



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

Messages from the Head of School

Pantomime On Thursday, the whole school enjoyed a live, pantomime performance of 'A Christmas Carol'. Thank you to the Friends of the School who paid for this treat which was much appreciated.

Reading for Pleasure Please take the time to read the information sent home today about activities next week. The children are very excited about their reading week.

Chinese New Year To celebrate this festival, the school menu on Monday will be Chinese themed, including sweet and sour dishes, fried rice and fortune cookies.

Parking Please make sure that when picking children up from school at the end of the day or after clubs, you have parked smartly and legally so that traffic outside school can flow. Thank you.

Punctuality A gentle reminder that school starts at 8.50am and ends at 3pm. We have had increasing numbers of children who are arriving after 9am and not being picked up promptly at the end of the day or after clubs. We are unable to have children waiting alone unsupervised by staff to be collected by parents arriving late as this is a serious safeguarding issue. In the case of an emergency, please contact the school office.



JUNIOR CHAPLAINCY & MINI VINNIE JANUARY NEWS Australian Bush Fires Children & staff have shared in an extremely moving liturgy, reflecting on the terrible impact of the fires in Australia and the tragic loss of human and animal life, we prayed for all those who have died and those who continue to fight the fires.

Mini Vinnies One of our Acts of Kindness has been to raise funds for the 'World Wide Fund for Nature'. The money we raise will help to care for all the injured animals and their habitats. We're going to be 'Koala Protectors'! Caring for animal habitats is another way for us to work towards our 'Live Simply' award.

Respect Day The whole school also had a wonderful time, learning all about the importance of respect for other faiths & cultures. Miss Onn and the Chaplaincy Team lead a special liturgy focussing on the Word from Holy Books, including; the Bible, the Qur'an, the Torah & the Vedas. We learned that these books are perhaps not as different as they may seem; and that they all lead us to God, only in different ways.

Godly Play & Scripture Doodle Continuing our focus on respect for the words of other faiths & cultures, Phase 2 used Scripture Doodle to reflect on what these words mean to them. Through prayerful meditation, they produced some beautiful work to remind us that 'love' and 'compassion' are central to the teaching of all faiths.



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Attendance

If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, he/she will receive an unauthorised mark for the day. An accumulation of unauthorised marks within a term may result in a penalty notice fine.

Mr Burke & Mr Hermann classes best attendance this week—100%
Whole school attendance—95.9%

It is trust wide to scrutinise attendance to ensure that all pupils can fulfil their potential.

29 th	Mrs Pickard's Class Stay & Pray 2.20pm	13 th	Mr Evans' Class sharing assembly 2.30pm
31 st	Miss Marston's Class sharing assembly 2.30	18 th	Mini Vinnies Formation day
3 Feb	Mission Day	18 th	Mrs Croshaw's Class Stay & Pray 2.20pm
5 th	Miss Henderson's Class Stay & Pray 2.20pm	25 th	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
12 th	Mr Hermann's Class Stay & Pray 2.20pm	25 th	Parents' evening 3.15-6.30pm
13 th	9.10am End of half term Mass	26 th	Parents' evening 3.15-5.30pm
14 th	Miss Read's Class sharing assembly 2.30pm	27 th	Mrs Pickard's Class sharing assembly 2.30pm
14 th	School closes for half term	31 st	1.30pm Phase 2 Easter performance for Y3 parents
24 th	School opens	1 Apr	9.10am Easter Bonnet Parade for EYFS & KS1, decorated eggs KS2
26 th	Ash Wednesday	1 st	1.30pm Phase 2 Easter performance for Y4 parents
27 th	9.10am Mass	2 nd	9.10am End of term Mass and RE prizes
4 Mar	Mrs Burke's Class Stay & Pray 2.20pm	3 rd	9.10am Citizenship Awards
11 th	Mr Evans' Class Stay & Pray 2.20pm	3 rd	School closes for Easter

Spring Disco — Thursday 13th February

4.15pm - 5.15pm - FS2/ K S 1 and 5.30pm - 6.30pm - Key Stage 2
 Entrance £2.50 (Includes drink and a hotdog)

****PRE PAY VIA PARENT PAY**** Tuck shop will be available on the night
 (Water 50p, juice cartons 30p, crisps/sweets 20p, selection of chocolates 30p)





Foundation Well what a busy start to the term we have had in Foundation. This week all the children were treated to a mini concert by the older violin students. They were absolutely enthralled and are all keen to learn to play the violin when they're in KS2.

There was also a pantomime this week where the M&M Theatre Company performed A Christmas Carol with lots of singing and dancing. Last week the F2 children were treated to sausage roll making when we were visited by The Ladies in Pigs. The food story continues with healthy packed lunches being the focus of our Health and Self-care teaching. In Maths, the F2 children have been focusing on different ways of making the number 5 this week and recording it as a number sentence and in English they have made story maps for 'The Train Ride' and labelled them.



Phase 1 We had some very special visitors this week. The Ladies in Pigs taught us how to make sausage rolls along with giving us lots of knowledge about their farm and sustainable farming. Look out for this week's homework which is linked to the visit that we had. In Maths, Year 2 have been dividing by 2 and 5. The children have begun to work with problems where there is a missing number to consolidate their understanding. Year 1 have been learning about counting on when adding 1 and 2 digit numbers. In Geography, our focus is 'The UK'. Talk to your children about the countries and capital cities we have located on a map.

Phase 2 Our phase has began the new year with great focus. To earn Class Dojo points, one thing pupils have to do is show persistency. This has been very evident across our whole Spring curriculum. In Science, we are investigating sound and how it travels. Our new geography topic focuses on the capital cities of the United Kingdom. Already great knowledge has been shared about capitals both in class and at home. It's great to see persistency when they approach challenges as well as engagement both in school and at home. We have also worked on Gender Equality projects with our friends in Freetown. These will form part of our upcoming global project.



Phase 3 Phase 3 have had another busy week this week. In Science Miss Allen's class have been learning all about inheritance and adaptation. They have researched different breeds of dog to create their own unique breed, thinking about the qualities they would inherit from their parents. We had some fantastic ideas and creative names! In Miss Burke's and Mrs Pickard's classes they have been investigating reversible and irreversible changes. They have been melting chocolate and ice to discover how they change states. In Geography, we have been learning about the counties of England, using 8 points of the compass to describe their locations. We have also started to research human and physical features of the counties of Yorkshire.