



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Friday, 12th June, 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear how Jesus was moved with compassion for people who were worried and who were looking for help. He sent the disciples out to care for them and he asks us to carry on this work today.

Loving God,

We thank you for your care for each one of us. Move us to help one another in whatever way we can, as we try to follow you.

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/>

This week in school...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the final half term of the academic year – we can't quite believe how quickly this year has gone!

It has already been an important and busy week in school. Our Year 1 children have completed their Phonics Screening Check, and our Year 4 pupils have undertaken their Multiplication Tables Check. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and positive attitudes.

Next week is another significant milestone as our Year 2 children take part in their SATs. We wish them every success – we know they will do their very best.

Thank you so much for your wonderful support at Friday's Sports Day. It was a fantastic afternoon, and it was lovely to see so many families joining us. A huge thank you must also go to our dedicated staff team for organising such an enjoyable and well-run afternoon.

We look forward to a happy and successful half term ahead.

Mrs Preston



Living and Learning Together - Shining in our Faith



Class 1 'Shining Stars'

Class 1 have come back to school with their usual excitement and smiley faces! The children loved catching up with each other and telling their friends about their half term holidays and adventures.

This week, we have been introduced to our new class text, 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. Class 1 have loved learning all about different sea creatures, focusing on jellyfish. We have watched underwater cameras and researched jellyfish using iPads. The children have started to write facts about jellyfish, ready to make their own fact files.



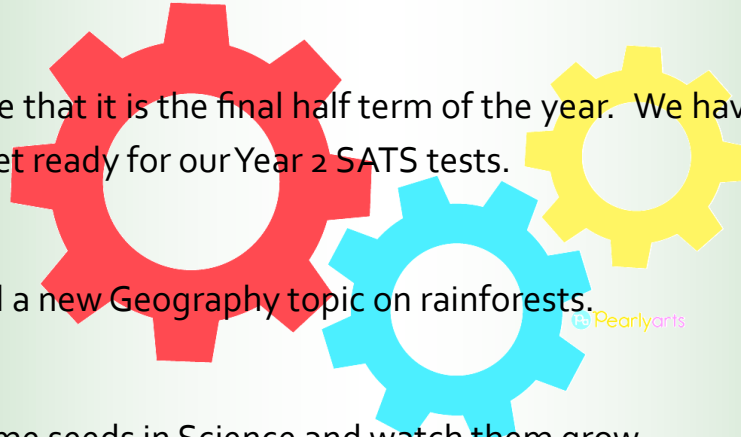
Some children have enjoyed taking inspiration from the underwater cameras to make their own aquariums using small world toys.

To support our reading and writing, Class 1 have been using a fishing game where they have to fish for letter sounds. The children have then used the letter sounds to challenge themselves by spelling different words!





Class 2 'Trailblazers'



Well, we can hardly believe that it is the final half term of the year. We have been stating lots of new topics and also trying to get ready for our Year 2 SATS tests.

This week we have started a new Geography topic on rainforests.

[to Pearlyarts](#)

We are hoping to plant some seeds in Science and watch them grow.

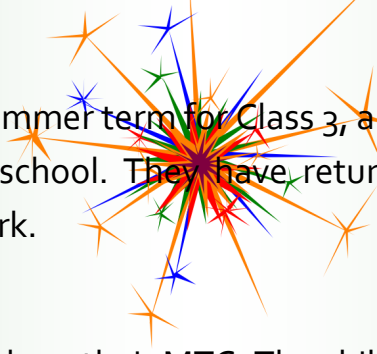
We have been painting in the style of pointillism in Computing.

We have also done lots of PE work this week. On Wednesday we had some scooting sessions in the morning, followed by football skills in the afternoon. We then had a great lesson on Boxercise on Thursday morning where we learnt the correct boxing stance, how to jab and how to guard. It was all great fun!





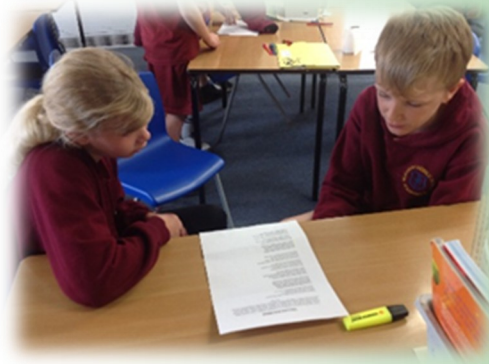
Class 3 'Bright Sparks'



It has been a wonderful start to the summer term for Class 3, and we are very pleased to see how well the children have settled back into school. They have returned ready to learn and have already shown a fantastic attitude to their work.

