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Friday, 3rd July, 2026

A good companion is priceless. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers his companionship to us by inviting us to go to him to rest and to be refreshed. Jesus came to take away fear and loneliness – to help people feel loved and accepted. We can experience Jesus' companionship through other people and through spending time with God in prayer.

Dear Lord Jesus,

You are kind and full of compassion. Thank you for offering to be our companion and sharing our concerns as we journey through life.

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...

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to share some wonderful news and celebrations from across our school community.

We are delighted to have achieved the **Gold School Games Mark** for the second year running. This prestigious award recognises our commitment to promoting physical activity and sporting opportunities for all children. A huge thank you to Mrs McGrath for all of her hard work in organising and coordinating the many sporting events throughout the year, and to our staff and parents for their continued encouragement and support. This achievement reflects a true team effort.

Class 2 enjoyed a fantastic science trip to **Martin Mere** this week. We were incredibly proud to see that their excellent scientific knowledge, enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour were commented on by both staff and members of the public. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school, and we are so proud of them!

Finally, it was a pleasure to welcome the parents of the children who will be joining our **Nursery and Reception classes in September**. Thank you for the warmth, kindness and positivity you have already shown. I know that these qualities will help our newest families feel part of the St Mary's school family very quickly.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Preston



Living and Learning Together - Shining in our Faith



Class 1 'Shining Stars'

Continuing on with our learning around the text 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley', Reception have been using thought bubbles to write about what Stanley might've been thinking when the other creatures were trying to eat him. Year 1 have been using the text to retrieve answers, using their comprehension skills.

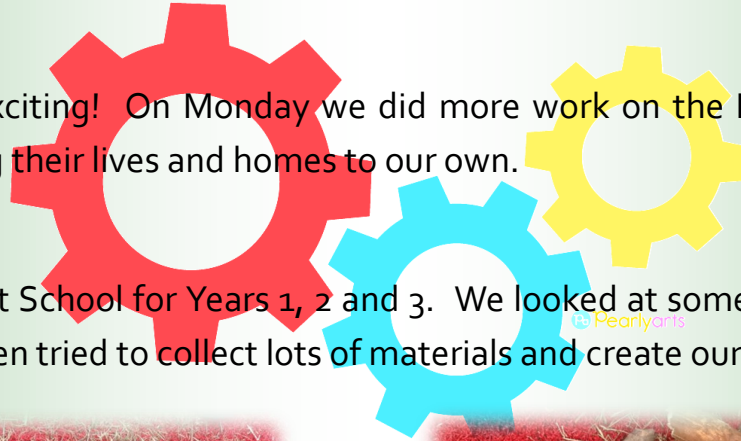
Outside, Class 1 had lots of fun making their own Stanley. They used different resources to make jellyfish and watched their tentacles float in the wind.



This week, our 'All Around the World' topic took us to Spain! Miss Wade and Mrs Byrne taught us some Spanish phrases, and we even got the chance to sample some Spanish themed foods. We enjoyed trying Spanish tapas meats and churros too!



Class 2 'Trailblazers'



This week has been so exciting! On Monday we did more work on the Rainforest looking at how people live and comparing their lives and homes to our own.

On Tuesday we had Forest School for Years 1, 2 and 3. We looked at some work by the nature artist Andy Goldsworthy and then tried to collect lots of materials and create our own artwork.



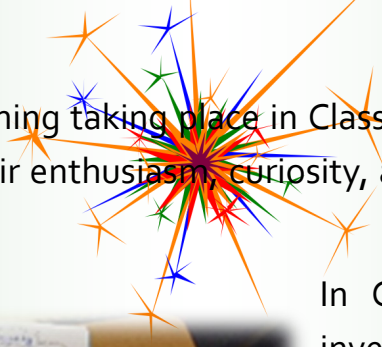
Wednesday was our fantastic trip to Martin Mere. We had two workshops – investigating mammals and pond dipping in the morning. It was amazing how much information the children remembered from their Science lessons and used in these sessions. After Lunch we explored the site, answered questions on our quiz, took photos and fed all the birds. We even had some time to play in the two play areas.

