



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: Friday, 13th December

The Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist prepares the people for the coming of Jesus. He tells them to share with others and to show mercy – to put people (not money or power) first; to feel for those who suffer and to do something to help.



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/>

Christmas Celebrations at St Elizabeth's

Everyone is welcome to mass is at 5.30pm (and Christmas Carols at 5.15pm) on Christmas Eve or 9.30am on Christmas Day. The parishioners would love to welcome the children, especially to the 5.30pm vigil mass where they will be involved in so many different ways: leading a procession of the new born baby Jesus, singing and some of our older children will be reading. It promises to be a wonderful celebration.

SEPTEMBER 2025 RECEPTION INTAKE

The Admissions window is open until **15th January 2025** for parents to apply for a 2025 reception place. The following link will take you to the Admissions page on the school website

<https://www.stmaryscps.co.uk/admissions/>

You are very welcome to come and see the school and look at the beautiful facilities and see the curriculum in action. Please contact the school on 01704 880626 to arrange a visit with Mrs Preston. You may also know a family friend or relative whose child is due to start school in September 2025. We need your help to remind them that the application window is now open.

***Please see attached leaflet**

Dates for your Diary

***See PTA dates attached below**

Next week is going to be a very busy week in school, full of wonderful celebrations. Please make a note of the key dates and times of the Christmas events that will be taking place.

Monday, 16th December

Y1 and 2 Christmas Concert (5pm)

Please can the children come back to school at 4.45pm.

All parents are invited for coffee and cakes/ mince pies before the concert.

Wednesday, 18th December

EYFS Nativity Play (9.30am & 2.30pm)

Thursday, 19th December

Whole School Awards Assembly (9.30am)

Friday, 20th December

End of term. Break up for Christmas (2pm)

Curriculum News

EYFS

EYFS have had a very festive week this week! We have been making lots of Christmas crafts ready to send home next week. The children have loved taking part in whole school events such as singing, Christmas Dinner and Breakfast with Santa! It was magical to see them so excited and tell Father Christmas what they would like. We have been working so hard practicing our Nativity and can't wait to show you all on Wednesday.



Year 1 and 2

In RE, Year 1 and 2 have been learning about Joseslki: a tradition that comes from Poland where village and city squares reserve space for stalls or booths, called Joseslki. They are decorated in the themes of Christmas and are celebrated from Christmas Day until New Year's Day. Small gifts, sweets, and Christmas Cards are distributed from the booths to the passers-by. On Wednesday Year 1 and 2 held their own Joseslki. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us, the children enjoyed making our crafts and setting up their stalls.



Year 3 and 4

This week we have been finishing our Maths topic of Area. We will be moving on next week to consolidating all our Maths skills with some Christmas Maths tasks.

On Thursday we read about the visitation of the angel to Joseph and did some lovely paintings of the story.

We finished the week with an evaluation of our DT topic on healthy sandwiches looking at what went well and what could be improved.

Year 5 and 6

What a wonderful week the Year 5 and 6 children have had. The children completed their end of term assessments and have all worked really hard, and shown great focus and concentration. On Wednesday, we had a coach from West Lancs Sports who worked with the children all day to train them to become playground leaders. The morning was spent in the classroom focusing on how to be a good playground leader, and in the afternoon the children went outside to complete games and activities with the younger children. It really was a great day. The children enjoyed Christmas lunch on Wednesday, which was fantastic!



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Special Award (for 'being open and honest'):

*Evelyn D, Joe R, Ronan D, Connie Mc, Kacper L, Violet P,
Penelope P, Charlotte D, Emrys Mc*

Good Work Award:

*Eleanor B, Elsie M, Trystan Mc, Theo P, Charlie M, Emrys Mc,
Alannah C, Minnie C-W, Ella R.*

Mathematician of the week:

Elsie G

Runner of the week:

Kacper L

Attendance news



Attendance for the week ending 13.12.24

	No. of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Reception	16	90.14%	4
Year 1/ 2	22	94.69%	2
Year 3/ 4	19	95.55%	1
Year 5/ 6	23	92.70%	3

A special well done must go to our **Y3/ 4** class who have the best attendance in the school, with 95.55%.

Many thanks for your continued support in prioritising your child's attendance at school. It is vital for their academic as well as social development.

Breakfast with Santa

'Breakfast with Santa' took place on Thursday, 12th December. We welcomed the children into school with great excitement, at 8am, wearing their Christmas jumpers, tickets in hand ready to meet Father Christmas. It was a wonderful morning full of laughter, joy and Christmas spirit. The perfect way to start the day!



Christmas Craft Club

On Thursday, it was the final Christmas Craft Club session. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the last four weeks and have made some beautiful Christmas arts and crafts. Many thanks to the staff who have organised such engaging sessions with the children.



