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Friday 4th April, 2025

When people have done something wrong to us we often feel angry. But in today's gospel Jesus teaches us that this isn't always the right way, as we are not perfect.

God of mercy, we ask you to help us to do what is right. Help us to see that we all get things wrong sometimes and to say sorry when we do. Amen.



The Sunday liturgy is available weekly on the Wednesday Word by following the link on the school website <https://www.stmaryscps.co.uk/wednesday-word/>

In school this week...

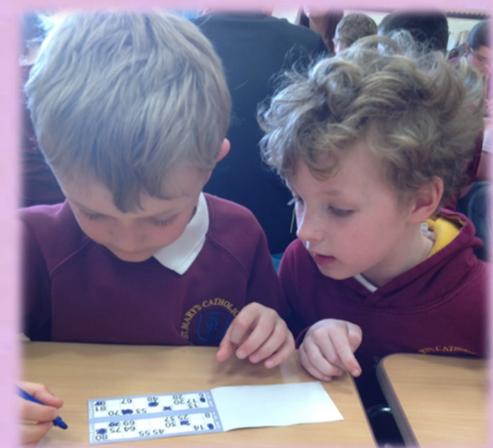
Our Easter celebrations

We have had a wonderful final week of the Spring Term! The Year 3 and 4 children invited us to share in their re-telling of the Easter Story: beginning with the events of Palm Sunday, right the way to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. The children told the story, through song and words, with such emotion and reminded us of the true meaning of Easter.

During our awards assembly on Thursday we celebrated the children who had showed great progress and showed great academic achievements. We are so proud of each and every one of them!

The EYFS children held their termly craft morning inviting their families to come and enjoy a fun-packed morning of Easter and Spring crafting. Everyone had a fantastic time!

A very special thank you to the PTA for organising two wonderful events this week: the Easter Bingo evening and the Easter Bonnet/ Egg parade. Your support is very much appreciated.



Living and Learning Together - Shining in our Faith

CAFOD Big Lent Walk 2025

On Thursday, 3rd April the children, staff and parents of St Mary's took part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk to raise money to help people as they overcome poverty.



The classes then set up their stalls, with children busily buying their Easter gifts: 3D key-rings, plants, Fairtrade chocolate and a raffle for a Fairtrade football.



The generosity of our school community raised a staggering £185!

Thank you so much!





EYFS



EYFS have had a fantastic week to mark the end of the Spring Term. On Wednesday, we held our Spring Craft Morning where we welcomed our families into school and made some beautiful Spring crafts together. We also had another Mystery Reader! Elsie's mum came into school to read 'Easter Bunny Needs a New Bum!', which the children loved giggling along to.



Some of the children have been helping Mrs Byrne fill our planters around school with lovely Spring bulbs. They helped dig, plant and water them. We can't wait to see how much they've grown after the Easter break!

Year 1/2

What a lovely week we have had in Year 1 and 2! We have continued to work so hard. The children have completed their art projects and created a beautiful display in class.



As part of our Religious Education work this half term, we have designed and printed some brilliant 3D crosses. We have had lots of fun using the 3D printer and we can't wait until its back in school to see what else we can create!

We have thoroughly enjoyed our topics this term and we have done some fantastic writing in English. We have designed persuasive leaflets using a wide range of interesting vocabulary. We thought carefully about all the features of a persuasive leaflet and used them to recreate our own. Well done Year 1 and 2, you have worked very hard this term.



Year 3/4

What an exciting finish to the term by putting on our Easter play for all our friends and families. We had a great time learning all the songs and practicing the play and we hope that you all enjoyed watching it too.



We have been finishing off all our topics this week. In English we have written reports on Bees – where they live, who is in the hive, how they help with pollination, etc. We then used these skills to write reports on plants to show everything that we had learnt this half term and also a report on the Romans and what they brought to Britain that we still use today.

Year 5/6

What an extremely busy, last week of term, it has been. The children have been completing their end of topic assessments within the foundation subjects. The Greek vases produced within Art were fantastic - we were all really impressed! Within History, the children completed assessments on their knowledge and understanding of Ancient Greece.



Within English, the children wrote an explanation text which linked to the work that they have completed in their Art lessons.



