The **Wednesday Word** comes to us in the form of a booklet this week and will cover us for the period of the summer holidays.

The table below gives a summary of the themes. Please use it over the holiday break and children, maybe try some of the activities.

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http://www.wednesdayword.org/

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**Mrs Furlow**

As you all know now Mrs Furlow retires this week. Checking the school records Mrs Furlow’s association with St Mary’s began in 1989, when she joined the staff on a part-time basis. Since then she has worked with three Headteachers, three Deputies, fifteen Secretary of States for Education, and numerous teachers and TAs have come and gone in that time!

The number of children she has taught during her tenure is well into the high hundreds and the firm footing she has given these children has stood all of them in good stead for the rest of their lives.

And whilst most of you know Mrs Furlow as a skilled KS1 practitioner, it is important to remember that during the last two decades she has also spent time teaching across Key Stage 2. She is nothing if not a resourceful, adaptable and above all a resilient individual.

Her retirement brings to an end to a golden era, and I know I speak for ALL the staff, governors and parents when I say she will be hugely missed. We know Sarah has many exciting plans ahead including spending more time with her growing family. We wish Sarah and husband Ray all the happiness in the world, and we pray they have a long, healthy and fruitful retirement together.
Catholic Today Articles

Just in case you missed them, here are two articles published in the Catholic Today about recent activities at St Mary’s.

Teddies for Grenfell

Dear St Mary’s,

We have received your cheque and it has been combined with the money we have raised to be split between the Grenfell Tower official fund for victims and the Catholic Children’s Society, which has been providing therapists and support for the children affected, from Catholic schools in the area.

Many thanks again, my colleagues have been overwhelmed at the support we have received from as far away as the Midlands!

Best wishes,

Lucy Barter

School Council – No Parking Banner

Well done to the school council who have produced this fantastic banner to encourage parents to think about their parking habits at the front of school.

Romie Weaver coordinated the project and once the banner was complete it was sent away to be printed.

From September it will be displayed on our front railings for all to see and hopefully, take note of.
St Mary’s Adopted Saint

During the last academic year we have been pleased to adopt St Therese of Lisieux as our adopted Saint. We will, however be looking to adopt a new saint for the next academic year.

Year 6 have spent a good deal of time researching the lives of the saints prior to Confirmation, many of the children choosing a Saint who inspired them as a guide and role model.

Last week, Year 6 presented an assembly to Key Stage 2 children about some of their favourite chosen saints, telling their peers a little about their lives and why they felt a particular Saint would be a good role model for children of St Mary’s.

The saints chosen were: Saint Anne (Mother of Mary), Saint Maximilian Kolbe, who gave his life for another, Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Saint Francis of Assisi, St Peter and St Paul.

In September, we will be asking families to vote and help to choose one of these saints as the St Mary’s adopted Saint of the Year. Well done Year 6! You led the assembly well.

Performing Arts Assembly

Well done to the Performing Arts and Street Dance Clubs who put on an excellent performance for their parents and the school community. These opportunities and other sporting and creative clubs will continue next year, so look out for the letters in September.

Year 1 – Mini Beasts Assembly

Great work Mrs Gould and Year 1 who, this week together, prepared a super whole school assembly.

The children’s science work this term is Mini Beasts and the children shared with us much of what they had learnt.

Particularly impressive was the way in which they retold the story of the Hungry Caterpillar. We all enjoyed it and learned a great deal from the experience.

New Eco Lodge

The Eco Lodge has finally arrived and it is now installed in the Forest School area. It looks fantastic. This was funded partly by the Tesco Bags initiative and our super PTA. The children can’t wait to use it.
As you will have seen in your child’s book bag we are supporting Mary’s Meals Back Pack Appeal. Sue Nightingale from the initiative came into talk to the children about her work, and as a response we have already had four back packs returned! In a nutshell it is a recycling project. Should you be replacing some of your child’s school equipment for September, (as most of us do) please don’t throw the old stuff out. Simply put your old pencils, rulers rubber and sharpeners etc.in the old back pack and Mary’s Meals will send it onto Malawi, where children will be more than grateful of the equipment. If parents wish to put anything else in like a tennis ball or some colouring pencils that of course is fine too. Year 6 (soon to be Year 7s) please also remember this plea. Mr. Finnegane and/or Mrs. Glasbey will be only too pleased to come to St Benedict’s and pick up any backpacks in September.

