



St. Mary's Catholic Academy
October 2025
Messenger



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent/teacher target meetings both in person and via school cloud. These meetings are so valuable in supporting your child and seeing how they are progressing.

Last week we held our Macmillan Coffee morning. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and support that we received. A special thank you to those who also volunteered their time to help out. A grand total of over £478.94 was raised through the coffee morning, the bake sale after school and after mass cake sales at church. Many thanks for all your support.

This week, on Wednesday, we celebrated our Harvest Mass in church. We were truly overwhelmed by your generosity. All the donations were gratefully received by the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Over the past few weeks, a number of children have represented our school at Key Stage Two football tournaments. A super well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 representatives who played amazingly well and came 4th across the collegiate. Congratulations to the Year 5/6 football team who won their tournament! A huge thank you and well done to all the children who showed not only great skill but more importantly great sportsmanship. Well done children!

This Sunday, we will gather together for our first family Mass this academic year at our parish church. It is always lovely to see our families celebrating mass together. Father John and our parish are always ready to welcome us every week, so please don't wait until the next family Mass.

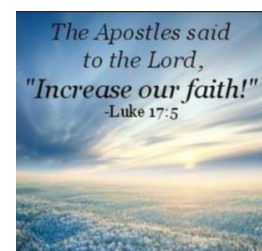
Week beginning the 13th October the discipleship team will be leading the Rosary club. This will happen every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during October from 8:15am. All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Statham
Head of School



Sunday's Gospel reading tells us that it doesn't matter how big or how small our faith is; in fact, even with faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, God can do amazing things. This is because the results don't depend on us - they depend on God.

Luke 17 5:10



If your child is absent from school

Please telephone the school on 01782 234820, or email office@stmarysnewman.co.uk no later than 9.30am

AUTUMN TERM

HALF TERM Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

INSET DAY (school closed to pupils) Monday 3rd November
School opens to pupils Tuesday 4th November
School closes Friday 19th December

[St Mary's Catholic Academy - Term Dates](http://stmarysstoke.co.uk)
(stmarysstoke.co.uk)

Parent reminder

Important notices and formal communications are sent to your registered email address on Thursdays. For ease of access, a copy of these letters are also uploaded to the school website under parent>letter.

Attendance Matters



It's wonderful to see Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3, and Year 6 all achieve 100% weekly class attendance since returning this academic year.

A special congratulations to our overall winning class: Reception!

Well done to all our pupils, keep up the amazing effort!

Trip reminder

Please ensure if you are required to give consent for an upcoming trip that you log into Arbor by the deadline date which appears on the letter.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Awards/Celebrations



We would like to congratulate all of the children who have received awards

Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Reception	Ava-Mae	Luca	Nico	Summer
Year 1	Adesuwa	Elliott	Ezra	Annabelle
Year 2	Sofia	Ralf	Roman	Layla
Year 3	Theo	Warren	Roman	Marlowe
Year 4	Aoife	Oliver	Hollie	Natalia
Year 5	Madison	Mikolaj	Noah	Phoebe
Year 6	Darcy	Teddy	George	Arya



Celebration Assembly dates can be found on our website, on the calendar tab:



On Friday we collectively raised **£478.94** between the coffee morning, donations and cake sale for Macmillan.

Thank you so much for your support!



Rosary club every Monday, Wednesday and Friday week commencing 13th October from 8:15am. All are welcome to attend.



Did you know that you can subscribe to our calendar?

All you need to do is click on the subscribe button.

celebration assemblies and masses will appear on the calendar of your selected device.

In addition we have added christmas performance dates, sports day etc to the calendar.



Our next St Mary's family Mass is being held on Sunday; 5th October at 10am. It will be lovely to see you there.



Our school menu has been amended slightly, this is available to view on our website.

[St Mary's Catholic Academy - School Meals](#)



Thank you to everyone who brought in food items for the harvest festival. This has been donated to Stoke-on-Trent foodbank and will help to support many local families.



As we continue our journey of hope, year 5 attended a pilgrim with other pupils across the collegiate. Well done to those who took part.



Save the date



Friday 3rd October	Reception-Y6 Flu Immunisation
Sunday 5th October	Family mass @10am
WB Monday 6th October	Y6 – Stanley Head
Thursday 9th October	Y3 – Woseley Centre
Thursday 9th October	Nursery – year 2 Phonics afternoon 2pm and 6pm
Friday 10th October	Nursery – Y2 Phonics watch me learn
Friday 10th October	World Mental Health Day – wear additional yellow
Monday 13th October	Y5 – Alton Castle parent meeting 5pm
Wednesday 15th October	Reception – Nature Reserve
Monday 20th October	France 2027 – initial meeting 5pm
Wednesday 22nd October	Spooky Disco
Thursday 23rd October	Y1 – Sudbury Hall
Thursday 6th November	School photographs – sibling/individuals
Monday 10th November	Odd socks day
Thursday 13th November	Math's information meeting 9am or 5pm
Friday 14th November	Y4 – Inspire parents workshop 1.30pm
Mon 17th–Wed 19th November	Y5 – Alton Castle
Thursday 20th November	Math's watch me learn 9am



Open Day

We would like to invite all perspective parents to our open day which is being held on Tuesday

**18th November
at 2pm and 5.30pm**

This will include a tour of the school and Q&A session.

Visiting our open day will give you an insight into our school.

Ofsted
Outstanding



Admissions opens 3rd November

Reception Born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022

Admissions opens 1st December

Nursery Born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023

Applications can be made online via www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions



Spooky disco

Wednesday 22nd October
EYFS / KS1 – 5:00 – 6:00pm
KS2 – 6:15 – 7:15pm

Admission £3

(Includes unlimited juice/water, sweet treat
and packet of crisps)

Additional items can be purchased
Hotdog or V option £1.50
Glow item £1.00

Book your place on Arbor