On Wednesday, the children enjoyed their final swimming lesson. The children wore their own clothes and completed lifesaving skills. They have really enjoyed the block of swimming, and we have been impressed with their hard work and behaviour.

The CAFOD Big Lent Walk on Thursday was lovely. The Year 5 and 6 children ran the stalls at the end of the walk, all doing a great job!



Celebration Assembly



	<i>Progress award</i>	<i>Achievement Award</i>
Nursery	Emma O	Isabella E
Reception	Reuben W-D	Elsie M
Year 1	Tommy G	Mabel H
Year 2	Penny G	Elliot H
Year 3	Cruz S	Poppy P
Year 4	Ella R	Violet P
Year 5	Poppy G	Penelope P
Year 6	Poppy W	Mylo G
Attendance Award	Year 1/2 — 95.50 %	



Attendance



Attendance for the week ending 04.04.25			
	No. of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Reception	16	90.00%	3
Year 1/ 2	20	95.50%	1 
Year 3/ 4	19	86.84%	4
Year 5/ 6	22	95.45%	2

Dates for your diary

Tuesday, 22nd April	Back to school (8.55am)
Tuesday, 22nd April	Earth Day (celebrated in school as part of our CAFOD Live Simply project)
Sunday, 27th April	Open air mass at St Elizabeth's (followed by bacon butties)
Thursday, 1st May	Polling Day (Office area is not accessible)
Monday, 5th May	May Bank Holiday
12th—15th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Thursday, 22nd May	School photograph day



Happy Easter!

From Mrs Preston & the staff of St Mary's



CAMP VENUES



TARLETON
ACADEMY



ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONLY
£22.50
per day



EASTER

ENDEAVOUR
COMMUNITY



**ACTIVITY
CAMP**

EASTER HOLIDAYS

MON 7TH - FRI 11TH APRIL

MON 14TH - THURS 17TH APRIL

Arts & Crafts, Athletics,
Basketball, Dance,
Dodgeball, Football,
Invasion & Target Games,
Swimming and much more!



with

WEST LANCASHIRE
SPORT PARTNERSHIP



Open to
5 - 12
year olds

8.30AM
until
4.30PM

To book your child's place please visit
<https://ec.schoolactivity.co.uk>
and if you have any queries
please email
holidaycamps@endeavourlearning.org



School Parking

Have you considered:

- Walking or cycling to school instead? This is a great way to contribute to a child's 60 minutes of activity a day and is easy to incorporate into your daily routine. Try it once a week at first and see how easy it can be.
- Parking nearby or getting off the bus two stops earlier and walking the rest of the way. If you live too far away to walk or need your car for your commute to work you can still walk part of the way. Adults in England should aim to take part in at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity each week.
- Car sharing is a great way to reduce congestion and save you pennies. Team up with other parents or carers who live nearby- share the cost and halve the hassle.

If you have a parking concern outside of your school report it to parking@lancashire.gov.uk

For more information on this leaflet please email the Road Safety Team at roadsafetyschool@lancashire.gov.uk



Better Health healthier families

Sign up at nhs.uk/betterhealth



lancashire.gov.uk



A Guide to Parking Safely at Our Schools

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools has become a big problem, putting the safety of children and others at risk. We all want to keep our children safe around schools, so here are some top tips on how you can make a difference.

How can you help?

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off - do not idle
- ✓ Leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for other road users to easily pass through
- ✓ Make sure your child leaves and enters your vehicle safely onto the pavement
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a car door
- ✓ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians, pushchairs & wheelchairs to get past
- ✓ Take care when reversing
- ✓ DO NOT PARK ON ZIG ZAG LINES

Please keep restricted areas clear

- ✓ Zig zags and school entrances
- ✓ Dropped kerbs
- ✓ Resident's driveways
- ✓ Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction- so that children can see cars and cars can see children.

Your questions answered

What would happen if I did park in a restricted area?

If you park in a restricted area you are putting children's lives in danger and for this reason school parking is regularly monitored and enforced. If you park in a restricted area you could receive a £70 fine.

Am I okay to stop on zig zag markings if I am only there a few minutes?

