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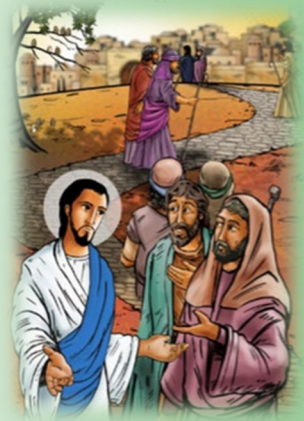
Friday, 19th June, 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear how God takes care of us no matter who we are. We are reminded that God is with us in every part of our lives, so we should not be afraid.

God of all,

You watch over us all with so much care. Help us to feel that you are near in all that we do. Help us to remember that everyone is precious in your sight.

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...



This Sunday will be a truly special and joyful occasion for our First Holy Communion children, as they come together to celebrate the sacrament with their families and the parish community. We look forward to sharing this beautiful celebration with you all and keeping our children in your prayers.

A huge well done to our Year 2 children, who have worked incredibly hard on their SATs this week. We are so proud of the determination, resilience and positive attitudes they have shown. They have approached the week with maturity and confidence, and we hope they are very proud of themselves – they certainly deserve to be!

You will have recently received correspondence regarding the Archdiocesan academisation strategy. This outlines important information about the future direction of Catholic education within our diocese. We kindly ask that you take the time to read through the information carefully. Should you have any questions or require any clarification, please do not hesitate to get in touch – I am always happy to support and guide you.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Preston

Living and Learning Together - Shining in our Faith



Class 1 'Shining Stars'

Bonjour! Class 1 have learnt all about France this week. The children have looked at maps, sampled foods, spoke French and created their own passports. Class 1 loved exploring their new travel agent themed role play area, looking through brochures to see which destination they would choose to visit. Reception used their phonic knowledge to write packing lists and lists of countries that you could visit.



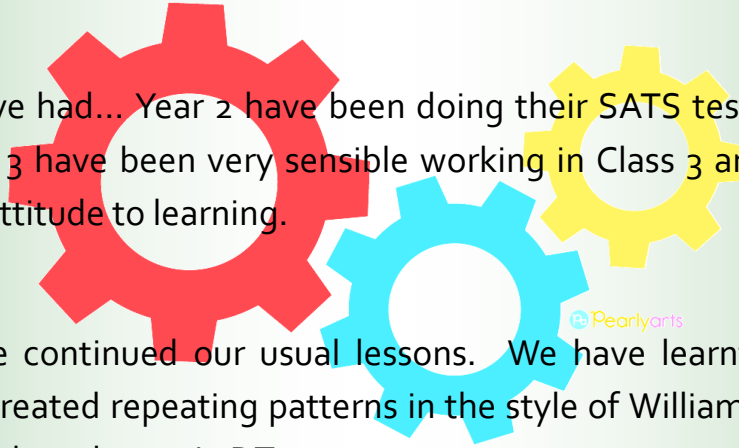
In PE, Class 1 have embraced the World Cup excitement by practicing their football skills. We focused on walking & jogging whilst controlling the ball and enjoyed a 'Nutmeg' game too! Back in class, the children have designed their own footballs and football kits.

On Thursday, Class 1 enjoyed their last craft session of the school year. Thank you for all of the families who came along to help us with some exciting Summer crafts. We even welcomed some of our lovely new children who will be joining us in Nursery & Reception in September!





Class 2 'Trailblazers'



What a busy week we have had... Year 2 have been doing their SATS tests and have really worked hard every morning. Year 3 have been very sensible working in Class 3 and Mrs McGrath has been really impressed by their attitude to learning.

In the afternoon we have continued our usual lessons. We have learnt about the layers of the rainforest in Geography, created repeating patterns in the style of William Morris in Computing and made sliders for the Gingerbread story in DT.

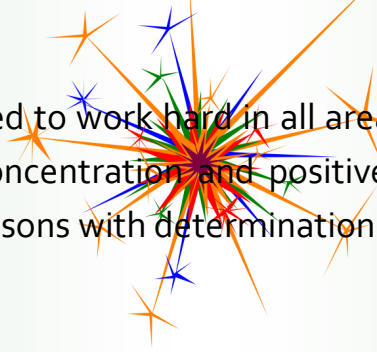


In Science we found out what plants need to grow well and then planted some bean seeds in bags so that we can watch them develop. We also had a lovely Forest School session identifying the trees in our school grounds from their leaves and then having a nature treasure hunt in our Secret Garden.





Class 3 'Bright Sparks'



The children in Class 3 have continued to work hard in all areas of the curriculum, and it has been a pleasure to see their enthusiasm, concentration and positive attitude to learning throughout the week. They have approached their lessons with determination and have shown a growing confidence in their work.

In mathematics, the class particularly enjoyed working with decimals and money. They took part in a range of practical and written activities, and it was encouraging to see how well they applied their understanding to different tasks. Many children showed a good grasp of the concepts being taught and were able to explain their thinking clearly. Their careful effort and willingness to persevere were especially impressive.

We also had a very successful Boxercise session on Thursday with Ellie. The children participated enthusiastically and demonstrated excellent teamwork, cooperation and behaviour throughout the activity. It was lovely to see them supporting one another and engaging so positively with the experience. Events such as this help to build confidence, strengthen relationships and make learning memorable and enjoyable for all involved.





Attendance



Attendance for the week ending 19.06.26			
	No. of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Class 1	15	92.59%	2
Class 2	19	94.38%	1
Class 3	23	91.26%	3



Awards Assembly



	Special Award - For sharing God's love with others	Good Work Award
Class 1	Heidi MJ	James R
Class 2	James S	Lila G
Class 3	Connie R	Emrys McC
Headteacher's award	Ashton H	Tommy G
Mathematician of the week	Ella C-McD	
Presentation award	Charlie M	
Attendance Award	Class 2 — 94.38%	





Important Dates

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
Wednesday, 8th July	EYFS & whole school transition (2pm)
Friday, 10th July	Class 3 Camp Out
Monday, 13th July	Open afternoon (3pm) - parents invited into school to look at your child's schoolwork
Wednesday, 15th July	EYFS Teddy Bear's picnic & whole school transition (2pm)
Thursday, 16th July	Year 6 Leavers celebration (Southport Tenpin bowling)
Friday, 17th July	Leavers lunch
Friday, 17th July	End of year mass (9.30am in St Elizabeth's) No Awards Assembly
Monday, 20th July	Class 3 Summer Play for parents (2pm)
Tuesday, 21st July	End of year awards assembly (9.15am)
Wednesday, 22nd July	Lunchtime visit from the ice cream truck!
Wednesday, 22nd July	Break up for the summer (2pm)

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

ST MARYS PTFA

WELCOMES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

SUMMER FAIR



Saturday 4th July 2026
11:30am until 2:30pm



FREE ENTRY!



BBQ



Petting zoo



Ice creams, cakes & refreshments



Fun games, stalls & activities



Tombola and raffle with great prizes to be won

GAMES

STALLS

PRIZES

FUN!

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

FRIENDS & FAMILY WELCOME!



Hall Road, Scarisbrick,
Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9QE

COME
ALONG
AND HAVE
A GREAT
DAY!

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

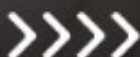


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Scan the QR code to
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Religious Education Summer Term Newsletter 2026

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)