/2027	St Bernadette Class Liturgy
28/01/2027		18/03/2027	
29/01/2027		19/03/2027	
Week 5	Children's mental Health week	Week 5	
01/02/2027	St Bernadette to Mass	22/03/2027	St Therese to Mass
02/02/2027		23/03/2027	
03/02/2027	St Therese class Liturgy	24/03/2027	
04/02/2027		25/03/2027	Annunciation LAST DAY OF TERM - Finish 2pm
05/02/2027		26/03/2027	Good Friday Bank Holiday
Week 6			
08/02/2027	St Therese to Mass		
09/02/2027	Safer Internet Day		
10/02/2027	Ash Wednesday		
11/02/2027			
12/02/2027	INSET		

Summer Term Dates 2026/2027

Summer 1

Summer 2

Week 1		Week 1	
12/04/2027		07/06/2027	
13/04/2027		08/06/2027	

LOVE

Learning to love, loving to learn.

FAITH

PEACE

RESPECT



'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'

YEAR OF PEACE

14/04/2027		09/06/2027	
15/04/2027	Reception Screening tests	10/06/2027	
16/04/2027	St Bernadette Feast day – St Bernadette class to visit the church	11/06/2027	
Week 2		Week 2	Phonic Screening week
19/04/2027	St Bernadette to Mass	14/06/2027	
20/04/2027		15/06/2027	
21/04/2027		16/06/2027	St Andrew class Liturgy
22/04/2027		17/06/2027	
23/04/2027	Feast of St George	18/06/2027	Father's day Assembly
Week 3		Week 3	
26/04/2027	St Therese to Mass	21/06/2027	
27/04/2027		22/06/2027	St George Class Assembly
28/04/2027	St Andrew Class assembly	23/06/2027	
29/04/2027		24/06/2027	
30/04/2027		25/06/2027	
Week 4	Month of Mary	Week 4	
03/05/2027	BANK HOLIDAY	28/06/2027	
04/05/2027		29/06/2027	
05/05/2027		30/06/2027	
06/05/2027	Ascension of The Lord	01/07/2027	
07/05/2027		02/07/2027	
Week 5		Week 5	
10/05/2027	St George to Mass	05/07/2027	
11/05/2027	St George class Liturgy	06/07/2027	
12/05/2027		07/07/2027	
13/05/2027		08/07/2027	Governors Meeting
14/05/2027		09/07/2027	
Week 6		Week 6	
17/05/2027	St Andrew to Mass	12/07/2027	
18/05/2027	Sports Day	13/07/2027	Reception Graduation
19/05/2027		14/07/2027	
20/05/2027		15/07/2027	Year 2 leavers Mass
21/05/2027		16/07/2027	Nursery Picnic
Week 7		Week 7	Staff meeting:
24/05/2027		19/07/2027	Whole school to Mass?? TBC
25/05/2027		20/07/2027	End of Term
26/05/2027		21/07/2027	INSET
27/05/2027		22/07/2027	School Closed
28/05/2027	St Mary's Feast Day Picnic End of Half Term	23/07/2027	School Closed

LOVE

Learning to love, loving to learn.

FAITH

PEACE

RESPECT

