



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

Race night Thank you to the children, parents and staff who supported this fundraiser last Friday. It was a fun night and raised £288 for our school funds: we have already purchased whole class copies of texts for the term.

Punctuality A gentle reminder that school starts at 8.50am. Over recent weeks, we have had an increasing number of children who are arriving at 9am and using the front door.

Appointments Please try to arrange appointments out of school hours whenever possible. If you are picking up your child for an appointment, please bring the appointment card with you to show to our office staff so that the absence can be authorised. Thank you.

Whole school treat The children had a wonderful morning at the cinema on Tuesday. Their behaviour was excellent and they thoroughly enjoyed the film, singing along with the songs.



Our Catholic Life— This week, we have welcomed our New Chaplaincy team as they begin their new roles following their commissioning last week. They have already led an extremely thoughtful liturgy based on the 'Parable of the Talents'; using their own gifts to teach the school a new liturgical song and dance.

Attendance

This week: **95.53%**

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Home Reading

HH	71%	SB/MO	55%
JC	77%	ME	66%
KA	38%	LA	79%
KM	32%	NA	81%
SR	68%	JH	82%
JF	88%		

Date	Event
Dec 6th	Year 5/6 Trip to Magna 1 pm FOS gift wrapping
7th	1.30 pm F1 Christmas Play
8th	Yr5/6 Christmas Craft Day 1.30 pm F2 Christmas Play
11th pm	Yr3/4 Christmas Craft—am
12th	1.30 pm Yr 1 Christmas Play
13th	1.30 pm Yr 2 Christmas Play
14 th	9.10 am Mass in school
15th	1.30 pm Yr 5/6 Carol Service
19 th	Christmas dinner and parties
20 th	2pm Christmas Liturgy Break up for Christmas
Jan 8 th	Children return to school

Foundation

This week in Foundation we have finally started to rehearse our Christmas production of 'Born in a Barn.' The children are looking forward to presenting it to you. Thank you to everyone for providing your child with a costume. In Literacy this week we have been writing rules for going 'owling' which is linked to the text we have been reading. In Maths



we have been learning about and using the vocabulary of capacity. The children had to order up to three containers and say if it was full, half empty, half full or empty. You may want to try this at home when your child is in the bath. In RE we have started our topic of 'Birthday' when we will be looking at the birth of Jesus Christ. In FS1 the children have been learning how to sound out and write the letter 't'. They have been using a variety of

containers to make new musical instruments and use them when singing songs. On Tuesday FS2 went to the cinema with the whole school. We had a wonderful morning and the children's behaviour was outstanding. Everyone really enjoyed the film.





Phase 1

We have had yet another great week. As part of a whole school treat, we all went on a trip to the cinema on Tuesday morning to watch 'Trolls' which was enjoyed by everyone - especially the teachers! On Thursday afternoon, we were lucky to have some special visitors to Phase 1. The

children were taught about what it was like to go fishing on trawler boats by ex-trawler men. They showed the children what it was like to work on a fishing trawler and they even had an opportunity to dress up in fishermen's clothing. The children had a fabulous and informative afternoon and they asked some very well thought out questions. As always, they were a credit to us and you. Next week, we will be assessing your child in Maths, reading and writing so we can measure the progress your child has made. We have, however, noticed that the percentage of Key Stage 1 pupils reading at home has dipped significantly in recent weeks. Thank you to those parents who support your child by reading with him/her every evening. This is a reminder that all children should be reading every day and an adult should be recording it in their reading record.



Phase 2

The weather may have turned to freezing but the pupil's minds remained on fire! Across our phase, even more excellent work has been produced. In Maths, both year groups have been working on multiplication. In Year 3 they have learnt how to multiply by 3 and 4 while in year 4 the pupils have been investigating factor pairs. They continue to impress with their incredible knowledge of grammar in Literacy. The start of next week consists of tests in both subjects and we are sure they will excel. In Design Technology, the pupils have used their designs to build scale models of mountain shelters using spaghetti and marshmallows! Next Thursday 30th November is our DT day. Remember, parents are welcome in the afternoon and we are asking for any materials you have to be brought into school throughout this week.



Phase 3

The weeks are just flying by! With Christmas edging nearer we have started our preparations for our Christmas Carol Concert. We've been learning some traditional carols along with some more modern songs and the early signs are promising! In lessons, Year 5 have been learning to interpret tables in Maths while Year 6 have continued to learn about fractions. In Literacy lessons, Year 6 are drawing closer to the conclusion of the book Trash. It's been an interesting read and events are reaching a climax. In RE, we have started our new Advent linked topics. Year 6 have enjoyed creating expectation raps and songs linked to our school mission statement.



Also this week we were extremely lucky to welcome the police into school on Friday to work with us on the theme of speed awareness. Year 5 and 6 took to the local streets and were able to use speed guns to monitor how fast passing vehicles were travelling. Next week promises to be another enjoyable yet busy week!