



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Friday 13th September 2024

The 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that, during his time on earth, Jesus was many things to many people. He was a teacher, a healer, a leader and, to some people, simply a very good person.

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/>



Children's Liturgy

Our parish church of St Elizabeth's would again like to welcome the children of St Mary's to their 'Little Church'. It is a wonderful chance for the children to gather in a small group, during the mass, to listen and reflect on the gospel in a way that they can understand and enjoy. The session will take place during the 9.30am Sunday mass.

Harvest Mass



On Sunday, 22nd September St Elizabeth's Church will be celebrating their Harvest Festival at the 9.30am mass. We welcome all families to take part in the celebration.

***Please see the attached letter to explain how the school will be involved.**

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**

Curriculum News

Early Years

We are incredibly proud of how well our Early Years children have settled into school. We have been getting to know each other, as well as learning all of our new rules and routines. This half term our topic is 'All About Me'. Together, we have been talking about ourselves and how we are all different. We have discussed our likes and dislikes and used mirrors to talk

about what we look like. The children have all painted self-portraits and displayed them in our class for everyone to see.



Year 1/ 2

The children in Year 1 and 2 have made a brilliant start to the Autumn term. They have enjoyed starting their new learning and settling into new routines. This week the children have enjoyed learning about the world around us. They have used maps to find hot and cold places around the world and have learnt all about the Equator.



Year 3/ 4

We have had a great week starting all of our new topics.

We have done some fabulous collaborative artwork to show how God created the world for our RE topic and in Science we have had a go at drawing all of the 206 bones that are in the human skeleton.

In English we have just finished a two week topic on playscripts and we will be starting our new book – 'Stig of the Dump' on Monday by looking at the main characters.

Year 5/6

The children have settled back to school brilliantly and have shown a wonderful work ethic. In English they are thoroughly enjoying their new English text 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. Today they have been exploring the themes of loss, friendship and heroism – how they are presented in the text and in other books that they have read. Wonderful work Y5/ 6!

Curriculum Evening

We will be holding a Curriculum Evening on **Monday, 16th September** when the class teachers will explain the new curriculum, expectations and routines.

To enable parents with more than one child in the school to attend more than one meeting, the staff will begin their presentations at 3.30pm and then repeat it again at 4pm. We look forward to seeing you there to listen to the news about our exciting new curriculum.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Special Award (for 'using ordinary words to make people feel extraordinary):

Lilian O, Taylor M, Mabel H, Penny G, Poppy P, Ella R,
Poppy G, Elsie S, Poppy W

Good Work Award:

Angus P, Elsie M, Trystan Mc, Connie Mc, Cruz S, Bailey H,
Erin C, Mylo G, Alexandra B

Mathematician of the week:

Freddie O

Runner of the week:

Poppy P

Attendance news



Attendance for the week ending 13.09.24			
	No. of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
EYFS	16	87%	4
Year 1/ 2	23	96.62%	1
Year 3/ 4	20	91.11%	3
Year 5/ 6	24	94.44%	2

A special well done must go to our **Year 1/ 2** who have the best attendance in the school, with 96.62%.

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.

Site supervisor vacancy

The governors and staff of St Mary's are looking to appoint a friendly, enthusiastic, organised, pro-active and hardworking Site Supervisor to our school team. We are proud of our school and hope that the successful candidate will work with us to create a wonderful environment for our children. Details of the post can be found on the school website by following the following link: [Vacancies | St Mary's Catholic Primary School \(stmaryscps.co.uk\)](http://www.stmaryscps.co.uk) .

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.

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 \(asda.com\)](http://asda.com) for further details. Thank you, in anticipation, for supporting our school!



Breakfast and After School Club

Thank you so much to all families who have supported our new routines for dropping off and picking up from Breakfast and After School Club. We really do appreciate it.

Contact details



Please can you let Ms Wright or Mrs Conway-Williams know if you have any changes to your contact details (address, email, mobile numbers and emergency contact numbers). It is important that we have the most up to date information. Many thanks for assisting us with this.

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. Andrea and Sue, our catering staff, have organised another themed lunch day for this term (see poster attached). The menus will appear on ParentPay for your children to choose. Please remember, if you need any help with your account, just call, or come in to see, Mrs Conway-Williams in the school office.

Dates for the Diary

Monday, 16th September

Curriculum evening (3.30pm & 4pm presentations)

Thursday, 26th September

Macmillan Coffee morning (EYFS parents and children)

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

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Living and Learning Together – Shining in our Faith



Harvest Mass – Sunday, 22nd September

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday, 22nd September, the school and the parish of St Elizabeth's will be celebrating our wonderful Scarisbrick tradition of the Harvest at the 9.30am mass. Father Godric, the parish and the school would like to invite all families to take part in the celebration mass.

Prior to the mass, the children will be learning about the harvest season by working together to produce some beautiful artwork and poetry that you will be able to see displayed in the church windows.

As part of the Harvest celebrations, we would like to support our local community foodbank by making donations to help less fortunate families. If you are able to donate some non-perishable goods (tins, packets, cartons), we would be extremely grateful. We will be collecting food offerings throughout the whole of next week, and they can be given to class teachers or into the school office. Then on Friday, we will collate them into food parcels and take them over to church to be displayed, before they are distributed to local families. Many thanks in anticipation, for your help, support and generosity.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating the Harvest season with our school and parish community at the 9.30 Sunday mass.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Preston

Headteacher





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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School Open



INSET Day (Staff Only – no children)



School Closed/ Holidays



Hello Autumn

3rd October

Toad-in-the-Hole
(Vegetarian option available)

with
Mashed Potatoes
Garden Peas
& Gravy

or
Cheese Pasty
with
Mashed Potatoes
&
Baked Beans

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Chocolate & Orange
Cookie
or
Raspberry Jelly

CAMP VENUES



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ACADEMY**



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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**ONLY
£22.50
per day**

**COMPETITIONS
PRIZES
CERTIFICATES**

ENDEAVOUR HOLIDAY CAMP

**OCTOBER
HALF-TERM
MONDAY 21ST -
FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER**

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

**Open to
5 - 12
year olds**

**8.30AM
until
4.30PM**

**ENDEAVOUR
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visit <https://ec.schoolactivity.co.uk>
and if you have any queries please email
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