Christmas Lunch

Please can I thank Andrea, Sue, Mrs Lau and Miss Conway-Williams for making Christmas lunch such a special occasion. The hall looked beautiful and the dinner was delicious! We all loved celebrating together as a whole school family!



Y3/ 4 Glow in the Dark Dodgeball

The Year 3/ 4 children travelled to Ormskirk High School on Thursday evening to compete in the West Lancs Dodgeball competition against 9 other local schools. They had great fun and success – finishing the competition in 2nd place!! We were so proud of their achievements as well as their sporting behaviour. Great ambassadors for our school! Please can I thank Mrs Priestner & Mrs McGrath for organising the event for the children. We really do appreciate it!

School uniform

School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within a school. Please can I remind all the children that:

- if necessary, hair should be tied back, especially on PE days
- jewellery, other than small earrings, is not permitted
- nail varnish is not to be worn on school days.
- school hoodies are for PE days only

Many thanks for your co-operation in making the children look so smart and represent the school so well.

School snacks

We welcome the Key stage 1 and 2 children bringing snacks into school for their morning break as it gives them some energy for the rest of the morning learning time.

However, for the health and safety of all of the children, please can you ensure that all snacks are **healthy**, and most importantly, **nut-free**. Many thanks for your support.

Well done to Year 3 and 4 who are 'leading the way' in supporting healthy break time snacks!

Facebook

Please continue to follow the St Mary's Facebook page where we post regular photos and updates with school news and events. We hope you enjoy seeing the children working and playing together.



Have a wonderful weekend!
From Mrs Preston and the staff of St Mary's



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY SOUTH

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2025 and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 15 January 2025

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call 01772 532109.

HAVE
YOUR SAY

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click "school admission policies".

lancashire.gov.uk



Lancashire
County
Council 



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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

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

Committee

Chair

Laura Loveday & Nicola Gray

Treasurer

Mark Waddie

Secretary

Heather Parsons

Vice Chair

Gemma White & Helen Williams

Can you Help Us?

We need volunteers for our

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

Class Rep's

Nursery/Reception

Natalie Waddie

Year 1 & Year 2

Vacancy & Helen Parker

Year 3 & Year 4

Heather Parsons & Gemma White

Year 5 & Year 6

Helen Williams & Laura Morris



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Email us anytime



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This year we have
spent £2,791



A Huge £1,891 was contributed to
the school trips to Knowsley Safari,
The Atkinson, Camp Out etc
including the coaches.

Miscellaneous £315
Eg Various Prizes, Parent kind membership
(insurance)



£445 Treats for our children like Wonka
Bars, Ice Cream Trucks & surprise visits



Year 6 Leavers Hoodie Contribution. £140
(£10 per Child)

PTA Dates for your diary

Friday, 18th October

Multi Day for Spooky Bingo (donations of Halloween sweet treats would be very welcome)

Half term break

Monday, 21st—Friday, 25th October

Monday, 28th October

Send in your entries for the pumpkin competition

Wednesday, 30th October

Spooky Bingo (winners of the pumpkin competition announced)

Monday, 4th November

Christmas Jumper donations

Thursday, 7th November

PTFA AGM at the Morris Dancers

Tuesday, 12th November

Odd Socks Day (Anti-bullying week)

Friday, 15th November

Children in Need (donations welcome—thank you)

Friday, 29th November

Christmas Dog Toy Sale

Wednesday, 4th December (3pm)

Santa Dash (pre-loved Christmas jumper sale too!)

Thursday, 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day (for Save the Children)

Friday, 20th December (3pm)

Break up for Christmas



PTA Dates for your diary

Back to school

6th January, 2025

Monday, 13th January

PTA Bake Off

Half term break

Monday, 17th—Friday, 21st February

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

Back to school

Tuesday, 22nd April

Thursday, 22nd May

Movie night

Friday, 23rd May

Mufti Day for Summer Fair (donations of teddies for the tombola would be very welcome)

Half term break

Monday, 28th May—Friday, 6th June

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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2024 - 2025 School Calendar

August '24							September '24							October '24						
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			School Open																		
			School Closed/ Holidays																		

CAMP VENUES
TARLETON ACADEMY
ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

£22.50 per day

COMPETITIONS PRIZES CERTIFICATES

ENDEAVOUR HOLIDAY CAMP

DEC/JAN
MON 23RD DEC
THURS 2ND JAN*
FRI 3RD JAN

***TARLETON ONLY**

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

Open to 5 - 12 year olds

8.30AM until 4.30PM

WEST LANCASHIRE HAF HOLIDAY - ACTIVITY - FUN

ENDEAVOUR COMMUNITY
Delivered by WEST LANCASHIRE SPORT PARTNERSHIP

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