



Whole School Newsletter

October 2024

Living and Learning through Faith

Let us ask for the grace to grow in friendship with the Lord and to see Jesus as our greatest and most faithful friend. He will never abandon us, even if we turn away from Him. Pope Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy half term at St Mary's with lots of exciting activities. We have enjoyed beginning of term Mass, Class Mass, Harvest and celebration assemblies. It was lovely to see so many of you at our celebration assemblies this week. The children have been working very hard and really enjoy sharing their learning with you.

After half term, we will be running a competition to find the best poster to promote our school mission statement. *Living and Learning through Faith*. There will be prizes for the best posters from each class and the overall school winner will have their design made into a postcard.

We hope you like the new style newsletter. Each term you will receive a class newsletter and this whole school newsletter. Your first class newsletter will be published in December.

A warm welcome to our new Reception class, you have made a fantastic start to school.

Warm regards,

Mrs Berry and
Mrs Measham



School Rules

Be Ready, Be respectful, Be Safe



In September, Year 6 were part of the Our Lady of Walsingham Choir at the Diocesan School's Mass and they sang beautifully. They were exemplary both in their singing and in the way they represented our school. A big thank you to Mrs McLeod-Jones and Mrs Dyer for preparing them in their music lessons.

Our Mini Vinnies would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated food for our Harvest collection. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. Parishioners from St Mary's church took the food to FIND.



Year 6 went on a pilgrimage to Walsingham along with children from St Pancras school. They had a truly wonderful day.

All Catholic pilgrimages are centred on the Slipper Chapel, where the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is enthroned. Our Lady is depicted in traditional style seated on a simple chair of state with the Child Jesus on her knee.



Year 5 visited Woodbridge School to learn more about computational thinking. They were challenged to use computer programming to move a robot around a chair. A great time was had by all.

Latest Parish Newsletter

To read the newsletter for our parish church of St Mary's, please visit:

<https://www.stmarysipswich.org.uk/parishnews>

Worship Council

I would like to introduce you to our worship council. They have been very busy planning their first whole school assembly and are looking forward to sharing this next half term.

The role involves

Being a follower of Jesus.

To lead collective worship.

To provide pupil role models.

To lead prayer during key liturgical seasons and events.

To evaluate standards of prayer and liturgy within school from a pupil perspective.

To plan prayer and liturgy for themselves, their classes and the school.



Sporting News

Year 5 and 6 footballers have had the wonderful opportunity to take part in the Suffolk School Games at Whitton. I saw some amazing saves, passing and goals as well as lots of laughs.

Thank you to parents for the support and all the lifts.

Mrs Dyer





Upcoming Dates

PD day (non pupil day)	4th November
Children return to school	5th November
Parents evening	5th November
Parents evening	7th November
Open afternoon for prospective parents	14th November 1:30pm
Open morning for prospective parents	20th November 9:30am
Class Mass for Y3 and 4	15th November 2:30pm
KS1 Advent Service	4th December 9am
Christmas Fair	7th December 11am
Reception Nativity	11th December 9am
KS1 Nativity	12th December 9am
KS2 Nativity	18th and 19th December
Christmas Ensemble	20th December at 9am

Autumn Term 2024

Wednesday 4th September – Friday 20th December

Staff Training day: 4th November

Spring Term 2025

Tuesday 7th January – Friday 4th April

Half term: 17th February – 21st February

Staff Training day: 6th January

Summer Term 2025

Wednesday 23rd April – Tuesday 22nd July

Bank holiday: 5th May

Half term: 26th May – 30th May

Staff Training day: 22nd April