



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 our Head of School

Grandparents' afternoon It was lovely to meet the grandparents of our Y5/6 children this week. The afternoon was creative and informative with a sing-a-long to end the afternoon. Thank you for your very positive comments about the time spent in our school.

Parents' evenings We are trialling a new online system of booking appointments. It went live this morning and has already proved popular. The letter and text you received today explain the process of booking. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any problems or if you do not have access to online systems.

Half term School closes today for a week. We hope the sun shines and that you enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable week with your children. We look forward to welcoming them all back on **Monday** 19th February.

Lord,
Teach Us
to Pray...



This week the Junior Chaplaincy Team showed us how Jesus not only healed the sick, but how He also found the time to pray, asking God our Father to help him in His mission. We are reminded to do the same as we go about our daily tasks. God is always there if we only take the time to notice...

Attendance

This week: **95.3%**

Well done!

Mrs Foster's class attended the attendance reward parlour this week—well done

Please contact the school office before 9 am if your child is too ill to attend that day. Thank you.

Home Reading

SB/CR	87%	ME	56%
KA	50%	LA	86%
KM	54%	NA	98%
SR	92%	JH	93%
JF	56%	JC	83%
HH	73%		

Date	Event - February
19th	Return to School
21st	2.20pm Mrs Hewitt's Stay and Pray
22nd	9.10 am Mass
27th	Yr 4 music visit to City Hall
28th	2.20pm Mrs Merckel's Stay and Pray 2 pm—FOS gathering—all welcome
1 Mar	1pm Y3/4 Topic session for parents
2nd	World Book Day
7 & 8	Parents Evenings
9th	2.30 pm Mrs Allens Class Assembly
14th	2.20 pm Mrs Clark's stay and pray
20/21	1.30 pm Phase 2 Easter performance

Foundation We cannot believe it is half term already. We have had an amazing term in foundation. The children have worked so hard and have covered so much with our topic of Food. In FS2 this week we have been using a number line to help us with subtraction. We have sent a number line home with this week's homework to help when completing maths at home. We were very fortunate to have Mr. Grinling, a character from our story, come to visit us and we all got the chance to ask him the questions we had written in Literacy. We have been looking closely at lighthouses and have been designing our own. To mark the start of the Chinese New Year, we have been making dragons, tasting food and finding out how each year is named after a different animal. Our FS1 children have loved doing a dragon dance to Chinese music. We hope you all have a lovely half term and stay safe.





Phase 1 Hello! We have come to the end of a busy half term and our last week has been action packed. In our Maths lessons, Year 1 pupils have been learning about place value up to the number 50 and Year 2 pupils have been having great fun data collecting. In Literacy and Guided Reading, we are coming to the end of our whole class reading books and we will be looking at new books after the half term break. Year 1 children will be reading *Dogger* by Shirley Hughes and Year 2 children will be studying *The Owl and the Pussycat* by Edward Lear. In RE, we have been learning about different parts of the Mass and doing some role play. In Science we have been conducting investigations testing the different properties of materials. In topic, we have been baking bread as part of our topic, the Great Fire of London. It would be beneficial if you could continue reading with your child during half term.

Thank you for your support with this. Please ensure your child returns to school after the holidays with sandshoes and their indoor and outdoor PE kit. Have a lovely break with your family.

Phase 2 We can't believe this half term has come to an end already! To finish our topic on renewable energy, the pupils have been using digital literacy to create their own maps of the local area incorporating the wind turbine. They have learnt so much about the process of creating renewable energy, its impact on the local area and also how to use maps to find their locations. They have progressed so much within 5 weeks, this has been a topic that will stay with them. All wind turbines will now have returned to their homes. It has honestly been the best ever response to a home project. After half term, we will begin our study of the Anglo Saxons. In Maths this week, our phase has been working hard on the challenge that is division. The pupils have embraced that challenge and have thoroughly enjoyed their learning. They have attempted to solve problems in various ways as we look for the method most suitable to them. To see the pupils applying their understanding to solve problems has been great. All will be having a well earned rest before going again after half term!



Phase 3 What a busy week! On Tuesday we held our Grandparents' Afternoon and were thrilled to see so many visitors share and take part in our learning linked to The First and Second World Wars. Along with grandparents, our children produced some fabulous Blitz art using a range of mediums. Our children also performed an excellent presentation in the hall which included songs, drama, poetry and key facts. We'd like to thank all those who attended for contributing towards an excellent experience for our children. We'd also like to thank all

grandparents for their kind words and feedback and we look forward to seeing you in the near future. Next half term we are looking forward to getting stuck into learning about World War II and the rise of Hitler and The Nazi Party. We hope that all of our children have a well-deserved rest next week and look forward to seeing them all after half term!