



"Grow together in Christ"

Rothwell St. Mary's  
Catholic Primary School Leeds



## Head Teacher's Newsletter 4 – 27.9.23

### Virtue: Thankfulness

**Living the Virtue:**  
**I can say thank you to God.**



**Attendance:** The best attending class last week were Y1, with 99.87%. This is amazing attendance and I do hope that it continues to remain like this. Let us work together to build our attendance over this year and celebrate the attendance of those who are on time each week or achieve 100% for this half term.



**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
Parker	William	Edith	Ellia	Edie	Josephine	Zayba



**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:** - Rose – Year 1

**KS2:** Patryk – Year 3

**Flu Vaccination:** Ms MacPherson sent out an email with the Flu Vaccination programme. It is such a good idea to avail of this free service. I know that I have mine booked in. Please follow the link in the email to book. There is a number to contact if you have problems. This is not a school organised programme.

**Wednesday Word:** Our classes use the Wednesday word to guide Collective Worship which is led by pupils. If you wanted to use this at home, I will put the link on each week. As it only comes to me on a Wednesday, it will always be one week behind.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/generous?pid=MTA101634&v=103.7>



**Class Assemblies:** Each class will lead the prayer section of a Friday assembly. This is a chance to see the whole class speak and sing. Families are welcome to attend these so get the dates in your diaries!

Term	Aut 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Sum 1	Sum 2	Sum 2
Year	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Rec
Date	17/11/23	19/1/24	8/3/24	3/5/24	14/6/24	5/7/24

**Admissions-** The admission round for **high schools** is now open so please make sure you have applied before October 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

**Reminders- PE Kit days and Year Groups** – come dressed in PE kits for the whole day. School shoes must be worn other days with school uniform.

### Important days and dates for this half term

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

MacMillan Coffee Morning after assembly at 10am. Please send in cakes, buns to be sold. This is such a worthwhile cause and has touched so many lives.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> / Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

D:side Internet Safety for Y1-Y6

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Leeds United PSHE visit 9.30am  
Flu immunisation in school. Please watch out for the link to book.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Bikeability for Year 6  
Please watch out for letters from Miss Nicholson

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 5 trip to Headingley – Cricket in the classroom. (this is a new date due to venue and bus bookings)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

British Library Night with Mrs Sweeney

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Harvest Festival Liturgy/Assembly 9am

**Parent Consultation Evenings**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> / Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 3.30-6.30pm

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Break up – half term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Training Day 2

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Children return to school

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Phonic Evening for parents 5pm

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday Wednesday	Monday Thursday	Wednesday Thursday (Swimming from week 2)	Tuesday Thursday	Tuesday Friday	Tuesday Friday

**PE kits** – please ensure waterproofs and spare socks are in PE bags.

**Parent Consultation Evenings:** We will be holding these before half term on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. These will run from 3.30pm – 6.30pm. School operates an online booking system. This will go live the week before and you will receive a text to notify you to book. Please add these dates to your diary.

**School website-** Our school website holds lots of information about our school and the website address in 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!

**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.

**Holiday forms-** Please remember that I expect full attendance wherever possible. Due to Government law, holidays are no longer authorised. Children need to be in school on time, every day to reach their full potential. Exceptional leave forms must be completed if any absence is required for exceptional circumstances. Medical appointments need to be taken outside school time unless in emergencies. Thank you for your co-operation. As you know these are not my rules!

**Twitter:** Mrs Sweeney keeps our Twitter page updated. Please follow us @rothwellstmarys



Well done to Quinn in Y1 who won the story box this week, he has worked hard all week and his manners have been impeccable! Enjoy 📖 🦄 🎁



Rec and Yr 6 had lots of fun at their buddy party!



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 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.

**Safeguarding:** Our new safeguarding policy is available on the school website. Our safeguarding team: 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.

God Bless

Miss S Leonard – Head teacher [head@rothwellstmarys.org.uk](mailto:head@rothwellstmarys.org.uk)

### [Admissions to High School](#)

This round is now open, and you will see information regarding open days on the newsletter. Please ensure that you have applied before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

### [Admission into Reception](#)

This will officially open on 1<sup>st</sup> November and run until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. If your child will be 4 before 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.rothwellstmarys.co.uk)**

**Open Afternoons**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov at 1.30pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.30pm

Please contact school to book onto an afternoon.  
0113 2828182

[Collective Worship Times](#)  
[Parents are invited to attend in person. These will start second week back – wk/bk 12<sup>th</sup> September](#)

Year 6 – Thursday 8.30am  
Year 5 – Thursday 2.40pm  
Year 4 – Wednesday 8.30am  
Year 3- Monday 2.40pm  
Year 2 – Tuesday 2.40pm  
Year 1 – Thursday 8.30am  
Reception – Autumn 2

Reception will welcome parents during the first half day to join in a song and end of day prayers.

## Friends of St Mary's

**FOSM:** Our Friends of St Mary's are an active group of parents (small group), who get together socially to plan and prepare events to raise money for the school. All monies raised do come back into school for **ALL** children. This is their way of ensuring that in a time of diminishing budgets, our children do not miss out.



Sarah Findlay (who has a son in Year 1), is our Chair and they meet regularly to discuss events and get dates in the diary. Sarah and I met last Wednesday, and we are pleased to be able to give you the upcoming dates for this academic year.

### Dates for your diary 2023/24

Friends of St Marys have lots of great events planned over the next school year. So you can plan ahead, here is what's on and when:

- **1st Dec** – Whole school trip to the pantomime – Wakefield Theatre
- **8th Dec** – Dress Down Day- (in preparation for the disco)  
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to bring Chocolate for Christmas Fayre  
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 to bring a bottle (yes alcohol is intended!!)
- **8th Dec** - Christmas Disco with Mr Shuffles. 3.15 – 4.15pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 4.30-5.30pm Year 3, year 4, Year 5, Year 6.
- **15th Dec** – Christmas Fair - 3.00pm – 5.30pm
- **1st Feb** – Disco- 3.15 – 4.15pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 4.30-5.30pm Year 3, year 4, Year 5, Year 6.
- **22nd March** – Rec/KS1 Movie night 3.00pm – 4.30pm
- **26th April** – KS2 Movie Night 3.00pm – 4.30pm
- **17th May** – Sports Day & family BBQ (Weather permitting)
- **14th June** – yr5/6 Sleepover
- **6th July** – Summer Fair 12 noon til 4pm

Don't forget, in addition to all the events we have planned, we also have our School lottery! Supporting this ensures that we receive vital year round funding that allows us to keep supporting our children and giving them those little extra treats! Tickets cost just £1 per week, with 40p from each ticket going direct to FOSM. As an added bonus you can win too. Each week one of our supporters will win a cash prize. Some of our supporters have won over £90 since we started last year! For more info go to:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rothwell-st-marys-primaryschool>

**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY**

£1 per week  
Weekly cash prizes  
£25,000 jackpot

**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

**How it works...**

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Rothwell St Mary's Primary School.

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Rothwell St Mary's Primary School

**Splitting the £1.00**

- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

**The Maths...** 100 tickets sold a week means  
- £30 weekly cash prize  
- £2,080 a year for our school

**Buy A Ticket**