

St Mary's News



21st September 2023

We've certainly landed back in school with a woosh!! It has been a delight to welcome everyone back and particularly this week as we feel "full" with our full time Reception children and all of our new Nursery children. Everyone looks incredibly smart and ready for learning, please may I ask you to double check that all uniform is named – thank you.

The Nativity of Mary

We began our school year celebrating the birth of Mary or as Fr. Anthony described it – Mary's birthday! Years 2-6 attended mass and enjoyed the birthday cake representing the school beautifully as they listened to the gospel and sang our traditional Marion hymns beautifully. Thank you, Fr. Anthony, for leading us in prayer on this special Feast Day.

First Holy Communion 2024 – a message from Fr. Anthony

Parents who wish their child/children to make their First Holy Communion next year please make sure you have a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate ready. Registration forms are available from Fr. Anthony, St. Joseph's School Stanford-le-Hope or St. Mary's School Tilbury. Registration closes on Friday 20th October. Any late Registrations will strictly not be considered. The First Holy Communion Enrolment Masses are compulsory and will be on Saturday 4th November 6.30 p.m. in Tilbury and Sunday 5th November 5.30 p.m. in Stanford-le-Hope. Classes will commence on Thursday 9th November at 3.00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Primary School Stanford and Saturday 11th November at 9.00 a.m. in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Tilbury. £20 (cash only) per child to cover the Course Book and stationery costs, etc. must be paid when you attend the first lesson.

Ofsted

Last week it was our pleasure to welcome our Ofsted Inspector colleagues who carried out their inspection of our school. A huge thank you to all parents who provided feedback in the questionnaire. We look forward to sharing the report with you shortly.

Family Tapestries

On 25th September your child will bring home their Family Tapestry; strong parent partnerships and great relationships are the key to success and a vital part of this is knowing each other well. By completing the Family Tapestry, we are able to find out a little more about your child and your family – in turn you will find out a little more about us on the reverse!

All Family Tapestries are due back to school by Friday 6th October– thank you for your support in this and I'm thoroughly looking forward to reading them.

3 Special People

You will have seen earlier in the term that your child brought home their letter explaining our safeguarding initiative – 3 Special People. If they are still to return to their slips please encourage and support them to do so, if you need a new copy please speak with your child's class teacher – thank you.

Harvest

Please keep a look out for the Harvest letter which will be coming to you in the next week, once again we will be support Thurrock Foodbank. Thank you in advance for your generosity.


Supermagic Golden Day of Success!

Earlier this term we received a letter from Sheila Murphy, Thurrock's Director of Children's services congratulating us on the "exceptional" results achieved across the school last year. The letter continued describe the excellent academic progress of our children and recognised our dedication to a holistic education.

To celebrate we will be holding a Supermagic Golden Day of Success on Friday 26th September. We have a whole host of learning and fun planned around "success" and being great leaders. We would love it if the children could wear either something gold, yellow, sparkly or something else which emanates "success!"



Have a wonderful weekend everyone – I'll be digging out my sparkly shoes ready for Friday!



Mrs V L McBrown
Headteacher



Heavenly Father
Thank you for your previous gift of love.
Help us to share the love we hold in our hearts with those in our families our communities and our world.
When we have an opportunity to show love to a stranger, help us embrace the moment and spread your eternal love.
Amen