The end of the week was back to work – all a little tired from the trip but enjoying our lessons and Boxercise and Football with our Lancashire coaches.





Class 3 'Bright Sparks'

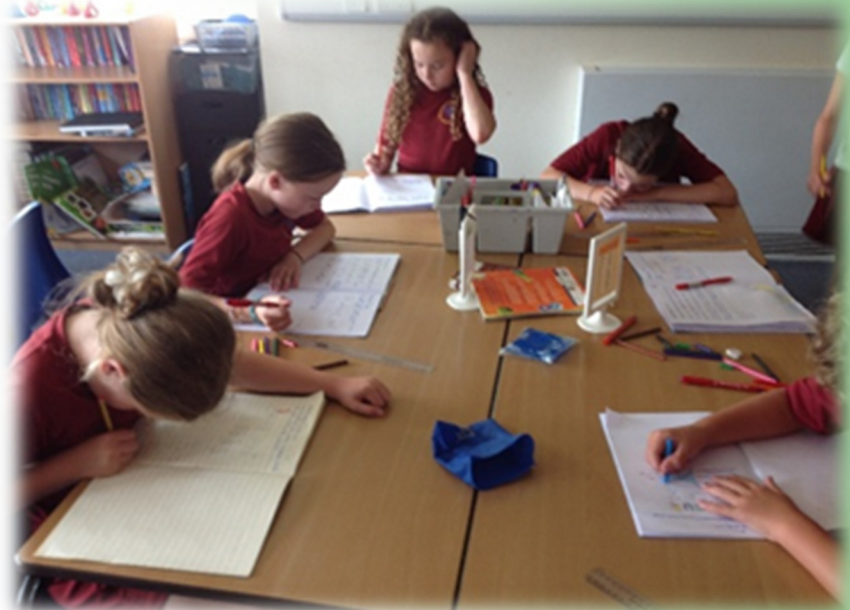


There has been some wonderful learning taking place in Class 3. We have been working very hard, and it has been a pleasure to see their enthusiasm, curiosity, and thoughtful ideas shine through in their work.



In Geography, the children have been investigating the importance of coral reefs. They created some beautiful posters to show what they have learned and to help raise awareness of why coral reefs matter so much. We also learned that coral has existed for over 250 million years and explored the important role coral reefs play in supporting humans and the wider ecosystem. The children showed real care and interest in this topic, and their work reflected both creativity and a growing understanding of the natural world.

In Religious Education, we have been reflecting on the theological virtues of the Catholic Church: faith, hope, and love. The children have been thinking carefully about how these virtues can be shown in our everyday lives through our words, actions, and relationships with others. These discussions have been thoughtful and meaningful, and the children have demonstrated a lovely understanding of how these values can help us to treat one another with kindness and respect.





Attendance



Attendance for the week ending 03.07.26

	No. of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Class 1	15	93.50%	3
Class 2	19	96.13%	1
Class 3	23	96.06%	2



Awards Assembly



	Special Award - For being somebody's 'rock'	Good Work Award
Class 1	Lillian O	Emma O
Class 2	Otto S	Oscar S
Class 3	Penelope P	Connie R
Headteacher's award	Alexandra B	Eric H
Mathematician of the week	Xander L	
Presentation award	Martha W	
Attendance Award	Class 2 — 96.13%	





