



# St Mary's RC Primary School

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*'Forward Together In Christ; we can, we will , together*

*#Growth #Resilience #Community*

**Mission Statement:** At St Mary's we are dedicated to educating our young people in an inclusive, stimulating and challenging environment preparing them for life-long learning.

**Ethos & Values:** We will provide this in a secure, happy and welcoming environment where Christian and Catholic values are cherished and where staff, pupils and parents work in partnership to achieve common goals.

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Our recent school mass was such a lovely service and Monsignor Burke was really impressed with the behaviour and also the beautiful singing! He was telling the children about the new stained glass window that a parishioner very generously paid for to fix damage that had been caused by a fire to the window of St Stanislaus of Poland.

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Many of our pupils are enjoying the use of our new sensory room or, 'The Grasshopper Room' that we were able to set up in one of our former P1 classrooms. If anyone has any items they think we could use please let us know or any loose parts too for the playground. Many thanks!

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## Wider Achievement

**Star of the Month:** for, 'going over and above', showing that extra effort with others or in class, or for doing things without having to be asked, well done to :

P1:Albie	P2/1: James	P2:Nadia
P3a: Emma S	P3b: Eliza	P4a: Maja
P4b:Fabian	P5:Louis	P5/6: Rory
P6:Giorgia P	P7a: Ida	P7b: Douglas



### Star Writers:

P1: Anna T	P2/1:Islay	P2:Leesi
P3a: Winner	P3b: Annabel	P4a:Laura
P4b:Ben	P5:Agnes	P5/6:Beau
P6:Elena	P7a:Dio	P7b:Hatty



**House and Vice Captains:** well done to all our P7s who gave their speeches last week at our first house meetings. Our new house and vice captains are:

St Ninian's	HC:Dio	VC:Florence
St Andrew's	HC:Archie	VC:Lila
St Margaret's	HC:Annabelle	VC:Harry
St Anne's	HC:Hugo	VC:Isla

### School Communication:

If there is anything you wish to inform the school about or to contact any staff please email the school admin or for issues relating to learning and teaching or wellbeing for P1-P3 pupils email Mrs McLeish (Jennifer.McLeish@st-marysrc-pri.edin.sch.uk) and for P4-P7 stages please email me. Also please note we ask parents not to go into classrooms and that any messages can be passed on via the school office or myself or Mrs McLeish. Many thanks!

## Outdoor Learning

A number of classes have really enjoyed their trips to Hopetoun Crescent Gardens recently. It's a great new partnership with our school! Please see below re an event they are running next week.



Hopetoun Crescent Garden is having its yearly storytelling session during the autumn break as part of the Storytelling Festival.

This will be Thursday 19th Oct at 11am and free to all

The session is called, "Once upon an Autumn Time" and told by the well known author/ writer and professional storyteller Tim Porteus.

We are intending to have tea and coffee, water and soft drinks available in the gazebo along with some cakes made with the James Grieve and Cutler Grieve apples that we have grown in the garden this year.

We will have tarpaulins available for the children to sit on and some chairs but it is suggested you might like to bring your own foldable chairs.

Look forward to seeing you once again. and keep your fingers crossed for good weather.

Kind regards

Friends of Hopetoun Crescent Garden Committee.

### Key Dates:

**Holiday:** Monday 16th October—Friday 20th October.

**In-Service:** Mon 23rd October (Young Carers Input/ Relationships & Behaviour Policy/Digital Tech planning and progression)

**Pupils return** Tuesday 24th October.

**School photographs:** Monday 30th October—Family & Individual

**Whole School Mass:** All Saint's Day Wed 1st November 10 am—St Mary's Cathedral

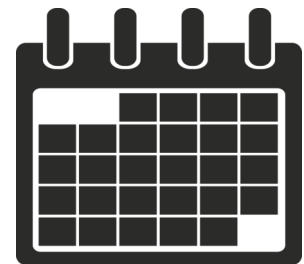
**Parent Consultations:** Thursday 9th November 3:30-6:00pm & Friday 10th November 1-3:30pm.

**Whole School Theatre Trip:** Thursday 14th December AM—'The Snow Queen'

**P1 & P2 Nativity:** Thursday 14th December 7pm—St Mary's Cathedral

**End of term:** Friday 22nd December. Carol Service 11am. St Mary's Cathedral.

**In-Service:** Mon 8th January



We loved our recent, 'Stay & Play' sessions and thank you to all who were able to come along and join in the different STEM and creative activities and thank you for the very positive feedback.



**Pupils  
return:**

**Thank  
You**