



St Mary's R.C. First School

We love, we learn, we live.





Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many parents support our MacMillan Cancer Care Coffee Afternoon today, many thanks for all the kind donations of cakes and sweet treats. We hope you have enjoyed seeing your child's Christmas design this week, it feels very organised purchasing items from Cauliflower Cards so far in advance of Christmas!

With Best Wishes,

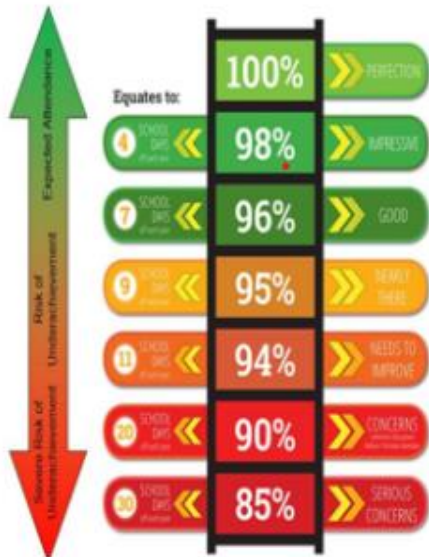
Mrs. Oakes

Mission Statement Value Award Winners:

Class	 <i>We love</i>	 <i>We learn</i>	 <i>We live</i>
Reception	Nathan	Florence	Dani-Skye
Year 1	Ashton	Phoebe	Heidi
Year 2	Marcus	Scarlett	Harrison
Year 3	Kaylin	Daniel	Nils
Year 4	Jack	Delilah	Lilly

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our wonderful children in partnership with their families!

Your Child's Attendance at School



Attendance Please remember that every day in school counts!	
<u>Reception</u>	<u>91.7%</u>
<u>Year 1</u>	<u>94.5%</u>
<u>Year 2</u>	<u>100%</u>
<u>Year 3</u>	<u>98.5%</u>
<u>Year 4</u>	<u>95.8%</u>

This week's statement to live by:

The secret to Being Rich



As many children may be aware of (and perhaps worried about) the ongoing cost of living crisis we heard the Gospel story of the rich man and the poor man, and learnt about the secret of true wealth: having faith in God and the gifts He gives us. We were inspired to live life to the full by sharing what we have with others.

Open Days

If you have a child that is due to start Reception In September 2023 you are welcome to attend our Open Day on Tuesday 11th October from 9.30-11am. Please contact our school office to book an appointment: 01434 603791.

Application for Middle School

If your child is due to transfer to Middle School in September 2023, you must apply for a place before 31st October. Please follow the link below.

[School admissions, places & appeals](#)

Cold weather

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing including a warm coat with a hood.

Mass

Year 2 and Year 3 will be attending Mass in St. Mary's RC Church on Tuesday 4th October, 9.30am. Parents & carers are welcome to attend this event.

Reception Welcome Mass

On Tuesday 18th October we will be celebrating the beginning of our reception children's school journey. The welcome mass will take place in St. Mary's Church at 9:30am. We would like to invite all parents and carers to this event.

Hello Yellow Day

Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day: 10th October 2022. Children are encouraged to wear something yellow on Monday 10th October 2021 (yellow t-shirt, jumper, socks, hair accessory etc) to raise awareness of Mental Health Day. Pupils can wear a coloured T-shirt if they do not have anything yellow to wear. The rest of the clothing will be standard uniform. To support the work of the Young Minds charity we ask for a voluntary donation (suggested £1). We will be focusing on wellbeing, resilience and managing emotions throughout next week, with a special collective worship on Monday.

London Mini Marathon

Over the next 2 weeks we are taking part in the London Mini Marathon within school. Please could you send a pair of trainers to school with your child each day.

Pumpkin Disco.

The PTA will be holding a Pumpkin Disco on Wednesday 19th October. This will be from 3.15 - 4.30pm.

£3.00 per ticket, this will need to be sent into school in a sealed, named envelope.

The last day for the money to be in is Friday 14th October.

Home clothes or fancy dress if you wish, but can we politely ask that there are no masks.

Dates for Diary:

Friday 30th September	Christmas artwork returned to school-Cauliflower Cards
Tuesday 4th October	Mass for Year 2 & Year 3 in St. Mary's Catholic Church
Monday 10th October	Hello Yellow: wear yellow clothing for children's mental health day
Tuesday 11th October & Wednesday 12th October	Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm - Booking details to follow
Friday 14th October	School Photographs
Wednesday 19th October	Arts Day-Parents invited into school-Time TBC Pumpkin Disco 3.15-4.30