

# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

'Growing, loving and learning in the arms of Mary'

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As we approach the end of this half term, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support. It has been a long half term, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have adapted to their new classes. They have embraced new routines and learned so much, showing remarkable resilience and enthusiasm along the way.

Your encouragement at home has played a vital role in their progress, and we appreciate everything you do to support their learning journey. We look forward to seeing what the next half term holds for our wonderful children!

Thank you once again for your partnership and support.

## POPPY APPEAL

From Monday 7th October 2024 we will be selling poppies in school on behalf of the British Legion and any donations are welcome. We also have remembrance gifts up to £2 each.

Snap band - £2.00      Wristband - £1.00

Zip Pull - £0.50      Reflectors - £0.50



## DINNER MONIES - NOVEMBER 2024

School meals are **£2.50 per day** i.e. **£12.50 per week**. Advanced payments of **£87.50** can be made for the next half-term (04.11.2024 to 20.12.2024). All payments to be made via ParentPay



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 6th November 2024.

If you would like a photograph of your child/children with their sibling/s who **do not** attend St Mary's School, please come into school at 8.30am.

**Wednesday is Year 1 & 2 PE Day - Year 1 & 2 pupils should come to school in their white polo shirt/blue sweatshirt and PE jogging bottoms.**



## KS1 HARVEST CELEBRATION

A big thank you to all the children and staff who worked hard for our Harvest Celebration this week.



## URGENT SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we have 459 pupils in St. Mary's, could parents please mark all items of uniform with their child's full name, (**NOT initials**), as we have a lot of blue sweatshirts left in school each day.

When uniform is not correctly labelled it makes it difficult to return to children when misplaced.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22 <b>Y5 Chess Club</b>	23 <b>PARENTS EVENING - Rec to Year 6</b>	24 <b>PARENTS EVENING - Rec to Year 6</b>	25 <b>Y4, 5 &amp; 6 Drama</b>
28 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM</b>	29 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM</b>	30 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM</b>	31 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM</b>	1 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM</b>

# SEND

Date for your diary: Autism Outreach Team drop-in coffee morning

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in the main school hall



Upcoming parent courses and support groups with the Toby Henderson Trust:

[www.ttht.co.uk/training-workshops-and](http://www.ttht.co.uk/training-workshops-and)



### Supporting Young People with Selective Mutism

🕒 21-10-2024 @ 17:30 - 21-10-2024 @ 18:30  
📍 Online Event

Webinar Free



### Autism and Mental Health Difficulties Webinar

🕒 04-11-2024 @ 17:30 - 04-11-2024 @ 19:30  
📍 Online Event

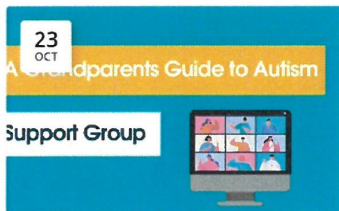
Webinar Free



### Preparing for Christmas with your Autistic Child - Webinar

🕒 08-11-2024 @ 09:30 - 08-11-2024 @ 11:30  
📍 Online Event

Webinar Free



### Grandparents Guide to Autism Support Group

🕒 23-10-2024 @ 10:00 - 23-10-2024 @ 11:00  
📍 Online Event

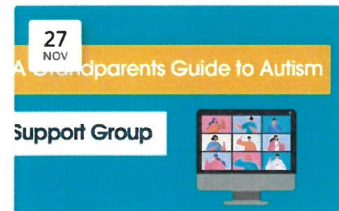
Support group Free



### Families of Autistic Girls - Support Group

🕒 24-10-2024 @ 10:00 - 24-10-2024 @ 11:30  
📍 Online Event

Support group Free



### Grandparents Guide to Autism Support Group

🕒 27-11-2024 @ 10:00 - 27-11-2024 @ 11:00  
📍 Online Event

Support group Free



This is a go to guide to the organisations in Sunderland which parents can access for SEND support. Download a copy from [www.choicewellbeingsservice.org](http://www.choicewellbeingsservice.org) or pick up a booklet from the school office.

At St. Mary's we use Widgit symbols to support children's learning and communication. Symbols can also be beneficial at home to help to sequence your day or to help your child to communicate. If you would like some symbols for home, please request a pack from the school office.



## ASDA CASHPOT REWARDS SCHEME

We are now registered for Asda Cashpot rewards scheme.

If you shop at Asda please download the Asda reward app and help build funds for St. Mary's Primary School. Please see attached poster.

# INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards  
and we will donate **££s** to schools.



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### HERE'S HOW:

- 1** Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2** Choose your primary school
- 3** Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4** Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5** We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.



Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com, subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt In required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072633. Full T&Cs at [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://asda.com/cashpotforschools). Rewards T&Cs at [asda.com/rewards/terms](https://asda.com/rewards/terms). Ends 30/11/24