



## Reflection



Remembrance is a time to pause and reflect on the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform, and their commitment to risking their lives for our nation's freedom. We are part of a nation with a legacy full of stories from different wars, both great and small, in which many of our soldiers fought hard and died. The drops of their blood, the unhealed wounds of their bodies and minds, and their loss of life, are living testimony that must not be ignored or forgotten. Their selfless commitment and dedication to serve has paved the way for us to enjoy and feel pride in our nationhood and purpose. This Remembrance is also a

perfect time to express our deepest appreciation to God, the giver of life, and to our fellow men and women across the Armed Forces, for their continuing service – making the world a better place for all people. Let us remember them, lest we forget.

## Prayer

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; may God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; may God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; may God give peace.

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; may God give peace.  
Amen

We also pray for the soul of Alfie Lewis and his family and friends and keep them in our thoughts and prayers in the days to come.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

## Open Day for Reception 2024

### OPEN DAYS

We have 3 open days in November for Reception 2024 places. Everyone is welcome.

We can't wait to share our brilliant children, staff & school with you.

Monday 13th November at 9.30am  
Wednesday 15th November at 9.30am  
Friday 17th November at 1.30pm

Places can be booked via our school office  
[office@stmaryshorsforth.org](mailto:office@stmaryshorsforth.org)  
0113 2584593



## NEWSLETTER – 10 November 2023

### A message from the Mini Vinnies



Dear parents,

Part of our role as the Mini Vinnies is to turn concern into action.

Last half term, we thought about people who might need our help and thought particularly about children who aren't as lucky as us, homeless people including refugees, people who don't have as much food as us and old people who may be lonely.

Advent is a time of alms giving where we give money or food for people who need our help. We need your help!

We are going to help children who don't have as much as us by asking people to donate a chocolate Advent calendar which we will donate to the SVP food bank. This has opened this week and will close on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November** so children can have them for Advent. How many Advent calendars do you get? Can we work together to make sure more children have them who need them?



We will be collecting items for the Apostleship of the Sea which supports sailors who are away from their families at Christmas. We have been asked to collect new; men's socks, men's gloves, shower gel, shaving gel, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, lip balm, disposable razors, small comb, small notepad, pens and chocolate (either a small bar or handful of small chocolates). Please bring these in by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**.



We are going to make Christmas decorations and Christmas cards to share with our local old people.

At the Christmas fair we are going to sell used good quality toys so we are recycling rather than buying new so we need you to bring in any old toys that are still good quality that you think other people could use by **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

We are asking you to bring in presents for refugee children by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**December** that are wrapped and labelled as to age of child and gender. Some children have left their homes with nothing and live in a new place with nothing of their own.



Finally on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be having a sponsored Reindeer Run. We will all wear a pair of antlers, home made or bought and in our classes complete a sponsored run around school for a local Leeds charity, St George's Crypt who offer care, compassion and hope to homeless people.



We are asking for a lot of help and we hope you can help us to share some happiness and care to people in our community.

On the last day of school we will have a free non uniform to say thank you for all your support.



Thank you,  
The St Mary's Horsforth Mini Vinnies.

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### PTA Fireworks Display

A huge thank you to all the families who attended the PTA fireworks and our amazing PTA who organised a wonderful evening for our community. The turnover was £2714.65 and a profit of £954.84 was raised to support the school.

### Message from The PTA:

Christmas card samples/order forms have now been sent home. The deadline should you wish to order your Christmas Cards, is **Friday 14th November**.

You can also order tea towels, mugs etc. If you have any problems please let your Class Rep know.

### Parents Evening Feedback

Thank you to all our parents who attended parents evening. It was lovely to be able to share how well the children have settled into their new classes and show you their work. The feedback below is very positive so we thank you for your positive feedback.

