



ST MARIE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

*'Following the teachings of Christ, so that we
are His hands and feet!'*

23rd October 2026

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven.

Matthew 5:12a

Harvest Festival

Yesterday morning we had our wonderful Harvest Festival. Thank you to all those parents and families who were able to attend to enjoy the assembly and the Coffee morning, helping us to raise valuable funds for Cafod and Islamic Aid. Thank you for all of your donations of food and toiletries which will help local people in need too. We appreciate it.

Football Tournament

On Tuesday 3rd November we are taking part in a cup match after school. All the information has been added to Arbor and emails/in-app messages have been sent to the parents of the children involved. Consents MUST be given on Arbor for these children to attend.

On Thursday 5th November, we are taking part in a football tournament after school. All the information has been added to Arbor and emails/in-app messages have been sent to the parents of the children involved. Consents MUST be given on Arbor for these children to attend.

Arbor – Trips

Please note that when trips are added onto Arbor consents MUST be added onto the Arbor app. To do this you must go on your child's account – Account Activities – Trips Open for your child – and then Sign Up for this Trip. We cannot accept any consents via telephone/email/in-app message they must be added on Arbor in order for your child to participate. You will always receive an email/in-app informing you of trips that have been added and the sign-up dates and times for these.

School Uniform

It has been great to see all of the children looking smart in full school uniform. Thank you for this. Please do ensure that all uniform is labelled (especially jumpers which have a habit of getting lost!) and that children bring a coat to school, even if the weather is sunny - just in case. A polite reminder that school shoes must be worn for school and not black trainers (except in Nursery/Reception where black trainers are permitted)

Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit in school. PE consists of white T-shirt and black shorts. Pumps must be worn inside and trainers are allowed for outside only. Plain black jogging bottoms or plain black leggings can be worn for outside lessons.

Support and Help

It is really important to us at school to know that if any parents/families are struggling for whatever reason then we are here to help as much as we can - please do speak to the class teachers or directly to myself if you need any support in any way. Sometimes we can direct you to other professionals for support or we may be able to help ourselves. We are here to help.

Attendance Matters

As a school, we have always had really good attendance compared to other schools in the local authority. Good attendance is everyone's responsibility and we must maintain this and continue to improve. There is currently a renewed drive from the Department of Education and schools must be seen to promote excellent attendance. Whilst we appreciate there are times that children cannot come into school and individual children that we know about have medical conditions that impact on their health, we still need to do everything as a school to promote and celebrate excellent attendance.

Class attendances for this week.

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	92.2%
Year One	89.7%

Year Two	98.5%
Year Three	93.4%
Year Four	93.9%
Year Five	96.2%
Year Six	99.6%

Well done to Year 6 for having the best attendance this week!

The class with the best attendance will receive an extra playtime each week.

Celebration Assembly

Our weekly celebration assemblies will take place at **2.30pm** on a Friday afternoon starting next week. All parents are welcome to attend, especially if your child has been awarded a certificate. If your child has been awarded a certificate, you will be sent a message the day before to invite you to the assembly, should you wish/be able to attend.

This week we congratulate the following children:

Nursery	Simran Suliman	For having some good ideas in our superhero topic!
Reception	-	-
Year 1	Salahuddin Ali	For being very enthusiastic in Science!
Year 2	-	-
Year 3	Joshua Fermo	For being a superstar – always working hard, and caring for others!
Year 4	Aloniab Kiflu	For trying so hard to improve his handwriting in all lessons!
Year 5	Imogen Melia	For showing amazing hard work and determination learning her times tables. Keep it up Imogen!
Year 6	Nojus Vosylius	For really impressing the Year 6 teachers with his focus and resilience
Mr McRae	Harris Khan	For showing kindness and empathy to one of his classmates this week

Where a child's name has not appeared on the table above, it is because permission has not been given to include names on newsletters etc. Please contact the school office to amend this if needed for the future

A Final Note

A special thanks this week to Milan, Lilly, Georgio, Aimee in Year 6 and Gabriel, Fatima, Hosea and Sara in Year 5 for leading us in our Harvest assembly yesterday morning. They did a great job and we were very proud of them. It's been such a busy few weeks, so they didn't have a lot of time to rehearse. A great job!

I have once again, seen some real acts of kindness around school this week. Older children naturally looking after younger children, many children helping one another, great sharing of equipment outside Let's continue to be inspired by wonderful children.

School closes today for half term and reopens on Monday 2nd November.

Wishing you all a lovely half term.

Mr McRae
Head Teacher



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
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