



Academy News

St Mary Queen of Martyrs VC Academy takes seriously its responsibility to safeguarding all children and adults and has a rigorous procedure in place to do so. The Academy does not tolerate bullying and deals with all forms very seriously

Note from Headteacher

A thank you to the Phase 1 parents for joining us on Wednesday and Thursday to see their children learning in the classroom. We hope it has helped you to understand how we teach Maths so that you can support at home. We will be starting our celebrations looking forward to the first week of Advent on Monday's collective worship, so please talk to your children about what Advent means to Christians.

Next week is testing week so please make sure your child/ren get a very good night's sleep as we want to see how much progress they have made in the Autumn term.

To improve attendance we are introducing SMQOM ice cream parlour from next Friday for the classes who have an attendance score of 99% or above. Children.....it could be you!!

Attendance

Well done NR - no lates this week and AB/CR only had 1 late.

We have a slight improvement in attendance this week 95.5%, but 139 days missed in one week.

No class has over 99% this week, JG was very close at 98.45%, so no one had the opportunity to visit our new ice-cream parlor, fingers crossed for next week.

Let's try extra hard next week to get our attendance right up.

Home Reading			
SR	77%	NR	32%
JC	57%	JG	52%
HR	50%	DL	61%
AB/MO	56%	LA	66%
JH	84%	JD/SB	53%
ME	50%		

December

- 6th FS2 Christmas play @ 1.30pm
- 7th FS1 Christmas play @ 1.30 pm
- 8th Phase 2 Christmas craft day
- 9th Phase 3 Christmas carol concert
- 13th @ 1.30pm Phase 1 Christmas play - Yr 1 parents only
- 14th @ 1.30pm Phase 1 Christmas play - Yr 2 parents only
- 15th Christmas lunch
- 15th Mass at school
- 16th Christmas liturgy at 2.00 pm
School closes for Christmas



January

- 3rd Return to school

Foundation

That busy time is now upon us. In the Foundation unit we are busy learning our lines for the Christmas production. Everyone is so excited about our production. In FS2 we have been learning about capacity in maths. We have been using lots of new language associated with this. We have been using this in other areas of learning. The FS1 children are also doing really well at learning all the super songs for our Nativity. They have been very creative this week making lots of things using junk modelling. A brief reminder about our session next Wednesday, when we will be decorating our T-shirts ready for our production. If you wish to bring in anything to decorate your child's T-shirt please feel free. We will also have things in school. Look forward to seeing you.



Phase 1

Phase 1 have had a super week this week. As you know, we have our Christmas production coming up and the pupils (and staff!) are working hard. They have been learning their lines and singing their songs in order to make it a fantastic show for you all! In a change to the advertised production we will be performing 'The Hoity Toity Angel'.

Thank you if you managed to attend our 'Parent Drop Ins'. The pupils really enjoyed seeing their families in the classroom and we hope it gave you an insight into how the school day runs. Don't worry if you couldn't make it, there will be further opportunities in the academic year to come into school.

Like the rest of the school, we thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the cinema to watch 'The Good Dinosaur'. It had a lovely message of striving hard to achieve your goals and the pupils loved it.

The children have been putting their finishing touches to their D and T fairground rides and they look excellent. In R.E we have started our new topic 'Waiting'. The pupils are learning all about the importance of the need to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Next week we will light the first candle on the Advent wreath.

Phase 2

We had a fantastic trip to the cinema on Tuesday with the rest of the school to see The Good Dinosaur. Our children were very well behaved and were ambassadors for our school.

We have been very busy in class studying Judaism during our RE lessons and looking at precious artefacts.

We're looking forward to our trip to the Synagogue on Thursday to apply what we have learned so far! In Maths there is a focus on multiplication at the moment, please ensure your child practices their times tables to help with this!



Phase 3

We've had a really busy week in Phase 3 which included a much deserved treat on Tuesday morning when we visited the cinema to watch The Good Dinosaur.

Back at school we've continued to write our myths in literacy with some amazing results. It is really great to see the children including the grammatical features we have been learning about throughout the term!

In science lessons we've continued to investigate light through practical activities and have enjoyed completing our periscopes.

Finally, we've started to practise our Christmas Carol concert which will be held on the afternoon of Friday 9th December (details to follow).

