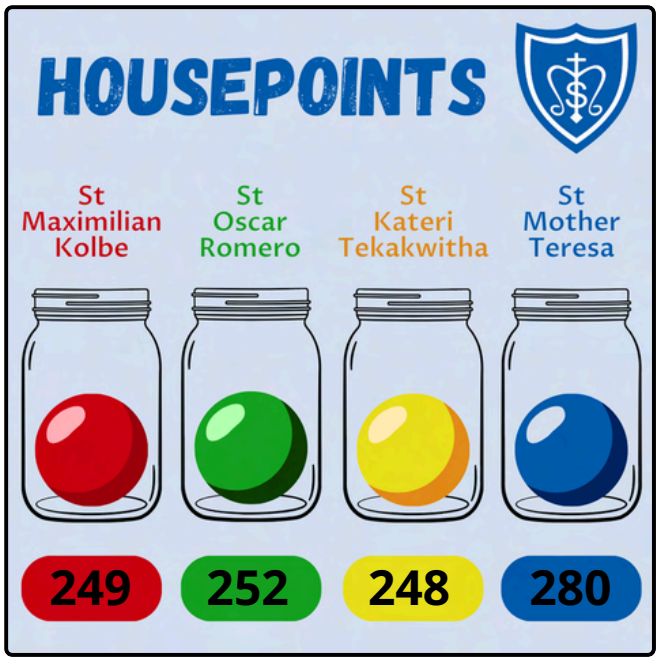
ST MARY'S SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2 - 25th September 2026

FROM MRS COLE

Dear Parents and Carers,
It's hard to believe that September is drawing to close and term is now in full swing. Children are enjoying their new learning topics; it was great to see so many Ancient Greeks in school on Tuesday! Please see photos below of their exciting stunning start day which included a VR Headset workshop.
We are delighted that Mr Chalk and his music lessons are back up and running this week- congratulations to Mr Chalk and his wife on the birth of their first baby, a son, at the end of August. We also welcome Abigaelle (Abi) who has joined us in Craigweil Class.
We are looking forward to both 'Grandparents and Special Friends afternoon' and our Harvest Festival service next week. Please join us at Our Lady of Sorrows for the Harvest Festival if you are able to.
Next weekend, Fr Nick Harden, our new Parish Priest, arrives in Bognor. He is looking forward to being involved with our school community and we will extend a warm welcome to him.





October is the month of the Rosary. This year we are taking part in the Mark 10 Mission Rosary Challenge. The Holy Rosary is a Catholic prayer you can pray any time anywhere. The challenge is designed to help draw children into the joy of praying the Holy Rosary, slowly praying a decade together and moving closer to Jesus. Rosary prayer group will also run one lunchtime a week though October for those who wish to come along.
Wishing you all a lovely weekend, hopefully have the opportunity to be outside enjoying this lovely warm September weather.

Best wishes
Mrs Cole

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Year 3 & 4 kicked off their new topic by being explorers at the beach and the park!

GAMING

Keeping Children Safe Online

Gaming can be fun, creative and a great way to stay in touch with friends, but not all games are suitable for younger children.



CHECK THE AGE RATING

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Games have age ratings (such as PEGI) to help you decide if they're suitable for your child. Some popular games, like Fortnite and Roblox, are designed for older children and may include violence, chat with strangers or the option to spend real money.

THINGS TO BE AWARE OF

- Inappropriate language or content
- Contact with strangers
- In-game purchases
- Pressure from friends to play games that aren't suitable for their age

TOP TIPS FOR SAFER GAMING

- Check the age rating before downloading or buying a game.
- Talk to your child about the games they enjoy and, where possible, play together.
- Use parental controls to manage chat, spending and screen time.
- Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult if something they see or hear online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.

USEFUL LINKS

For more information and practical advice, visit:

NSPCC
Online gaming safety advice for parents and carers.
nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-gaming

UK Safer Internet Centre
Advice on games, age ratings and setting up parental controls.
saferinternet.org.uk/parents-and-carers/online-gaming

internet matters.org
Guides to popular games including Fortnite, Roblox and Minecraft.
internetmatters.org/online-safety/online-gaming