St Mary’s – Needle Exhibition at the Artist’s Workhouse, Studley

Just in case you missed it, here is an article from the Redditch Standard all about our art exhibition.
Many thanks to everyone who came along to see the exhibition.

More pictures from the art exhibition. Thanks to all who came along.
Year 5 – Visit to Birmingham Art Gallery

Our Year 5’s had a super time at the Birmingham Art Gallery this week. The trip links in with their current on-going history topic on the Greeks. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all who supported and to Miss Kelly who arranged the trip.
### House Point Thresholds

Well done to all the children who have passed through their house point thresholds, in this the final week of this year’s competition. All house points earned will be now be carried over to next year’s tally.

Nathanael and Emily will now be remembered in the St Mary’s archive as the winning House Captain for 2016/2017.

For the record the various house competitions were won this year by:

- **St George’s**: Wk 1 July 70, Wk 2 July 41, Monthly total 111, Termly total 546, Yearly total 2094
- **St Andrew’s**: Wk 1 July 73, Wk 2 July 57, Monthly total 130, Termly total 506, Yearly total 1884
- **St Patrick’s**: Wk 1 July 71, Wk 2 July 55, Monthly total 126, Termly total 557, Yearly total 2032
- **St David’s**: Wk 1 July 69, Wk 2 July 56, Monthly total 125, Termly total 550, Yearly total 2123

**THE MOVIE MORNING** was awarded to St David’s earlier this week and the Own Clothes Day went to St Patrick’s. THANKS everybody for your efforts this year and particularly to Mrs Owen (KS2) and Miss Griffin (KS1) who collect and run our house point bank every week. Without their great support the system wouldn’t work.
House Point Hall of Fame

JULY 2017

These are the children who currently have collected the most house points in our school.

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

1st place
Emilie Year 6
275 points

2nd place
Samuel Year 6
256 points

3rd place
Amber Year 6
238 points

4th place
Niamh Year 4
226 points

5th place
Iona Year 6
214 points

6th place
Millie Year 6
211 points

7th place
Conor Year 5
210 points

8th place
Ellen Year 4
210 points

9th place
Willum Year 4
203 points

10th place
Ellie Mae Year 5
202 points

ST MARY’S HOUSEPOINT HALL OF FAME JULY 2017

EMILY GILMUR retains the Governor’s Cup

*The Governor’s Cup is presented to the pupil who currently holds the most house points in school and is awarded termly.*
**Good Readers**

Well done to our super Year 1 Good Readers. They have all read so well that they have accumulated enough points for the final Good Readers’ prize - the metal badge.

Congratulations AH, WB, EH, MH and SC.

This brings us to the end of another year’s reading club. The children in Year 1 have worked really hard and we hope their undoubted reading enthusiasm is maintained as they move through the school. Thanks also to Miss Griffin who runs and administers the club.

**Golden Work for June/July**

Congratulations and well done to all our pupils for their fantastic work. Golden Work for the months of June and July has now been selected by Class Teachers, and available to view on our Golden Display Board or from the school’s website.

- Reception: Freddie Manning
- Year 1: Theresa Hill
- Year 2: Alex Duc
- Year 3: Laura Baczek
- Year 4: Lucy Pearl/Andrew Wilson
- Year 5: Jessica Comerford
- Year 6: Iona Rogers

**Pupil Awards**

Well done to all these children who, last week, received awards for their out of school activities. Congratulations to LY, TY and PM who all ran the ‘Bubble Rush’ for the Acorns charity. For more information on this fantastic event scan the QR.

To LH and KK for excellence on the football pitch, MS and DJ also for progress in dancing, LE and EA for improvements in the swimming pool and LY again for moving onto the next stage in taekwondo

Congratulations to this bumper group of pupils as well for excellence in their out of school activities. Well done to NE, SH & MD for triathlon; LA for Badminton; RD and EF swimming; IT, AD, RWC and DS for dancing and TdL, TdL and AM for football. Keep up the great work.