Important Dates

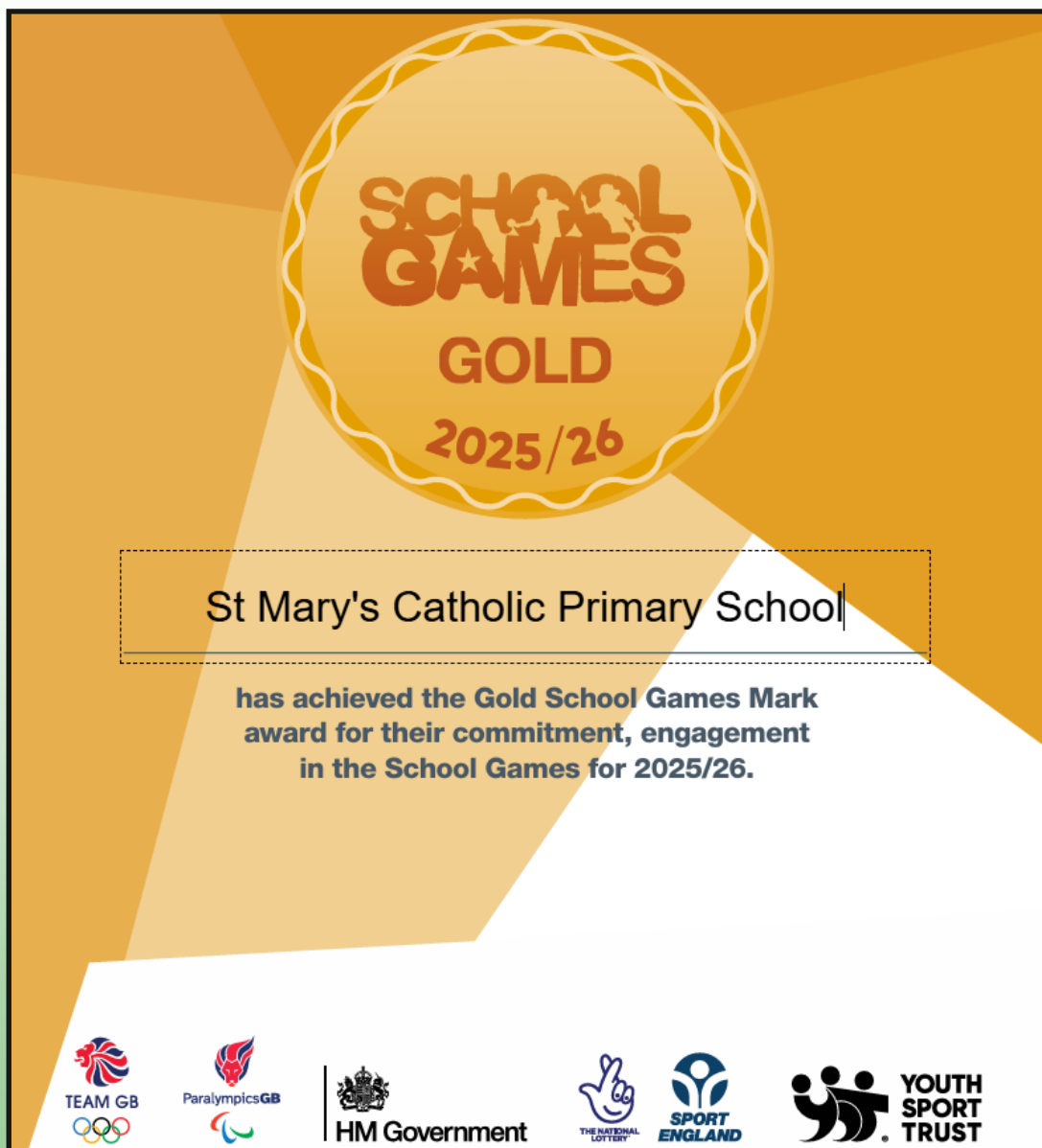
Wednesday, 1st July	Class 2 trip to Martin Mere
Thursday, 2nd July	EYFS Transition & Parent Meeting with Mrs Preston
Thursday, 2nd July	St Bede's Y6 transition day
2nd & 3rd July	Ormskirk High and Burscough Priory Y6 transition days
Friday, 3rd July	Donations for the bottle tombola and the Rainbow Raffle
Saturday, 4th July	Summer Fair!! (11.30am —2.30pm)
Monday, 6th July	Y6 transition workshops with Headssup
Wednesday, 8th July	EYFS & whole school transition (2pm)
Thursday, 9th July	Class 1 trip
Friday, 10th July	World Cup Charity Tournament
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

Congratulations!

