



Reflection



This Sunday, Jesus tells us a story about a Pharisee and a Tax Collector which teaches us how to pray and have a good heart. The Pharisee is full of pride. He thinks he's brilliant, that he's done everything right and that God must love him very much. Then a tax collector comes to pray. But what does he say and how does he feel? The tax collector is humble and ashamed. He knows he has done wrong and he asks God for forgiveness.

Jesus wanted the Pharisees (religious leaders) and us, to understand that the things we say when we pray are not as

important as what is in our hearts, what we're thinking and feeling deep down.

No matter who we are, where we come from, the colour of our skin, whether we are rich or poor, tall or short, we are special in God's eyes. God loves us all very much.

This week try not to judge others just because they are different to you. Try to treat all people you meet with kindness and respect.

Prayer:

Merciful God, you know us through and through, and you forgive us when we have done wrong. Help us to know when we have made a mistake and to come to you with them in prayer each day. Amen.

Staffing news

We have a new member of the St Mary's family! Mr and Mrs Polzin welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Oscar Alexander, on Sunday 16 October weighing 8lb 2oz. Mum and baby are doing brilliantly. We wish them all the joy in the world at this special time.

Safeguarding

Under key information on the school website, there is now a report a safeguarding concern tab. If you have any concerns, please complete this and it will be sent directly to a designated safeguarding lead.

Virtual worry box

Under the pupils tab on the school website, there is a virtual worry box that all children have been shown. If your child wants to share a virtual worry, they can enter it here and it will be sent to a member of SLT to address.

English meetings

All English meetings recordings for Y1 – Y6 and PowerPoint for Reception are now on the school website under the parent's tab.

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Training Day

Please don't forget, school will close on Thursday 20 October as Friday 21 October is a training day.

PTA

We are very excited to be working with the PTA to put on events for our whole school community. The first event will be the PTA fireworks on Monday 7 November. Tickets can be purchased via <https://stmarys-horsforth-pa-sumupstore.com>

A Christmas card template has been sent home with your child to complete. These must be returned by Monday 31st October.

The PTA have met this week to create a calendar of events for the year. These events are to raise money for the school to contribute to schools trips but also to allow us to come together as a community after 2 years of limitations due to Covid. We hope as many people as possible can join us for these events!

Christmas jumper swap shop

On Friday 9 December, it is Christmas jumper day where all children are asked to wear non uniform with a Christmas jumper and a donation of £1 for Save the Children. We are aware of the cost of living crisis and the need to recycle more also how each year, you most likely buy a new Christmas jumper. If you have any old, good quality Christmas jumpers, please give them a wash and send them into school by Monday 21 November. There will then be a Christmas jumper swap shop on Friday 25 November where parents can come and choose a new jumper. Any donations of money for the jumpers will be added to our donation for the Christmas jumper day.

Year 6 residential

A massive well done to the Year 6 children who went to the residential at Peat Rigg. The staff who went with them said they were all a credit to the school and the instructors were impressed by the children's bravery, dedication and manners. We can't wait to hear all about it in their class assembly after half term. A huge thank you to Mrs Brooke, Mrs Wood and Mrs Leng for leaving their families for a whole 5 days. Without their dedication, we would not be able to give the children such an amazing experience.



Parent's Evening

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend parents evening this week. Your feedback via the survey and kind words were much appreciated. We hope you were impressed by all your child has managed to achieve so far this year!

Application for secondary school

Applications for secondary schools close on 31 October 2022. Please ensure if you are applying to a Catholic high school that you have completed the SIF. Without this you will not be classed as a Catholic family

Busy half term

It has, as always, been a jam packed start to the school year. The children, also as always, have been fantastic and settled in so well. Next half term is an even busier one as we continue to work hard across the curriculum but also enter the special season of Advent and prepare for Christmas. There are many key dates for parents next half term which can be found below but include Advent workshops, nativities and the KS2 carol service. Please make a note of these dates so you can be part of this very exciting, special time.

Behaviour Policy

The school council have met with Mrs Hurley to discuss the current behaviour policy.

Their requests are:

- To have specific rules for football that are visible in the KS2 area as they identified this is where a lot of fall outs happen.
- To take away the text message home for head teacher and virtue awards as they enjoy being able to surprise their parent with their certificate plus the text messages cost 6p per message which the children were shocked at and even did the maths for a whole school year!
- Have a child friendly behaviour policy plus an adult behaviour policy.

All great ideas and Mrs Hurley will work on this for after half term and send them home for parents to see.

