

Friday 27th September 2024

# Newsletter



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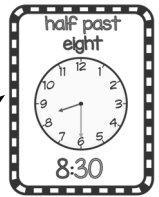
Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,

**Non-uniform Day**  
 Friday 4th October  
 £1 donation to CAFOD  
**Wear something bright and build a better world!**

*The School Council are hoping to raise the money for a shelter for a family who have been displaced, and a kit to make a well for clean water.*




Be on time - school starts at half past eight! Don't let your child arrive late and miss learning opportunities.



Share the Wednesday Word together in your family each week - help your child to understand the Gospel.

**Year 6 Applications for Secondary School**  
 Parents of pupils in Year 6 will have received information regarding their child's applications for secondary school. Please note that the closing date for applications is **31st October**. Please ask if you need help.

[www.coventry.gov.uk/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions)



**THE WORD** SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL A Gift to You & Your Family from Your Catholic School

Dear Parents and Carers, God's gift of goodness is here, now - for free - for everyone! This Sunday's Gospel is a reminder that, just like Jesus, we can rejoice in God's goodness - wherever it is found.

Our Catholic schools are diverse and enriching communities, founded by people with a desire to serve God and to help our children to be the best they can be. Parents, school and parish working together help our children grow in goodness.

**Wednesday 25th September 2024**  
 and unite all of us, enriching and enhancing the life of our school community. St Basil the Great reminds us, "Each person, according to their ability, should be a pattern of goodness to others."

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **GOODNESS**.

*Don Henry Wleischrogh*

**THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH** Sunday 29th September 2024  
 John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out evil spirits in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said, "You must not stop him; no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you most truly, they will most certainly not lose their reward."

*Approved from Mark 9:38-43, Mt 12:28-30 The 34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year 8*

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church; all are very warmly invited.

**2024 The Year of Prayer, Family, Time Prayer & Share**  
**Good News for Everyone** Whenever we perform an act of goodness for the love of God (without looking for personal praise or for thanks), even the smallest good deed, it pleases God and sets an example for others - showing God's goodness at work in our lives.


SPREAD THE WORD and bring GOOD NEWS to your friends by sharing THE WEDNESDAY WORD

**Securing Good School Attendance**  
 It is often appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms; a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. Make sure that they have their water bottle to drink lots of water in school to help them to get rid of the illness completely.

However, children should **not** be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above, or if they have sickness or diarrhoea. Please read [NHS 'is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) which has further information.

Help your child to stay well over winter with a healthy diet, lots of rest and sleep, and having their flu immunisation.

**WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?**  
 Tips for parents & caregivers



**After School Clubs**

- After School Clubs: 3 - 4pm **£2**  
**\*\*Please note that clubs are now £2 per day per child\*\***
- Breakfast Club: 7.45am - 8.45am **£2 including breakfast**
- Staylate: 3 - 5.30pm **£5 including a snack**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Activities - Cookery - Y6 Maths IT - Boys' Football (Y5/6)	- Activities - Multi-sports (Y1/2) - Martial Arts (KS2) - Netball (KS2)	- Activities - Computers - Tennis (Y2+) - Girls' Football (Y5/6) - Eritrean Club  4.15pm AC Academy (finishes at 5.30pm)	- Activities - Boys' Football KS2 - Musical Theatre - Mini Vinnies	- Activities - Hockey (Y5/6) - Gymnastics / acro dance

**Lost Property**  
 The children have all returned to school this term looking incredibly smart, however, we already have items of lost property due to items of uniform not being labelled with children's names.

Please ensure that all uniform is marked with your child's name so that we can quickly return lost items to their owner.

**Our value of the month is...  
 Respect**



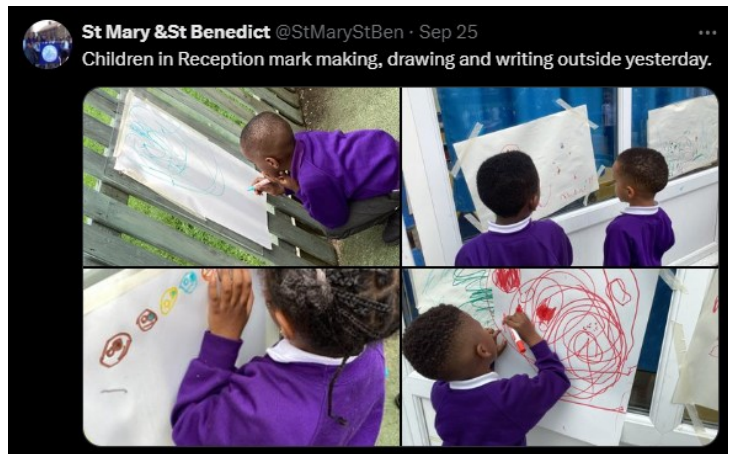
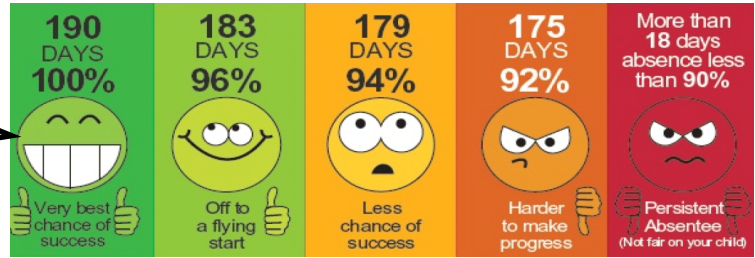
Looking forward...

Sunday 29th September	9.30am/11.30am Children's Church at Mass at Ss Mary and Benedict Catholic Church
Monday 30th September	Year 6 to take part in IntoUniversity Focus Week
Thursday 3rd October	National Poetry Day
Friday 4th October	Non-uniform day for Harvest Family Fast Day - <i>Brighten Up and Build a Better World!</i>
Thursday 10th October	Local by-election <i>School used for polling but will remain fully open for pupils</i>
Friday 25th October	Final day of the half term Reception Class Vision Screening
Tuesday 5th November	Children return to school after half term ( <i>Monday is a Teacher Training Day - Holiday Club will be open</i> )

Have a lovely weekend!

Pauline MacDonald  
Head Teacher

Is your child's attendance on track?



Another fun week at SMSB!



Keep up by following @StMaryStBen on X



If you shop at Asda, please download the rewards app and choose our school - postcode CV1 5HG. Thank you!



Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. We have chilled, filtered water coolers for them to fill them up in school.