



“Grow together in Christ”

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A big Thank You

I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff for all their hard work this term. The children have as always, been wonderful and have worked hard over the term. I would like to thank all those parents who have been as ever, fully supportive of our Outstanding school and everything we endeavour to do to improve as a learning community. I hope to see more parents in school in the New Year both at assemblies and class collective worship.

I know in these busy weeks of Advent it is also important to stop and think about how lucky we are to have such a wonderful school with such dedicated people working in it. Advent is a time to stop and reflect upon what a fantastic job we all do for our 210 pupils at St Mary's. We are privileged to work amongst your children.

On a celebratory note, Mrs Sweeney has been officially appointed as Deputy Head this week after an interview day on Monday. I know that you will join me in congratulating her and wishing her all the best in this new role.



On behalf of the governors and staff may I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas with your families.

Attendance: Last week, the class with the best attendance was Year 2 with 98%. They are certainly doing well this year! This is amazing attendance. Keep this up Reception and Year 1 and everyone else will follow!



New Awards: These awards are given out in Friday's Gold Book assembly and must be returned the following Thursday.

Handwriting:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Clay	Ben	Iris	Clark W	William	Poppy	Abigail

Excellent attitude to learning award: these are prestigious awards, and the children should be very proud of themselves for achieving these. Well done.

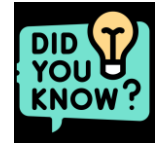
EYFS/ KS1: Oliver P –Year 2 -

KS2: Maria B - Year 5



Friday 16th December: We will end this half term with mass at 9am on this day. We will be offering a cuppa and a breakfast sandwich to parents afterwards. If you plan on coming and would like to join us after mass, then please can you let the office know for catering purposes. It will be lovely to get together on this day. The children will have a brunch meal on this day in preparation for finishing at 1pm.

Important days and dates for this half term



Are you entitled to Free School Meals but don't take them up – this could save you £420 per year!!

Thursday 15th December

Party Afternoon – party clothes can be worn all day

Friday 16th December

Mass 9am
Parent tea/coffee/ mince pie/ sausage sandwiches
Brunch Dinner 11am
Break up at 1pm



Tuesday 3rd January

Happy New Year
Welcome back to 2023

Friday 20th January

Year 3 Class Assembly

Friday 3rd February

Year 5 Ice Skating

Assemblies- Class Assemblies for the year were sent out last week. Here they are again for anyone who missed the email: Year 4 will lead us this coming Friday – come along and see our amazing pupils.

Term	Spring 1	Spring 2	Sum 1	Sum 2	Sum 2
Year	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Year 6	Rec
Date	20/1/23	10/3/23	5/5/23	16/6/23	14/7/23

Poetry Recitals: In an aim to continue to encourage a love of reading, we are introducing poetry recitals in assemblies this year. Here are the dates when your child's class will perform:

Year 5- 13th January 2023

Reception- 3rd February 2023

Year 2- 10th February 2023

Year 1 – 24th March 2023

Year 4 – 5th May 2023

Year 3 – 16th June 2023

Christmas Gifts: I am aware that everyone is stretched now. I am requesting that **NO** gifts are bought this year for staff. It is a lovely thought but a card with a message is far more powerful and thoughtful. If you want to do something worthwhile, we will be doing our reverse Advent calendar. This message has been sent this week. All donations will make up 7 hampers for families.

Admission into Reception This will officially open on 1st November and run until 15th January 2023. If your child will be 4 before 31st August, then you need to apply during this round. **Please apply online AND come and ask for a supplementary information form at school or download from our school website www.rothwellstmarys.co.uk**

FOSM: FOSM is registered for Amazon Smile which is a simple way to support us every time you shop. It is easy to select us as your chosen charity and Amazon donate 0.5% of purchases made! To support us please go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1115799-0> or search for Friends Of St Mary's School Rothwell at smile.amazon.co.uk. There's a few so look for Rothwell. Thank you!

We're also registered with easyfundraising Every time you shop online with any of 2,700 retailers, including Amazon, John Lewis, and Argos, you can raise money for Friends of St Mary's. Just visit the easyfundraising site [here](#), and click 'Shop Online' to find your preferred retailer. It only takes a few seconds and is a great way to easily contribute to FOSM. Just remember to put things in your basket after you've clicked the link!

Your School Lottery

Our school lottery has launched, and tickets are available now! To be in with a chance of winning and raise funds for the school please visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and click on Buy a ticket. Search for the school using 'Rothwell St Mary's' and click on the Support us button under the school image.



Tickets are just £1 a week with a TOP PRIZE of £25,000, and 1 guaranteed winner for each school receives 30% of the ticket sales in the Saturday weekly draw. Remember 40% of the sales is coming straight back to FOSM and the lottery is open to anyone who'd like to support us so share with friends and family and keep boosting the prize fund.

We currently have 18 ticket holders (Miss Leonard is one of these with 3 tickets!!). Please support our school.

Twitter: Mrs Sweeney keeps our Twitter page updated. Please follow us @rothwellstmarys – here is a glimpse of what took place last week!



Always remember that the door is open, and your first port of call should be your child's class teacher. If you need to speak further, then

Friday 3rd February

FOSM

Valentine Disco

Wednesday 8th February

Young Voices

Friday 10th February

Break up for Half Term

Collective Worship Times

Parents are invited to attend in person. These will start this week.

Year 6 – Thursday 8.30am

Year 5 – Thursday 2.40pm

Year 4 – Wednesday 8.30am

Year 3- Tuesday 2.40pm

Year 2 – Thursday 2.40pm

Year 1 – Tuesday 2.40pm

Reception – Thursday 8.40 am (new time)

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please see Mrs Sweeney or failing that myself. It is always better to nip things in the bud and get a resolution quickly with your child's teacher.

God Bless
Miss S Leonard –
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School website-

Our school website holds lots of information about our school and the website address is on the top of this letter. It has newsletters and key dates for the year. It also has copies of our inspection reports, and admission forms, as well as photos. Why not take a look? We will also see the website updated by the end of the first half term so keep an eye out!

Uniform: Please can I remind parents the correct PE should be worn. NO named kit should be coming into school. Plain and simple navy bottoms, white tops!

Class Pages: On each class page you will find the teacher's planning for each half term, your class newsletter, up to date photographs and any additional information that teachers may post. Please keep a regular eye on here.

Safeguarding:

Our new safeguarding policy is available on the school website. Our safeguarding team is below.

Miss Leonard, Mrs Sweeney, Ms MacPherson, Mrs Sheldon-Price should you wish to contact us, please use the usual address. We have a duty of care to protect all our children and families.