Science investigation afternoon

A key area on our school development plan this year is to raise the priority of science. Mrs Georgioui organised a science investigation afternoon this week for all the children to take part in, in their houses. The enquiry focus was pattern seeking and the children were identifying do people with longer legs run quicker or do people with longer legs jump further? The children synergised and investigated brilliantly.

Reception class

Well done to our Reception children who have completed their first half term in school and settled in brilliantly to St Mary's with the help of their excellent Year 6 buddies.



Headteacher Awards

Reception – Ruby T & Orla D
Year 1 – Jack H & Aida R
Year 2 – Jan C & Noah C
Year 3 – Nina A & Charlie P
Year 4 – Kelly I & Ethan S
Year 5 – Esmee V & Rosie T
Year 6 – Ava Q & Martha F

Virtue Awards – Citizenship

Reception – Sienna B
Year 1 – Oyan M
Year 2 – Alfred C
Year 3 – Emelia M
Year 4 – Arthur T
Year 5 – Millie C
Year 6 – Jessica Mc

Diary Dates

Please note changes or additions in red.

*denotes parents welcome

October

Monday 31 School opens

November

Tuesday	1	11.00am	Whole school Mass led by Mini Vinnies*
Thursday	3	9.15am	Year 6 class assembly*
Monday	7	9.30am	Open Day for new Reception*
Wednesday	9	1.30pm	Open Day for new Reception*
Thursday	10	9.15am	Year 3 class assembly*
Friday	11	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by Year 5
Monday	14	4.00pm	Year 6 SATs parent meeting via Zoom*
W/B	14		Antibullying week
Wednesday	16	9.15am	E safety parent meeting via Zoom with School Council*
Wednesday	16	4.00pm	Year 1 Phonic screening check meeting via Zoom*
Friday	18		Bring a chocolate bar to come in non uniform
Monday	21		Christmas jumper donations in
Tuesday	22	4.00pm	Year 2 SATs parent meeting via Zoom*
Thursday	24	9.15am	Year 4 class assembly*
Friday	25		Woolly hat campaign launched
Friday	25	3.00pm	Christmas jumper swap shop*
Friday	25		Bring evergreen for Advent wreaths
Sunday	27	11.00am	Family Mass*
Monday	28		Bring a Christmas bauble in for the tree (new pupils only)
W/b	28		Year 6 Reconciliation
Tuesday	29	3.30pm	Reception maths parent meeting*



December

Thursday	1		Refugee presents open
Thursday	1	9.15am	Year 6 lead Jesse Tree worship*
Thursday	1	2.00pm	Reception Advent workshop*
Friday	2	2.30pm	Christmas Fair*
Monday	5	2.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Advent workshop*
Tuesday	6		Year 1 Class Saint Day – St Nicholas
Tuesday	6	2.15pm	Year 1 and Year 2 nativity*
Thursday	6		Year 4 Rewind to Christmas
Wednesday	7	9.30am	Pantomime
Wednesday	7	2.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Advent workshop*
Thursday	8	9.15am	Year 4 lead Jesse Tree worship*
Thursday	8	2.15pm	Reception nativity*
Friday	9		Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
Friday	9	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Advent workshop*
Friday	9		Donations for Refugee presents close
Monday	12	5.00pm	Key Stage 2 Carol Service led by Year 5*
Thursday	15	9.15am	Year 3 lead Jesse Tree worship*
Thursday	15		Christmas party day – party clothes
Friday	16	9.30am	Whole School Mass led by Year 4*
Friday	16	2.30pm	Carols in the hall
Friday	16		School closes

Parish News

HOLY NAME SVP CONFERENCE

If anyone is struggling due to the rise in the cost of living or with any other issues, we might be able to help. Contact us on 07790428355.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Everyone welcome! Every Sunday in Holy Name Hall after the 9am Mass and in the Assumption hall following the 9.45am Mass. At St Mary's coffee mornings after the 8.15 Mass are once a month and will be announce the week before. We are looking to restart refreshments in the hall after the 11am Mass at St Mary's. If you would be able to join the rota please contact Amanda as soon as possible.

OLK SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

We urgently need parishioners to consider volunteering for this important role. A safeguarding representative has a special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and vulnerable adults. The role also includes ensuring that all volunteers in the parish have current DBS checks so would need someone who has good administrative skills. If you feel you can take on this role or would like more information, please speak to one of our priests or the safeguarding office at Hinsley Hall on 0113 2618046.

SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday Vigil)

Holy Name	6.30pm
St. Mary's	8.15am
Holy Name	9.00am
Assumption	9.45am
St Mary's	11.00am
Holy Name	11.15am