Question	Yes	No	Other
Following your parents evening appointment, do you have information about how your child has settled into their new year group?	99%	1%	
Following your parents evening appointment, do you have information about your child's social and emotional development?	99%	1%	
Following your parents evening appointment, do you know how well your child is doing in relation to the age related expectations for their year group?	98%	2%	
Following your parents evening appointment, were you give guidance and support on how to help your child improve?	98%	2%	
Did you find the parent meetings useful in relation to learning what your child will be doing in their new class and how you can support your child at home?	76%		24% haven't watched it
Do you know more about what your child is learning this half term, from the knowledge organisers on the website and the curriculum newsletter sent home half termly?	97%	3%	
Do you think St Mary's Horsforth behaviour policy is clear and supports the behaviour of the children?	97%	3%	
Do you think St Mary's Horsforth RSE policy is clear and supports the development of the children?	90%	10%	
Would you prefer to make voluntary donations for non-uniform day/charity via ParentPay rather than having to send in cash?	80%	20%	
Do you think we live our mission statement at St Mary's Horsforth, "Happy together in God's family, we love, grow and learn."	100%		

Comments on our behaviour policy were very positive with suggestions of adding in information about Zones of Regulation by one person and more emphasis on restorative practice before sanctions by one person.

All comments regarding the SRE policy were either that they hadn't read it or they thought it was great we taught it.

### Actions:

- Add in information about Zones of Regulation when we update the behaviour policy.
- Send out the overview for SRE prior to it being taught so parents are aware of what the children are learning.
- Signpost the Relationship and Sex Education policy on the website – it can be found [here](#).
- Trial making voluntary donations via ParentPay in spring term and get parent feedback at parents evening as to whether it is easier and more convenient.

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### Pantomime

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, all our children will watch our annual pantomime in school by the brilliant M and M productions. This year the pantomime is Snow White. The PTA have agreed to fund this so all the children benefit from their fundraising. We are very grateful for their financial help.

### PE changes for next week

Changes for Year 3, please note: Year 3 will have PE on 15<sup>th</sup> November instead of 14<sup>th</sup> November. They should come to school in normal school uniform on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Changes for Year 4, please note: Year 4 will have PE on 15<sup>th</sup> November rather than 16<sup>th</sup> November. They should come to school in normal school uniform on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### Odd Socks Day



Next half term we will have Anti bullying week, week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November. The theme this year is, make a noise about bullying. Throughout the week the children will learn more about what bullying is, what it isn't and how we can make a noise about it. We will also link this to our learning about British Values and protected characteristics.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, children are invited to wear odd socks with their normal school uniform and asked to donate £1 to the Anti Bullying Alliance. Odd socks day is a day when we celebrate what makes us all

unique.

### Year 1 phonic parent meeting

The recording of our Year 1 phonic screening check meeting can be found on our website or using this link. [Parent workshops — St. Mary's Horsforth Catholic Voluntary Academy \(stmaryshorsforth.org\)](https://www.stmaryshorsforth.org/parent-workshops)

### Year 6 SATs meeting

There will be a Year 6 SATs meeting for parents on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm via Zoom. It will also be recorded and added to the school website.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82890905855?pwd=SXpha1A1dWczQ2xmcWFLTHdRNEpudz09>

Meeting ID: 828 9090 5855

Passcode: 379251

#### Headteacher Awards

Reception – Ellie-Mae A & Fernando ZB

Year 1 – Marion W & Jude M

Year 2 – Noah H & Zena G

Year 3 – Blake B & Grace C

Year 4 – Ernie P & Ursula P

Year 5 – Jackson T & Lois Q

Year 6 – Finlay S & Millie C

#### Virtue Awards – Hope

Reception – Xavier M

Year 1 – Maeve P

Year 2 – Kayla NG

Year 3 – Ruby T

Year 4 – Charlie P

Year 5 – Ava A

Year 6 – Mehrsam M



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### Diary dates

Please note changes or additions in red. \*denotes parents welcome

#### November

W/B	13		Antibullying Week
Monday	13		Odd Socks Day - £1 donation
Monday	13	9.30am	Open Day for new Reception*
Wednesday	15	9.30am	Open Day for new Reception*
Thursday	16		Open the Book
Thursday	16	3.30pm	Reception maths parent meeting*
Friday	17	1.30pm	Open Day for new Reception*
Monday	20	4.00pm	Year 6 SATs parent meeting via Zoom*
Monday	20		Final day to donate an Advent Calendar for SVP foodbank
Tuesday	21		Northern Arts club performance
Thursday	23	4.00pm	Year 4 Multiplication Check parent meeting via Zoom*
W/B	27		Reception children bring in a Christmas bauble for the school tree
Monday	27		History enquiry day
Tuesday	28		Year 6 and Reception NCMP height and vision check
Thursday	30		Bring greenery for wreath making

