

Friday 31st January 2025



Newsletter

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,



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First Holy Communion Meeting for Parents and Candidates

Monday 24th February
 6pm
 School Hall

If your child is in Year 3 or above, a baptised Catholic and you would like them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, you are invited to a meeting on **Monday 24th February** at 6pm at school to enrol them in the preparation programme.



First Communion Enrolment

If you have any questions or are interested but unable to attend, please speak to Miss McKenna or Mrs MacDonald.



Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. All classes will take part in sessions to help them to learn how to look after their mental health.



We have been so impressed with the fantastic pilgrimage projects KS2 have completed and returned to school! Remember they need to be handed in by next Friday.

Spring 1 2025 RE Homework Project
 Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

A pilgrimage is a special form of prayer. It is a journey that people take to a holy place or a site of religious significance often in the company of other pilgrims. Pilgrimage forms a part of many faiths and religions and is not exclusive to the Christian faith. There are many places of pilgrimage in England and Wales and across the world. People continue to visit pilgrimage sites and shrines for many reasons, especially to nurture them in their faith, connect them with the history of the Church and for spiritual and physical healing.

Research a place of pilgrimage. Be creative!

Archdiocese of Birmingham	Someone who goes on a pilgrimage 'travels with his feet' and experiences with all his senses that his entire life is being journey to God. YOU!CAT 216
Harvington Hall	
National Westminster	
Sons Lindisfarne (Holy Island)	
International Jerusalem & the Holy Land	
Rome & Vatican City	
Lourdes	
Santiago de Compostela	
Patmos	
Kloster	
Madagascar	
Other faiths	
Mexico	
Kumbh Mela	
Harmandir Sahib (or Golden Temple)	

Please hand in your project by Friday 29th February

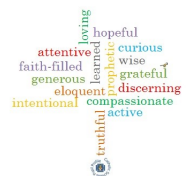
Jewellery

The only permissible items of jewellery for school are a small pair of stud earrings (no hoops or dangly earrings) that the child must be able to remove themselves for PE lessons.

Please support us in trying to ensure your child's safety.

**Please remember that we Year 4 have weekly swimming lessons, and children cannot swim for six weeks after having their ears pierced.

This half term our pupils are learning to be grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, now and in the future.



After School Clubs

- Breakfast Club: 7.45am - 8.45am £2 including breakfast
- Staylate: 3 - 5.30pm £5 including a snack

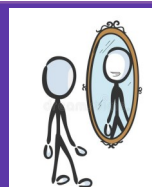
After School Clubs are from 3-4pm, cost £2 per session (unless indicated otherwise) and must be booked and paid for in advance (before 12pm on the day please).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Activities - Cookery - Football (Y5/6)	- Activities - Multi-sports (Y1/2) - Martial Arts - Netball	- Activities - Computers - Girls' football (KS2) - Tennis (Y2+) - Eritrean Club 4.15pm AC Academy (finishes at 5.30pm)	- Activities - Football/Multi-sports (Y3/4) - Musical Theatre - Mini Vinnies	- Activities - Gymnastics/acro dance - Hockey

Our value of the month for February is kindness.



During January, we are reflecting on how we live by our values.



Looking forward...

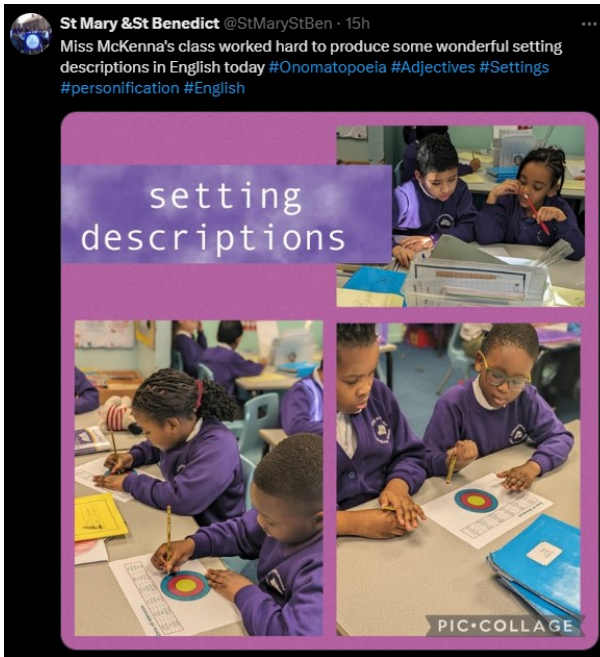
Monday 3rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5th February	Group from Year 6 representing the school in a rowing competition.
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day Netball v Christ the King (H)
Friday 14th February	Last day of half term
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February	Half Term Holiday Club open, £13 per day per child
Monday 24th February	8.30am All children return to school 6pm Enrolment Meeting for First Holy Communion Preparation - School Hall



Have a lovely weekend!

Pauline MacDonald
Head Teacher

Congratulations and
thank you!!!



Another
busy
week at
SMSB!



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