

Friday 17th October 2025

Newsletter

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,



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On Monday 20th October at 6pm in the School Hall, we look forward to welcoming our Confirmation candidates who will be sharing their projects about their chosen saints with us all. Parents, sponsors and other family members are all welcome to attend.

DID YOU KNOW?

Smartphones are fundamentally changing childhood, distracting them from engaging in real world activities.

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SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Jewellery in School

Can we please remind you that the only jewellery allowed in school is one pair of stud earrings, and that children must be able to remove these themselves for all PE activities due to national health and safety legislation, following injuries that children have sustained due to earrings.

If your child cannot remove them themselves, they must come to school without them in. PE is an important part of the curriculum, and also a fun lesson that children enjoy. We don't want them to have to miss their lesson.

Smartphone Free Childhood

Coventry Educational Psychologists are backing a campaign for children to have a smartphone free childhood due to the negative changes they have seen in children, and the increase in mental health issues and other negative impacts on children's health and academic achievements. Do your research and make an informed decision for your child.

Children who do not have smartphones achieve better and are less likely to have issues with their mental health.

- ⇒ 73% of parents say excessive smartphone-use is a source of family conflict
- ⇒ Among children aged 8-17 who are bullied, eight in ten experience it through a device

***How long does your child spend on screens? How much time do they spend playing outside or doing family activities?**

Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

8am to 5pm

£15 per day per child



Places must be booked and are subject to availability. Please book at the Office or speak to out of school care staff.

After School Clubs

Please remember to sign up in advance.

- After School Clubs: 3 - 4pm £2
- Breakfast Club: 7.45am - 8.30am £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 <i>4.15pm AC Academy (finishes at 5.30pm)</i>	- Activities - Boys' Football KS2 - Musical Theatre - Mini Vinnies	- Activities - Hockey (Y5/6) - Gymnastics / acro dance



Let's talk about kids and smartphones/social media

I don't want them to have a smartphone yet but don't want them to be left out

Is a smartphone my only option?

How do I know what they're watching and who's watching them?

Our value of the month is...
Honesty



Looking forward...

Monday 20th October	Year 5 group visits to Kenilworth Castle 6pm Confirmation Speed Saining Event - School Hall
Tuesday 21st October	Football v St John Fisher (Home) Cup Game
Thursday 23rd October	Netball v St Augustine's (Home)
Friday 24th October	Final day of the half term
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October	School Closed - Half Term Holiday Club Open £15 per day per child
Monday 3rd November	8.30am All children return to school 9.30am Y1-6 attending Mass for All Souls
Thursday 6th November	6pm Sacrament of Confirmation

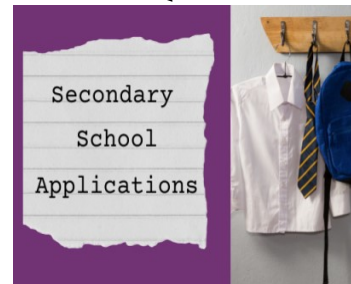
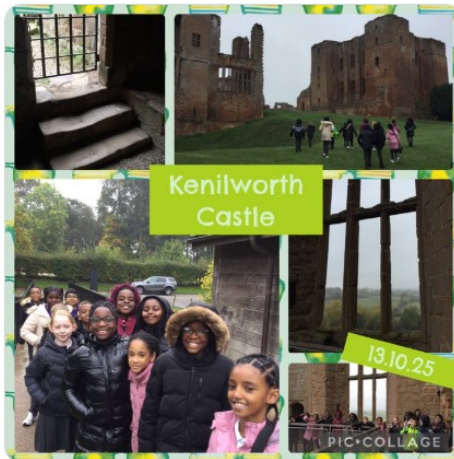


Have a lovely weekend!

Pauline MacDonald
Head Teacher

Year 6: don't forget the deadline to apply for September 2026 Secondary schools is 31st October.

St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen · Oct 13
Year 5 are having lots of fun at Kenilworth Castle. Ask us which Tudor monarch visited there... #KenilworthCastle #tudors



St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen · Oct 13
Our nursery have been learning all about Incy Wincy Spider! We've been busy creating spiders, drawing them with chalk, and matching the right number of peg legs to each one. We're even on the hunt for real spiders! 🕸️
#Spider #Maths #Create #PlayingIsLearning #GodsCreatures

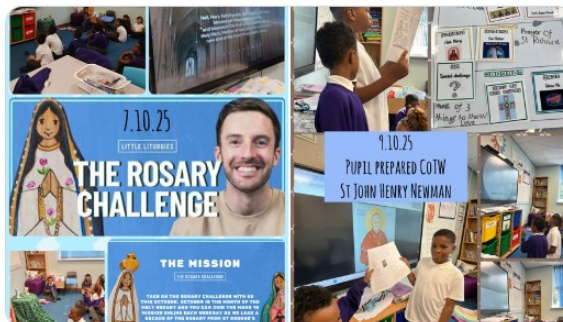


Another busy week at SMSB!

St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen · Oct 10
This afternoon a group of children from Year 3 explored Abbey Fields in Kenilworth. What a lovely autumnal adventure! 🍂



St Mary & St Benedict @StMaryStBen · Oct 10
This week, Year 3 joined the @mark10mission Rosary Challenge and on Thursday, G and N prepared a Celebration of the Word about St John Henry Newman whose feast day it was. 🙏



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