Congratulations to AS who is making excellent progress in her out of school dancing and to Isabel Thompson who attained a distinction in her Modern Dance examination.

**Pupil Attendance – 100%**

We have had just 8 children across the school with a 100% attendance this year. They will receive their golden stickers in due course!
General Knowledge Quiz – Bidford Winners

Congratulations to **Bidford** who won this year’s Area General Knowledge quiz. As you can see from the above, St Mary’s came a very creditable 2nd (for the second year running).

Well done to Iona, Samuel, Nathanael and Amber (Capt). It was a super afternoon, this year hosted at Mappleborough Green School. Thanks to everybody who took part and to Miss Yearby who accompanied our team and acted as one of the scorers.

What AmazingSkipping Skills!

EB in Year 5 recently competed at the **World Jump Rope Championships** in Florida.

EB’s rankings were as follows:

- **1st in 3 minute speed (gold medal)**
- **4th - Single Rope Freestyle (rosette)**
- **13th - 30 second speed**
- **14th - pairs double unders**
- **4th - 4 x 30 second speed**
- **7th - 3x40 double Dutch speed**
- **6th - 2x 60 double Dutch speed**
- **7th - pairs freestyle**
- **18th - wheel freestyle**
- **4th - 4 single rope freestyle**
- **6th - pairs double Dutch**

To represent your country and to be on top of the podium carrying the Union Jack is such an honour and achievement. We are all so proud of you.

A message from Mrs Griffiths - Log onto Babelzone

Babelzone is full of fun, stories and games, but also a great way to enjoy learning French as well as Spanish.

http://www.lcfclubs.com/babelzoneNEW/

**Username:** stmarysrccdudley

**Password:** spanish12
Birmingham Kid’s Triathlon

Well done to Year 6 boys, Noah, Sam and Mathew who competed in the Birmingham Kid’s Triathlon at Sutton Park, Birmingham. The race distances were 50m open water swim (very cold water), followed by a 2km bike stage and finishing with a 1km run, both cross country.

Each one of them performed really well with times of: Samuel - 17 mins 14, Mathew – 18 mins 31 and Noah – 17 mins 03 seconds.

They have certainly been bitten by the triathlon bug! The boys possibly will be participating in the Stoke Triathlon in September. Keep up the great work.

Astwood Bank Carnival

A lovely photo of RW-C, Year 1 sitting pretty aboard one of the wonderful floats at this year’s Astwood Bank Carnival.

Free School Meals

For the attention of all parents, BUT particularly parents of those children moving into YEAR 3 in September.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS!

DID YOU KNOW?
The entitlement to free school meals for everyone ends with the move to Year 3. If you are entitled to free school meals, you will need to apply.

WHY?
Not only does your child have access to a wonderfully tasty range of hot dinners FREE – the school receives extra funding to support the children with their learning and provide the extra opportunities they deserve.

Please don’t miss out!

Contact:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
(online applications)
OR
01926 359189
(open Monday – Friday 8am – 8pm & Saturday 9am – 4pm)

Warwickshire County Caterers – Dinner Price Increase from September

Please note WCC County Caterers will be increasing the price of a hot school dinner from September to £2.15 per meal.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

We have 2x Midday Supervisor sessions vacant on a Wednesday lunchtime from September 2017.

The posts will be subject to the usual Safeguarding checks. Could any interested parties please speak to Mrs Smith for more details.
New Care Home - Building Proposals

Ian and Richard (Architects) and Anna (Planning Officer) from Frontier accepted the school’s invitation to come and talk to the School Council about the new proposed development on land adjacent to St Mary’s.

The plans for a care home for 65 residents and 10 new private homes are proposed on the site and the team explained why they thought it was a good idea and beneficial for Studley.

The children had many taxing questions and observations for our visitors and the team were very complementary about the pupil’s perceptions and thoughtful suggestions which we hope they will take back to new owners.