#### December

Friday	1		Woolly Hat Appeal and Refugee Christmas presents launches
Friday	1	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Advent workshop*
Sunday	3	11.00am	Family Mass in church*
Tuesday	5		Year 4 Rewind to Christmas
Tuesday	5	2.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Advent workshop*
Wednesday	6	9.30am	Pantomime
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Year 4 lead Jesse Tree worship* please note change in year</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>Y6 rugby tournament</b>
Friday	8		Bring a chocolate bar for the Christmas fair
Friday	8		Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
Friday	8	2.00pm	Reception Advent workshop*
Monday	11		Refugee presents donations close
Tuesday	12	2.15pm	Year 1 and Year 2 nativity* collection for St George's Crypt
Wednesday	13		Flu vaccines
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Year 6 lead Jesse Tree worship* please note change in year</b>
Thursday	14	2.30pm	Reception nativity* collection for St George's Crypt
Friday	15	2.30pm	Christmas Fair*
Monday	18	5.00pm	Key Stage 2 Carol Service led by Year 5* collection for St George's
Crypt			
Tuesday	19		Reindeer Run – sponsored event for St George's Crypt – wear PE kit
Tuesday	19	2.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Advent workshop*
Wednesday	20	9.15am	Year 3 lead Jesse Tree worship*
Thursday	21		Christmas party day – party clothes
Friday	22		Non uniform – thank you for all charity donations
Friday	22	9.30am	Whole School Mass led by Year 4*
Friday	22	2.30pm	Carols in the hall
Friday	22		School closes



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### Parish News

#### LATELY DEAD

May they rest in the peace of Christ. Please keep in your prayers the soul of Alfie Lewis who lost his life so tragically recently. Please also pray for his parents, family and friends that they might be comforted at this painful time.

#### SVP APPEAL

Our 2 parish SVP conferences support parishioners and residents in various ways. Our main work is befriending so we visit and phone people who may be lonely, in need of support or less able to get out due to age and disability. We also help families or individuals struggling financially. This has increased significantly over the past year. We may provide food parcels, supermarket vouchers, utility top ups, TV licences, access to white goods or furniture and help with the cost of school uniforms. We also support SVP work aboard through our twinnage programme. Your generous support is always greatly appreciated especially at this time of economic crisis. We are having an appeal after Masses on 11th and 12th Nov if you can contribute. If you wish to donate by bank transfer our account details are: CO90310 SVP St Mary's Horsforth Sort Code 606004 Account no. 46081747 CO90303 SVP Holy Name-Leeds Sort code 606004 Account no. 46080465 Donations of tinned or packaged foods which can be left at the back of church or in the office are also welcome and greatly appreciated as are your prayers. Finally, please get in touch and encourage others to do so if you think we might be able to help. Thank you all for your continued support. If anyone feels that they are able and would like to join either conference in their rewarding work, please get in touch.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY ADVENT WORKSHOP

Sun 10th Dec in St. Mary's school hall from 2pm until approximately 4pm. All children from OLK parish are welcome! Come and joins us for an hour and a half of a variety of craft activities for pre-school and primary aged children. Then, from 3.30 – 4 pm we sing carols, say prayers and light the Christingles the children have made. The cost for the workshop is £3.50 per child. We are limited to 80 children, so booking is essential to avoid disappointment. Application letters are in all 3 churches. Please fill in the consent form at the bottom of the letter and return to the parish office, or to Liz Wood or Gail Partington with the payment of £3.50 by Friday 24th Nov. Please note: if you are running a stall then you still need to fill in a form for your own children.

Can I offer some help? Yes please! If you can help in any way, whether running a stall, making refreshments, or helping beforehand, then please let us know. All help will be greatly appreciated.

#### 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