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Dear St Mary's Families,

As we approach the end of another busy and rewarding term, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to our whole school community. Your continued support, warmth, and involvement make St Mary's such a special place for our children to learn and grow together.

A big thank you to everyone for the wonderful generosity shown during our Harvest service on Wednesday. Your thoughtful donations will soon be passed on to those in need within our local community through a local charity, helping to bring comfort to families who need it most.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school for Parents' Evening next Tuesday and Thursday. These conversations are a valuable chance to celebrate your child's progress and discuss their next steps. As mentioned previously, if you feel that the five-minute appointment time is not quite sufficient, please simply request a longer slot with your child's class teacher, and our staff will do their very best to accommodate you.

It was truly tremendous seeing all of our children wearing green today in support of the Dwarf Sports Association UK! On Tuesday, we were treated to a wonderfully inspiring and informative assembly that really engaged the whole school, opening our eyes to the incredible work this charity carries out across the country. The session was a gentle and beautiful reminder to the children that every single one of us is created in the image and likeness of God — each completely unique, loved, and special in His eyes. As Saint Paul reminds us:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." — Philippians 4:13

This echoes our own St Mary's mission statement: *"With God, all things are possible."* It is a wonderful message for our pupils to hold in their hearts as they learn and try new things each day.

Looking ahead to next week, we warmly invite you to join us for our very first Parents' Morning of this academic year on Thursday 9-10am. The morning will focus on reading and phonics—a vital foundation for all learning. Working in close partnership with our families to nurture a lifelong love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give, greatly increasing each child's potential and confidence.

Key Dates & Reminders:

- Half Term: We break up for the half-term holiday on Thursday 22nd October.
- INSET Day: School will be closed to pupils on Friday 23rd October for staff training.
- Return to School: We look forward to welcoming all our families back to school from 8:40 am on Monday 2nd November.
- After-School Provision: Bookings for after-school care for next term will open early next week. Please ensure that all bookings are made and paid for in advance to secure your child's place.
- PTA Christmas Fair: Looking further ahead, our wonderful PTA have decided on the date for this year's Christmas Fair, which will take place on Saturday 5th December. We are starting to gather items for the event early, and any donations for raffle prizes would be very gratefully received at the school office!

Thank you once again for your partnership and dedication to our school family. We hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful, restful, and safe half-term holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed for the new term.

With warm regards,

Mrs. Faryniarz