



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Friday 4th October 2024

The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows us that the kingdom of God is open to everybody, to people of all cultures and backgrounds – and that includes you and me too!

God wants us to accept him and to trust him always to be there for us. God has a great plan for each of our lives, and we can discover what it is when we are open to God.

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/>

OPEN AFTERNOON

We would like to welcome *all current and prospective* parents to our Open Afternoon on Friday, 11th October between 2pm and 3.20pm. You will be able to see the children learning together, and the St Mary's curriculum in action!

If you know a friend, neighbour or relative who is looking for a place for their child in any of our classes, please extend the invitation to them.

Look out for our fantastic banner on Hall Road!



*Please see attached leaflet

SEPTEMBER 2025 RECEPTION INTAKE

The Admissions window is now open 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

Facebook

We have launched a brand new St Mary's Facebook page where we will be posting regular photos and updates with school news and events. We hope you enjoy seeing the children working and playing together



Volunteers

Have you ever thought about volunteering in school? Could you spare an hour a week to hear the children read? Could you spare the odd day to support school trips? We would love to welcome you into school! If you are available to come and volunteer, please contact the school on 01704 880626.

Curriculum News

Early Years

On Monday, our EYFS children came back into class to find a commotion. They had to predict and investigate what might have happened and what caused the problem. Later in the week, they received a clue, which led them to discover that it was Goldilocks! We have done lots of work around the text including sequencing the story and drawing pictures of the characters.



Year 1/2

Another fantastic week in Year 1 and 2. We are continuing to enjoy reading 'The Jolly Postman' and have been writing our own parts of the story, adapting the text to include different characters.

We also had a super surprise this week when one of the children brought in the book, 'Malcom Molar and the Toothache'. We enjoyed reading the story and using the characters to have a better understanding of taking care of our teeth.



Year 3/4

This week we decided to make bug homes as part of our RE topic on looking after our world. We went into the secret garden to collect sticks, pine cones, dried leaves and moss. Then we decorated some plant pots and created our bug homes. Later in the week we found safe places to hang them around the secret garden.



Year 5/6

Within Year 5 and 6, we have been really impressed with the children's PE skills. This week, the Year 5 and 6 children focused on sequencing within gymnastics. They worked in groups of three and produced some excellent sequences. Within English, the children have been looking at the features of biographies. We are studying the work of David Attenborough and have focused on a biography of his life and work. The children particularly enjoyed singing a song which is all about his work and adventures.

In Art, the children have been using watercolours to paint pictures of city scenes. We have some very artistic children in class.



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Special Award (for 'encouraging others'):

Lillian O, James R, Libby Mc, Hallie-Mae H, Poppy P, Nina L, Alannah C, Charlotte D, Eric H.

Good Work Award:

Isabella E, Arabella F, Jenson L, Marci C, Kacper L, Kim A, Poppie H, Darcy P, Jayden A.

Mathematician of the week:

Nate L

Runner of the week:

Alannah C

Attendance news



Attendance for the week ending 04.10.24			
	No. of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
EYFS	16	90%	3
Year 1/ 2	23	89.57%	4
Year 3/ 4	20	90.50%	2
Year 5/ 6	24	93.33%	1

A special well done must go to our **Y5/ 6 class** who have the best attendance in the school, with 99.33%.

Attendance at school really does count! I appreciate that for parents it can be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school when they're unwell. If you need any help, there are guidelines on the following link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> to help you to decide when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school office each day of their absence. Let us know that your child won't be in and please give the reason. Many thanks for your continued support.

EYFS Outdoor classroom

The EYFS team have been working extremely hard on renovating their outdoor classroom to enhance the provision for valuable outdoor learning. But can we please ask your help?

If you have any of the following resources spare at home, we would be incredibly grateful for any donations of: paint brushes and rollers, water spray bottles, watering cans, jerry cans, milk crates, steering wheels, wooden planks, waterproof covers (tarpaulin/ nets), buckets, spades, stones, child-size rakes, folding chairs, wheelbarrows, plywood, plastic storage with lids, shower curtains, paving stones/ flags.

Thank you so much!!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last week the EYFS children welcomed their parents into school for a wonderful coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you so much to everyone who supported the event with donations of cakes, as well as monetary donations. We raised over £122 pounds for this amazing charity, whilst having great fun!



Asda Cashpot

We've got some exciting news to share with you. Parentkind have teamed up with Asda, to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support St Mary's, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get us started.

Please follow the link [Cashpot for schools \(asda.com\)](https://www.asda.com/cashpot) for further details. Thank you, in anticipation, for supporting our school!



Parent Pay

Please can I thank all of the parents who have continued to book lunches and wrap around care through the Parent Pay platform. We really do appreciate your support, as we are able to staff the clubs accordingly, and also run the dinners efficiently, whilst maximising teaching and learning time.

Dates for the Diary

***See PTA dates attached below**

Friday, 11th October

Whole school Open Afternoon (2-3.20pm)

Week beginning 14th October

Year 5 Bike ability

Thursday, 17th October

Flu vaccines

Friday, 18th October

Break up for half term

Monday, 28th October

Back to School

Hope you have a wonderful weekend!

From Mrs Preston and the staff of St Mary's



St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Scarisbrick



OPEN AFTERNOON

COME AND VISIT OUR EARLY YEARS, KS1 & KS2

Friday 11th October from 2 - 3:20PM

For an alternative appointment please contact us on:

TEL: 01704 880626

Visit the school website at www.stmaryscps.co.uk



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 

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

2024 - 2025 School Calendar

August '24

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April '25

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May '25						
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June '25						
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July '25						
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	School Open		INSET Day (Staff Only – no children)
	School Closed/ Holidays		

PTA Dates for your diary

Friday, 18th October

Mufti 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 (2pm)

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

Thursday, 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day (for Save the Children)

Friday, 20th December (2pm)

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

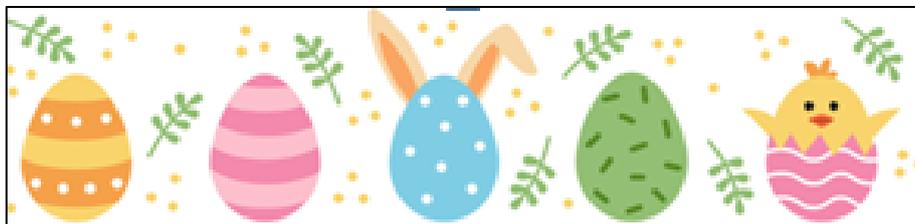
Easter Bingo

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, 26th 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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