

RESPECT

ST MARY'S CE FIRST ACADEMY



# NEWSLETTER

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"SHINE AS A LIGHT IN THE WORLD"  
Matthew 5:16

Dear Parents and Guardians,

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of the staff at St Mary's. It has been a wonderful week of celebration at the school and I am so very proud of each and every child. They have all acted, sang and performed with such energy for those who were unable to visit. In fact the children at St Mary's have helped to remind me and many others about the true magic of Christmas. I thank each and every child for their contribution and for the wonderful support they have received from home. As I said during the week, none of it would be possible without the staff, many of whom have been poorly of late. They too have shown a real dedication to both the children and the academy. I am truly thankful.

I also need to thank our PTA for the wonderful fundraising activities that they have undertaken on behalf of the academy we have much to do and many exciting plans to improve the school and the grounds for the children, so this additional funding and support is invaluable,

Our pantomime visit for Years 3 and 4 was also a huge success and whilst attending any public venue currently presents a risk, we have taken every reasonable step to mitigate such risks. The children had a fabulous time so thank you for your support and allowing them to go. We say goodbye to Mrs Hammond in the office today as she takes up a new trainee teaching assistant at Brewood Middle Academy. She is still within the family but I know she will be missed at St Mary's. I wish her every success in her new role.

A few parents have asked about parent consultations and I apologise that we have not been able to hold these this term. We have been hit with very high rates of staff absence and COVID restrictions which has nearly resulted to school closure. As a way forward, we are going to be doing virtual parents meeting through school 'School Cloud' in the spring term. The provisional date for this is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Further details will be sent out when we return in January.

I hope you all manage to enjoy some much needed family time and I look forward to seeing you all upon our return in January. Please remember the children return on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Best Wishes

Mr R Dickson  
Executive Principal

Dear God



Back then, at the first Christmas:  
You knew about the shepherds, working late at night  
You knew about the travellers following the light  
You knew about the crowds with their hopes and fears  
You knew about the stable and poor Mary's tears

So right now, because of Christmas:  
You know about outsiders, who feel they don't belong  
You know about the stranger who speaks another tongue  
You know about the exile who's forced to leave her home  
You know about the foreigner who feels so much alone  
You know about the poor whom nobody will know  
You know about the puzzled who feel they've far to go

You bring us close in Jesus, each specially loved by him  
You turn things inside out and bring outsiders in.

# STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Pupil
Nursery	Holly
Reception	Francis
Year 1 & 2	Raisa
Year 3	Ella
Year 4	Ellie-Mai

**A massive well done to all children for all their hard work this week. We are proud to call you a part of our St Mary's Family.**





# Merry Christmas from all at St Mary's







**St Mary's CE First Academy**  
**Term Dates and Holidays 2021-2022**  
**Dates are subject to change.**

**Autumn Term 2021**

Term Ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Holiday: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Spring Term 2022**

Inset day: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Term Starts: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Half term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Term ends: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Holiday: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer Term 2022**

Inset day: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Term Starts: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

May Day: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Half term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Term ends: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Holiday: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Inset Days (School Closed to Pupils)**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022