Well done to Year 4 for their hard work on their MTC. The children should be very pleased with their commitment and focus, and we have been impressed by the progress they have made.

In English, we have begun our new topic, 'The Lion and Albert', a brilliantly funny poem that the children have really enjoyed exploring. This week, we have also worked together to perform the poem for one another, showing great confidence, expression and teamwork.



For Year 4 and 5 in PE, the term began with a Scooting lesson! The children enjoyed working with Josh to develop their scooting skills and we are really looking forward to next weeks lesson. The children in Year 4 and 5 will have a series of specialist scooting lessons across this term.





Attendance



Attendance for the week ending 12.06.26

	No. of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Class 1	15	%	
Class 2	19	%	
Class 3	23	%	



Important Dates



Monday, 8th June	Back to School!
Week beginning 8th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y4 Multiplication Check
Week beginning 8th June	Classes 2 & 3: Scooting Stars (Wednesdays) & Boxercise (Thursdays)
Friday, 12th June	Sports Day (No Awards assembly)
Week beginning 15th June	Y2 SATs week
Tuesday, 16th June	Final preparation session for First Holy Communions (3.30-4pm in church)
Wednesday, 17th June	West Lancs Family Hub drop in session (2.30-4pm)
Thursday, 18th June	Class 1 Summer Crafts session (PM)
Sunday, 21st June	First Holy Communion celebration mass (9.30am—St Elizabeth's church)
Week beginning 22nd June	Whole School assessment week
Monday, 22nd June	Tempest Photography in school (9am) for children who missed the first visit to school and also the First Holy Communion children
Thursday, 2nd July	EYFS Transition & Parent Meeting with Mrs Preston
2nd & 3rd July	Ormskirk High and Burscough Priory Y6 transition days
Monday, 6th July	Y6 transition workshops with Headssup
Friday, 10th July	Class 3 Camp Out

Have a lovely weekend! From Mrs Preston & the staff of St Mary's

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

MARCH

16TH

'OWN CLOTHES DAY'
for Easter treats donation



MARCH

18TH

'EASTER BINGO'
3:30-4:30pm



APRIL

30TH

'FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT'
3:30-4:30pm



MAY

22ND

'BREAK THE RULES DAY'
£1 per rule or £5 for all!



JUNE

25TH

'OWN CLOTHES DAY'
for donation of teddies
(summer fair tombola)



JULY

3RD

DONATIONS OF BOTTLES
(for tombola) & colour gifts
for **'RAINBOW RAFFLE'**



JULY

4TH

'SUMMER FAIR'
11:30am-2:30pm



JULY

22ND

'ICE CREAM VAN'
for end of term
12:30-1pm



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Money raised through PTA organised events
contributes towards school trips, equipment
and **future fun** for the children!



St Marys

Catholic Primary School PTFA



Our PTFA is a small non profit group of parent volunteers with a mission to enhance and support our children and school, bringing lot's of fun along the way!

We would like to say a huge thank you for your ongoing support and share details of recent fundraising activities and how we're using the funds.



2025 EVENTS:



Spooky Bingo £300.25



Santa Dash £273.00
(Tuck shop, raffle, dog toys)



Santa Dash £600.00
(Just Giving Page sponsorship)



2026 EVENTS:



Easter Bingo £338.00



Family Quiz Night £145.50



Break The Rules Day £203.00

RECENT EXPENSES (PAID THIS YEAR):

- **£1,110.00** Guided Reading Scheme (Benefitting years 1-6)
- **£600** contribution (from above Just Giving Page) towards Early Years setting (classroom supplies and learning aids)
- **£131.00** Parentkind Membership (PTFA insurance, includes public liability for events etc)
- **£273.00** Triviso Ice Cream - End of term (July)
- **£60.00** Leavers Hoodies (2026 leavers)
- Tuck shop/miscellaneous supplies for above events



UPCOMING EXPENSES (TO PAY THIS YEAR):

- **£650** School trips 2026 (£10 per child donation, full school)
- Tuck shop/miscellaneous supplies for events



Thank you!