No, under no circumstances should you stop on zig zag markings at any time, these are there to protect school entrances and leave a clear view of the street for pedestrians.

Please park considerably around our schools and keep our children safe!

Don't forget...

Congestion around schools is one of the main reasons given for dangerous parking and there are other ways you could do the school run...



Never park on zig zags or block school entrances



WLSP
SWIM ACADEMY



Looking to boost your child's swimming skills over the Easter break?

Join our 4-day **EASTER INTENSIVE COURSE** to build water confidence and improve swimming techniques.

WHY US?

- ✔ 1-to-1 and small group sessions available
- ✔ Led by qualified and experienced swimming teachers who deliver on the West Lancashire School Swimming programme
- ✔ Fun & engaging learning experience
- ✔ Designed to get your child swim ready for summer

Sessions led by
Danni from the
West Lancashire
School Swimming
team



**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
WED 2ND APRIL 2025**

[Click here for more information and to register your interest](#)

Monday 14th April – Thursday 17th April

Tarleton Academy Pool, PR4 6AQ

swimacademy@wlsp.co.uk



ONE STOP SHOP

A monthly drop in where families
can access support on:

Housing

Finance

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Access to service for:

Employment advice

Relationship advice

Home safety

Find out about:

Mental health support

Accessing Food Banks

Household living support

First
Thursday of
the month,
9am 'til
12 noon

SKELMERSDALE
FAMILY
HUB
AND THE ZONE
WEST LANCASHIRE

The Skelmersdale Family Hub and Zone
Yeadon
Skelmersdale
WN8 6NL
01695 651 350

**BOOKING
ESSENTIAL**



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

JOIN US FOR SOME FREE FUN EASTER
ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 9th April 1-2:30pm

Eavesdale Family Hub,
Eavesdale, Skelmersdale,
WN8 6BA

For more
information or to
book please scan the
QR Code



**BOOKING
ESSENTIAL**



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

JOIN US FOR SOME FREE FUN EASTER
ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 15th April 1:30–3:30pm

Park Family Centre,
Barnes Road,
Skelmersdale, WN8 8HN

For more
information or to
book please scan the
QR Code





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Living and Learning Together – Shining in our Faith

Religious Education Spring Term Newsletter 2025

Important dates this term

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

1st January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6th January

The Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Three Kings to the infant Jesus.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12th January

The Baptism of the Lord commemorates Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2nd February

The Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas, commemorates the time when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after his birth

ST DAVID

1st March

SHROVE TUESDAY

4th March

ASH WEDNESDAY

5th March

Ash Wednesday is a day of reflection, marking the beginning of Lent and a 40-day period of preparation for Easter

ST PATRICK

17th March

MOTHERING SUNDAY

30th March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

13th April

Palm Sunday recalls the story of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, where people greeted him by waving palm branches and laying their cloaks in his path

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25th March

The Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the moment when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would conceive and give birth to Jesus Christ.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

17th April

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ and the washing of his disciples' feet.

GOOD FRIDAY

18th April

EASTER SUNDAY

20th April

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SPRING TERM 2025
TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY/ COME & SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Our EYFS, Y1/ 2 and Y3/ 4 classes will be studying the new Religious Education Directory curriculum that covers the themes of 'Galilee to Jerusalem' and 'Desert to Garden'.

The children in Year 5/ 6 will be studying the three 'Come and See' themes: Local Church (Mission), Eucharist (Memorial Sacrifice) and Lent/ Easter (Sacrifice).

**GALILEE TO JERUSALEM - LOCAL CHURCH
(COMMUNITY)**

(6th January – 14th February)

Early Years GALILEE TO JERUSALEM – The Wise Men visit Jesus. Jesus was born for everyone and God wants us to show love to everyone like Jesus.

Year 1/ 2 GALILEE TO JERUSALEM - Through Jesus' ministry, some of those who encountered him recognised he was the Son of God.

Year 3/ 4 GALILEE TO JERUSALEM - The children will study the miracles and parables in Matthew's gospel.

Year 5/ 6 MISSION – Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese

**SUGGESTIONS FOR
HOME ACTIVITIES**

Read Bible stories together or encourage children to read a child's Bible.

