

St Mary & St Paul's CE Primary School

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Headteacher's Message



It is hard to believe that a full half term has now passed; the children have all worked so hard and it is great to see the progression in their books. It is always a delight to give out certificates and stickers to those who have worked so hard in class.

Thank you for your continued support this half term as we have celebrated our Harvest Festival and for our own clothes day as we raised money to support Justin – the child we sponsor in Nigeria.

Attendance remains a concern and we are under increasing pressure from the government and local authority to improve this across the school. We continue to work with parents, carers and the local authority to ensure that children are in school every day.

Thank you as always – Mr Brooksbank



Diary Dates

Monday 3rd Nov – School re opens after half term

Tuesday 11th Nov – Odd Socks Day

Week of 10th November – Anti -Bullying Week

Week of 10th November – Assessment week

Wed 12th – Fri 14th Nov – Y6 Barnstondale

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

Week of 24th Nov – Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 26 & Friday 27th Nov– Christmas Craft afternoons

Monday 1st December – Advent Worship

Please keep an eye on the school website and Reach More Parents 'Dates for your Diary' section for an early update on the key Christmas activities.

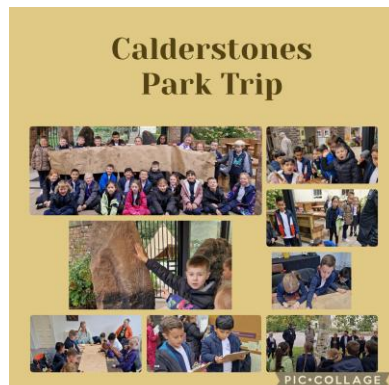
Bishop Ruth - Bishop of Liverpool

In October, Bishop Ruth came to visit school. She had a tour of the school and prayed with and for the children in every classroom. She was interviewed by our Worship Committee before praying with them too. It was a real privilege to have her come and see our great school.



Year 3 – Stone Age

Year 3 had a wonderful time in Calderstones Park. They learned about a range of different trees and their uses in the Stone Age, they had a go at using charcoal to create some cave drawings and they learned lots of interesting facts about the Calderstones.



Assembly Theme – Big Questions

As we move into Autumn 2, we will be looking at our Christian Value of 'Hope' – and especially the Hope that Jesus brings to the world as we approach Christmas. We will also be considering the parables that Jesus taught and how we can apply them to our lives.



*Did you know that children can
have 15 hours a week **FREE**
nursery provision in our school
Nursery once they are 3 years old?*



At St Mary & St Paul's, our teaching is underpinned by Christian values, as we aim to help all of our children to become both successful and thoughtful citizens.

This begins in Nursery Class, where we help our youngest children to learn how to be a good friend, help others and be kind. Learning is through fun play activities – most of the time the children are having so much fun they don't realise that they are learning at all!

Our Foundation Stage is really well equipped with resources that make learning fun – both inside and outside – and our children really enjoy all of the learning that they do.

Headteacher's Awards

Brody S (3) – Autumn homework
Tristan CC (3) – Autumn homework
Rania A (3) – Autumn homework
Jessie T (1) – Amazing Art
Antonia-Rose (1) – Amazing Art
Lilly – Rose A (5) – Brilliant English
Meadow S (5) – Brilliant English
Kendara U (5) – Brilliant English
Phoebe – Lea W (5) – Brilliant English

All of the children in Stepping Stone 2 for producing an amazing piece of writing to persuade us to protect our planet.



Attendance

**These percentages
need to improve : the
amount of absence is
having a huge impact
on learning in every
class. We need to see
every child in school
every day!**

	October	Year
Rec	87.6%	90.9%
Year 1	89.4%	88.7%
Year 2	94.7%	94.2%
Year 3	90.7%	89%
Year 4	85.8%	88.8%
Year 5	93.5%	93.1%
Year 6	91.5%	92.9%
SS1	89.8%	93%
SS2	89%	91.6%

Sports Teams

Our Cross Country team have now competed in the first two races of the season. This is a brand new team with a group of Year 4 children racing for the first time.

The children worked really hard in each of their races with many of them improving their positions in the second race.

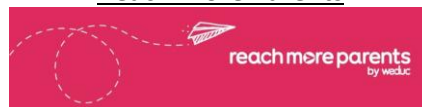
Fundraising



Just a reminder about logging into Easy Fundraising (especially for all the online shopping up to Christmas). If you register our school to your account a small percentage of each purchase is passed on to school. It is really easy to do and will make a huge difference.

So far, we have raised have raised £508.77 from our supporters. It would be great to have more of our parents and carers join in!

Reach More Parents



We are now up and running with our Reach More Parents app. The majority of notifications and updates for school will come via this.

If you have not already logged in – please pass your email address to the school office as soon as possible.

You will also be able to see things that are happening in your child's class.

This will be replacing our Text to Parents service and Twitter / X account.