Every cake baked (and eaten!), raffle ticket bought, and event attended has helped us make these *amazing things happen!*



WHAT'S NEXT:



Last year we completed the goal of providing the children with the fantastic outdoor fitness equipment, which they absolutely love!

We're now starting to plan our next fundraising goal and would love to hear your thoughts.

What would your children love to see as an improvement or addition to our school?



Please get in touch with any suggestions here: ptfa.stmarys.scarisbrick@gmail.com



WE NEED YOU!

We're a very small group that needs more parent/carer support to help us continue with our planned activities and events.



No matter how much or how little, we would love to hear from you!



TOGETHER, WE MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN FOR OUR CHILDREN!

Learn to Ride



The WLSP Learn to Ride and Level 1 programme is a great introduction to cycling for primary aged children.

Available for ages 7+

ABOUT

Our fully qualified and experienced instructors will aim to improve the participants riding ability and overall confidence.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Sessions take place on the tennis courts at Burscough Priory Academy. Please access the Main Car Park and make your way to the school's reception where our instructor will be there to greet you.

Please feel free to book multiple sessions and for more practice!

*** A limited number of helmets can be provided, but we encourage you to bring your own if possible - please contact us first before booking if you require a helmet

*** Children must bring their own bike ***



LOCATIONS AND DATES

Burscough Priory Academy,
Friday 20th February 2026

Learn To Ride, 9am - 12pm (3 x 1 hour sessions)
Level 1, 1pm - 2.30pm (£7.50)

£5 PER 1 HOUR SESSION

To book; <https://ec.schoolactivity.co.uk/>
For more info call: 01704 377982

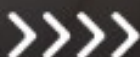


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Religious Education Summer Term Newsletter 2026

Important dates this term

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady.

There will be mass on Wednesday, 6th May St Elizabeth's Church at 9.30am for families and children from Nursery - Y6.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

14th May

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days.

Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

24th May

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

31st May

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God:

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

7th June

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

12th June

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

FATHER'S DAY

15th June

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

29th June

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SUMMER TERM 2026
TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Our classes will be studying the new Religious Education Directory curriculum that covers the themes of 'To the Ends of the Earth' and 'Dialogue and Encounter'.

'TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH'
(13th April – 22nd May)

Class 1 – The children will retell the story of Pentecost – a special celebration in the Church.

Class 2 - The children will sequence the events from Jesus' Resurrection to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They will also retell the story of the Conversion of Saul and learn about how the fruits of the Holy Spirit can transform their lives.

Class 3 – The children will study the Resurrection told in St John's gospel and make links with Matthew's account of Peter's declaration of faith. By looking at the Apostles Creed, they will explore their beliefs as Christians. Throughout May they will reflect on Mary being the Mother of the Church.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR
HOME ACTIVITIES**

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it.

Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

'DIALOGUE & ENCOUNTER'
(8th June – 22nd July)

Class 1– The children will learn about the lives of St Peter and St Paul, and how they were friends of Jesus.

They will then explore the music, food, smells, tastes and clothing from the Jewish faith.

Class 2– The children will start by studying the story of the Good Samaritan, thinking about Jesus' question 'Who is my neighbour?'

They will then learn about the traditions of the Jewish laws, beliefs, worship and life.

Class 3– The children will begin the branch by looking at the life and work of St Paul.

Later in the theme, they will learn about the five pillars of Islam and understand how Muslims in Britain today live out their beliefs.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR
HOME ACTIVITIES**

Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country.

Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.

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

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St Mary's School Holiday Dates 2025/ 26

Autumn Term 2025

INSET: Monday 1 September 2025

INSET: Tuesday 2 September 2025

Mid Term Closure: Monday 27 October- Friday 31 October 2025 (inclusive)

Closure after school on: Friday 19 December 2025

Number of openings: **75**

Spring Term 2026

Re-open on: Monday 5 January 2026

Mid Term Closure: Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026 (inclusive)

Closure after school on: Friday 27 March 2026

Number of openings: **55**

Summer Term 2026

Re-open on: Monday 13 April 2026

May Day Closure: Monday 4 May 2026

Mid Term Closure: Monday 25 May - Friday 5 June 2026

Closure after school on: Monday 27 July 2026

INSET: Thursday, 23 July 2026

INSET: Friday, 24 July 2026

INSET: Monday, 27 July 2026

Number of openings: **65**

Total number of openings – 195

(190 days for pupil + 5 INSET days for staff)