EUCCHARIST – (RELATING)

(3rd February – 7th March)

Year 5/ 6 MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - The Eucharist; the living memorial of Jesus.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME
ACTIVITIES**

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives. Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

DESERT TO GARDEN – LENT/ EASTER – (GIVING)

(24th February – 4th April)

Early Years DESERT TO GARDEN – Lent is a time to care for others. Jesus died on the cross, but he rose and everyone celebrates.

Year 1/ 2 DESERT TO GARDEN – The season of Lent is a time to prepare for Easter and to know the story of the last week of Jesus' life.

Year 3/ 4 DESERT TO GARDEN – The children will study the sacrament of the Eucharist and make links with Jesus' actions at the Last Supper

Year 5/ 6 SACRIFICE - Lent, a time of giving in order to celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus

**SUGGESTIONS FOR
HOME ACTIVITIES**

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. Ask your child/ren what they are doing in school to focus on Lent and self-giving.

PTA dates for your diary

6th January, 2025 Back to school

Monday, 13th January PTA Bake Off

Monday, 17th—Friday, 21st February Half term break

Thursday, 6th March World Book Day Book Swap event

Friday, 21st March Odd Socks Day (Down Syndrome)

Thursday, 27th March Mother's Day shop

Friday, 28th March Mufti Day for Easter Bingo (donations of Easter treats would be very welcome)

Sunday, 30th March Mother's Day

Wednesday, 2nd April Easter Bingo

Thursday, 3rd April (9.15am—during the Awards Assembly) Easter Bonnet parade/ Egg decorating competition

Friday, 4th April (2pm) Break up for Easter



PTA dates for your diary

Tuesday, 22nd April Back to school

Thursday, 22nd May Movie night

Friday, 23rd May Mufti Day for Summer Fair (donations of teddies for the tombola would be very welcome)

Monday, 26th May—Friday, 6th June Half term break

Thursday, 12th June Father's Day shop

Sunday, 15th June Father's Day

Friday, 20th June Mufti Day for Summer Fair (donations of bottles for the tombola would be very welcome)

Saturday, 21st June Junior Warrior

Saturday, 28th June Summer Fair

Wednesday, 23rd July Ice cream truck

Wednesday, 23rd July (2pm) Break up for Summer





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PTFA Newsletter September 2024

What we have raised since September!

£6,261!!!!

- Movie Nights £508
- Spooky Bingo & Pumpkin Competition £395
- Santa Dash £1,884
- Bake Off £74
- Mothers Day Shop £175
- Easter Bingo & Parade £249
- Fathers Day Shop £121
- Summer Fair £2855

Committee

Chair

Laura Loveday & Nicola Gray

Treasurer

Mark Waddie

Secretary

Heather Parsons

Vice Chair

Germa White & Helen Williams

Dates for the Diary

- 22nd Nov After School Tuck Shop
- 29th Nov Christmas Pet Toy Sale
- 4th Dec Sponsored Santa Dash – Refreshments/Xmas Jumpers for donations
- 12th Dec Xmas Jumper Day Save the Children
- 13th Jan School Bake Off
- 6th March World Bk Day – Dress Up or PJs
- 21st Mar Odd Socks Day Down Syndrome
- 27th March Mothers Day Shop
- 28th Mufti Day for Easter Bingo Prizes Eggs/Chocolate
- 2nd April Easter Bingo
- 3rd April Easter Hat Parade
- 22nd May Spring Movie Night
- 23rd May Mufti for Teddies
- 12th June Fathers Day Shop
- 20th June Mufti for Bottles
- 28th June Summer Fair

Class Rep's

Nursery/Reception

Natalie Waddie

Year 1 & Year 2

Vacancy & Helen Parker

Year 3 & Year 4

Heather Parsons & Germa White

Year 5 & Year 6

Helen Williams & Laura Morris

Can you Help Us?

We need volunteers for our

- Santa Dash from 12pm 4th Dec
- Can you bake? Donations needed for Santa Dash



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

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pfta@stmarys-caribrick.com

Email us anytime

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2024 - 2025 School Calendar

August '24						
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June '25						
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School Open



INSET Day (Staff Only - no children)



School Closed/ Holidays