



The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

Merry Christmas

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you Mrs Kellett

Mrs Kellett leaves the Federation at the end of this month. She has been interim Executive headteacher since March and has truly made a difference to the schools. We want to thank her for her hard work, dedication and leadership whilst she has been with us—we shall really miss her!

Mrs Birchall will be welcomed into the Federation in January as the Executive head of both schools. She has already spent time at the infants and juniors and we look forward to her leading the Federation into what will be an exciting 2024.

A Message from our Chair of Governors

On behalf of the governing board, I would like to thank Mrs Kellett for her hard work, effort and commitment in supporting our schools during her time as interim Executive Headteacher. It has been a positive experience, and we are very grateful for her work in moving the federation forward to a position where we can welcome Mrs Birchall in January looking forward to a bright and successful future as we continue our improvement journey.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our school community for their support this year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy and happy 2024.

Christmas Festivities

On Tuesday school meals team served up a festive lunch to be proud of and we danced around the hall whilst wearing our Christmas jumpers. Then after school our school choir led the singing for Carols around the Tree. It was lovely to sing carols around the tree with our families and enjoy the mince pies that were provided by the PTFA .

Then Adamcadabra (funded by the PTFA) provided the entertainment for all the children's parties on Wednesday and Thursday and both children and staff loved them. Many thanks to Father Christmas for fitting us into his busy schedule and paying us a visit! He has generously given every child a voucher for Jasmines and delivered presents from the PTFA.

We celebrated the real reason for the season on Wednesday with our Christmas service in church. Thanks to Father Ben and our St Mary's family who celebrated with us. Well done to all our readers and the school choir who made our service very special.

As we draw to the close of a long and busy Autumn term, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for a happy, relaxing and holy Christmas break. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continuous support throughout the year.

We shall see you all when school reopens on Monday 8th January 2024.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grange

AWARD WINNERS

	Star of the Week	Bee Award
Nursery	Skyler	Rupert
RJ	Leighton	Harley
RT	Havanna	Luca
YIM	Marley	Sophia
YIB	Gabe	Willow
Y2M	Devontae	Charlie B
Y2G	Lily	Charlie H



School
Values
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- 40p goes to our school
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- 4p goes to VAT

The Maths...

100 tickets sold a week means

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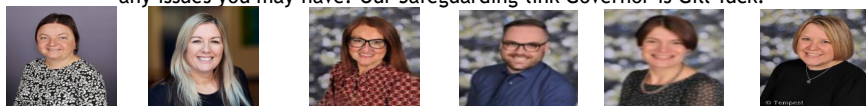
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Safeguarding Shout-out!

Who can my child speak to about a concern?

We would like each child in our school to be able to identify a trusted adult they could seek out and talk to as their 'go to person' in school. This adult is usually someone they have a good relationship with and may be an adult based in their class. This could be the class teacher or teaching assistant. Ask your child who they would speak to if they were upset or had a worry?

We have a Designated Safeguarding Lead in school. This is Gill Curley. Mrs Kellett and Mrs Grange are Deputy Safeguarding Leads. Mr Beech and Mrs Moore are also part of our safeguarding team. There will always be one of us available to support you with any issues you may have. Our Safeguarding link Governor is Gill Tuck.



Who can I speak to about a concern or a safeguarding issue?

What do the school do to keep my child safe?

- We develop positive and trusting relationships between safe adults and children to enable children to trust us and feel that they can share any concerns or worries.
- We have comprehensive and appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures in place and a PHSE curriculum that teaches the children about safeguarding and personal safety.
- We have vigilant and tenacious staff in school who have your child's best interests and safety at the heart of everything we do.
- A clear and consistent behaviour policy that is applied fairly across school.
- A safe and secure site.