Thank you also to Governors (Mrs Ellis and Mr Clatworthy) who joined the meeting and who were there to consider the short, medium and long term impact to the school.

On the whole the proposal was well received by both adults and children, though several important issues regarding traffic, noise and access in our opinion, still need serious consideration before moving forward.
**Headteacher’s Message**

This week we say goodbye to all our Year 6 children. We wish them well and thank them for the tremendous contribution they have made to St Mary’s over the years. Well done children, you have been a fabulous Year 6 and we wish you all the best.

Of the thirty four leavers, 29 are going to St Benedict’s, 2 to Studley Academy, 1 to Stourport, 1 to Alcester Grammar, and 1 to St Bede’s. Wherever they go we wish them all the best of luck and hope they will look back with fond memories of St Mary’s.

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another school year. Looking back at the achievements of this year, of which there are many, I feel enormously proud to be the head teacher of such a wonderful school. I am truly blessed to have such a hard-working and dedicated staff. I would also like to express my thanks to Father Benedict and the School Governors for their continued and unwavering support.

Finally the school would be nothing without our children. They are a delight and a real credit to you all. I hope you all have relaxing and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

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**A prayer for our leavers and for all our school community.**

Good luck also to Antoni and the Lisowski family who are moving back to Poland and to Grace Williams who is moving to a new school out of the area.

We will miss you both.

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**A Prayer For Our Students**

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve, as they embark on the journey together! Amen!

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**END OF YEAR SCHOOL PRAYER**

O God of all beginnings and endings, We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year. It has been a time filled with grace and blessings. With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord. The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days, the exams, breaks, and assemblies, all have come forth from your hand.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer. Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit. Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion, and bless us, according to your will, with the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams. Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead, and guide each day as you have done this past year. Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow in age, wisdom, knowledge and grace, all the days of our lives.

Amen.

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Mr O Finnegan - Headteacher
PTA News & Events:

The PTA would like to thank all families and friends for their wonderful support. There will be more exciting fundraising events to keep you all entertained next academic year. If you can spare an hour or two to assist at any of our events, please get in touch or come along to our monthly meetings and get involved!

Claire Webb – Chair

End of Year Summer Disco – TONIGHT!

For more information on all our events, please ‘LIKE’ the St. Mary’s PTA Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-RC-Studley-PTA

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### Available sessions:

- **Half Day** (8am – 1pm), (10am – 3pm) or (1pm – 6pm) = £15.00
- **Full Day** (8am – 4pm) = £22.50

Although snacks are provided throughout the day, children must bring their own lunch.

Booking is essential. Limited spaces are available at a first come first served basis. Please speak with a member of staff to secure your place. All children welcome between 4 – 11 years old.

Little Oaks, St Mary’s Catholic Primary School, Pool Road, Studley, Warwickshire, B80 7QU

01527 853592 littleoaks2010@hotmail.co.uk
Community News

(Please note St Mary’s doesn’t endorse any of the following events, rather we signpost activities for those who might be interested.)

KINETON FREEDOM PARADE
Saturday, July 22nd 2017 - 10.25am
To celebrate Kineton Station’s 75th Anniversary there will be a parade throughout Warwick Town Centre between 10.25am and 11am. This will include up to 80 troopers with weapons, bayonets fixed, colours flying, drums beating and bands playing.
Parade route: Castle Street, High Street, Swan Street, Market Place, Old Square, Church Street
Support the troops along the route!

KINETON STATION OPEN DAY
22 JULY 2017
MARLBOROUGH BARRACKS
CV47 2UL
1400-2100HRS
Gates open - 1300hrs
Free entry & parking
Follow us on Facebook @KINETONSTATION

Warwickshire Local Welfare Summer Support Scheme

Are you finding it hard to make ends meet over the school summer holiday?
You may be able to get food vouchers to help!
You may be eligible for the Warwickshire Local Welfare Summer Support Scheme if your children were registered for free school meals before 14 July 2017.
Funds for this scheme are limited and applications will be considered on a first come first served basis.

To apply please call us on
0800 408 1448 or 01926 359182