Congratulations! We have achieved the Gold School Games Mark for the second year running. This wonderful achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of Mrs McGrath in organising sporting events and opportunities for our children throughout the year. It also reflects the commitment of our staff who give their time to support and encourage pupils at competitions and events, the fantastic parents who are always there as our biggest cheerleaders, and, most importantly, our brilliant children, who approach every event with enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship. They give their heart and soul to every challenge, representing our school with pride and embodying the very best of teamwork, resilience and enjoyment of sport.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and grateful to everyone who has played a part in making it possible.



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!



ST MARY'S PTFA

SUMMER FAIR

LIVE AUCTION

**GREAT PRIZES!
GREAT CAUSE!**



Join us at St Mary's Summer Fair on **Saturday 4th July** for a chance to win some great prizes at our famous live auction!



1 Family ticket to **DEVA FESTIVAL**
Cheshire worth over £200
(2 x adults 2 x children, Fri 7th Aug)



8 Afternoon tea at **THE WATERFRONT HOTEL**
Southport




2 Family ticket to **'JUST SO' FESTIVAL**
Cheshire worth over £250
(2 x adults 3 x children, Sun 23rd Aug)



9 6 month membership for **VOLT GYM**
Burscough



3 Tickets to **SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW**



10 £30 voucher for **LITTLE THEATRE**
Southport



4 Party at **BILLY BOBS PARLOUR**
Myerscough



11 £10 voucher for **BRAMLEYS**
Ormskirk



5 4 x tickets for **K-POP DANCE DISCO**
at Oak Theatre Scarisbrick



12 £40 voucher for **NEW SCARIBRICK ARMS**
Halsall



6 2 x tickets to the **'BEAUTY & THE BEAST ROCK & ROLL PANTO'**
at Everyman Liverpool (Nov)



13 £30 voucher for **MASTER McGRATHS**
Scarisbrick



7 Family ticket to **FARMER TEDS**
Ormskirk



14 £20 voucher for **WELD BLUNDELL**
Lydiate



15 Blowdry at **'HAIR BY ALIEE'**
Cabello Ormskirk



16 Group tennis **COACHING SESSION**



♥ YOUR BID SUPPORTS ST MARY'S SCHOOL - THANK YOU! ♥

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 MARY'S WORLD CUP

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



FRIDAY 10TH JULY



9:15 – 10:30 AM



**ALL FAMILIES
WELCOME!**



**CHILDREN CAN WEAR
FOOTBALL KITS,
PE KITS OR
OWN CLOTHES**



**ANY DONATIONS
WELCOME
TO SUPPORT**



Queenscourt
Hospice
where life is for living...



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!



MULTI-SPORTS & ACTIVITIES CLUB

ACTIVE FUN FRIENDS MEMORIES!



A FUN, ACTIVE HOLIDAY CLUB FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN!



MULTI-SPORTS



FUN ACTIVITIES



TEAM GAMES



NEW FRIENDS



MONDAY 20TH JULY – FRIDAY 31ST JULY

ST JAMES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ASHURST, WN8 6TN

WN8 6TN



MONDAY 3RD AUGUST – FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

COBBS BROW PRIMARY SCHOOL, SKELMERSDALE, WN8 6SU

WN8 6SU

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SHARES SCHOOLS

£17 PER DAY

OR

£75 PER WEEK

NON SHARES SCHOOLS

£22 PER DAY

OR

£100 PER WEEK



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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

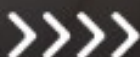


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Religious Education Summer Term Newsletter 2026

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)