

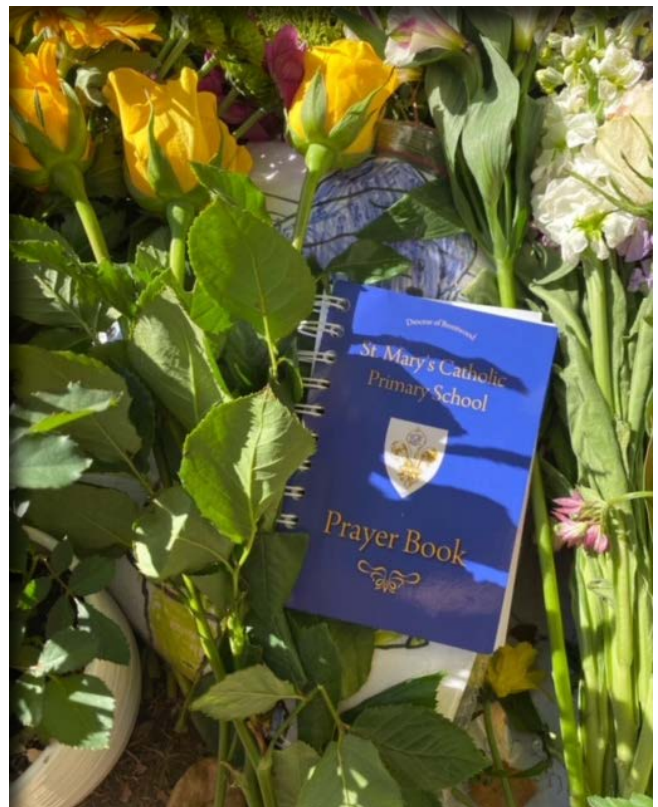
St Mary's News



23rd September 2022

What a strange fortnight we've had, from welcoming parents at our Meet the Teacher meetings to the sad loss of our Queen it has been a time for reflection and giving thanks. I visited Green Park at the weekend to lay some flowers and to say some prayers. London was exceptionally busy as you'd expect, however the overwhelming feeling in Green Park was one of peace.

School has been focused on learning; whizzing children back into routines and ready for the year ahead with so many of the children exuding the confidence of being in the next year group! Thank you so much to everyone who is ensuring their children have the correct uniform with the correct equipment and are on time! Well done.



Education Sunday

Education Sunday was celebrated on 11th September and the theme this year is 'enlightening the mind', taken from Ephesians 1:17-18 as a Catholic Christian community we believe that time spent at school should not only equip us for life in the world but instil in us a transcendent love for knowledge and a desire to seek truth and wisdom

Parish News - Pets Blessing

On Sunday 9th October Fr Anthony will be conducting a Parish Pets Blessing as part of the Feast Day celebrations of St Francis of Assisi. Please bring your pets and animals to the front of the church at 2.30pm where Fr Anthony will meet you.

First Holy Communion

Today (Friday 23rd September) is the last day to return your form if you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion. Please remember this group of children must be in year 3 or above. The Enrolment Mass will be on Sunday 16th October at 9.00 a.m. in Tilbury and 11.00 a.m. in Stanford-le-Hope. Parents must attend the Enrolment Mass and Fr Anthony looks forward to seeing the whole family regularly at Mass.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will have our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September. Right now, more than 3 million people are living with cancer in the UK and so it is likely that, as a school community, we will all know someone who is fighting cancer or who have sadly lost their life to this disease. Macmillan Cancer Support is a charity who support those who are affected by cancer as well as their wider families. As such we will be selling cakes to the children (not coffee!) for a donation of 20p. Any help you can give this worthwhile cause would be warmly welcomed.



Upcoming

Over the next few weeks we will be collecting food in our usual way for Thurrock Foodbank please keep your eyes peeled for the dates.

Have a restful weekend everyone and enjoy the autumnal sunshine.

With best wishes,

Mrs V L McBrown
Headteacher



God of all seasons, we thank you for autumn.
We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,
for the colouring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,
for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,
for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,
for the autumn harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land, for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.
God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit.

Amen