



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Friday, 10th July, 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus inviting us to listen to him and act upon his words. Like any good teacher, Jesus uses pictures or parables to make his teaching clearer. Jesus is like a sower, scattering his words like seeds. Jesus' words have stood the test of time. They are rooted in love and can be trusted to guide us.

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for listening to us. Please help us to listen and understand your words and to be good listeners to each other too.

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...

It has been a wonderful week full of enrichment opportunities. Our Year 6 pupils took part in a transition day led by Headssup, giving them the chance to share their excitement about high school and reflect on leaving St Mary's. The Headssup staff were full of praise for the maturity and thoughtfulness shown by our children.

Class 1 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Acorn Farm, providing a fantastic opportunity to enrich their learning beyond the classroom. The children had a fabulous day and were a credit to St Mary's throughout. Both the bus driver and the farm staff were full of praise for their excellent behaviour, kindness and wonderful sense of fun.

Wednesday was a very special day as we welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children for their second transition visit. They were absolutely fantastic, and we loved welcoming them into our St Mary's family. We are looking forward to sharing a teddy bear's picnic with them next week!

Many of our current pupils also enjoyed a taster session in their new classes for September—exciting times ahead for everyone!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend. Enjoy the beautiful sunshine!

Mrs J Preston



Living and Learning Together - Shining in our Faith



Class 1 'Shining Stars'

Class 1 were extremely excited to go on their Summer trip this week! We went for a day out to Acorn Farm. Reception & Year 1 loved getting on the minibus and going for an adventure, when we got there, we met our Nursery friends in the sunshine.

At Acorn Farm, we were introduced to Farmer Marie who took us to our first experience - animal petting! We got to meet a chick, a rabbit, 2 guinea pigs and a rat! Everyone was very brave, holding and stroking each animal carefully.



Then, we got the opportunity to feed lambs, goats, sheep and llamas too. After that, we ate lunch together in the shade & had a little play. To end the day, we played musical statues together in the woodland and enjoyed a lolly ice to cool down too.

We had a super day & our teachers are very proud of us too.



Class 2 'Trailblazers'



On Monday we looked at deforestation and why our rainforests are so important, we tried to get this message across to others by creating "Save our Rainforest" posters.



On Tuesday we did some more work on the seasons – although it was hard to remember the order of the months so we will be practising this next week too! It was too windy for Forest School Art so we went over our sun safety rules and created t-shirts in small groups to spread the message of how to stay safe in this hot weather. Come and look at our fabulous designs on display in the Class 2 windows.

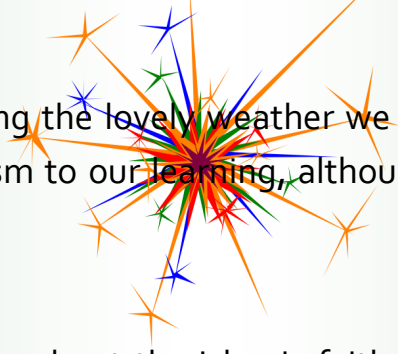
On Wednesday we continued our Dance lesson by adding our own routines in groups of 1, 2 or 3. We videoed the whole dance so that we could see what we could improve next week in our final lesson.

We are ending the week with our World Cup football competition and we are looking forward to showing off all the skills we have learnt each week with coach Raul.





Class 3 'Bright Sparks'



Class 3 have been thoroughly enjoying the lovely weather we have had over the past week. It has brought lots of energy and enthusiasm to our learning, although we have been feeling the heat at times!

In RE the children have been learning about the Islamic faith and have shown great curiosity and respect throughout their lessons. We have been exploring the idea that different religions often share a common goal of promoting the common good. The children discovered that, like Christians, Muslims are encouraged to care for others and give to those in need through acts of charity and kindness. This has led to some thoughtful discussions about how people of different faiths can work together to make a positive difference in their communities



In addition, rehearsals for our end-of-year play are well underway, and the children are putting in a fantastic effort as they practise their lines, songs and actions. It has been wonderful to see how well the class are working together and how much confidence they are gaining through these activities.

We are very much looking forward to performing the play for you all soon, and we hope you will enjoy seeing the children showcase all of their hard work.





Attendance



Attendance for the week ending 10.07.26

	No. of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Class 1	15	90.37 %	3
Class 2	19	93.83 %	1
Class 3	23	92.27 %	2



Awards Assembly



	Special Award - For offering a helping hand or a listening ear	Good Work Award
Class 1	Elsie M	Elsie G
Class 2	Lila G	Elliot H
Class 3	Iris D	Freddie O
Headteacher's award	Eleanor B	James S
Mathematician of the week	Emily H	
Presentation award	Emrys Mc	
Attendance Award	Class 2 — 93.83%	





Important Dates

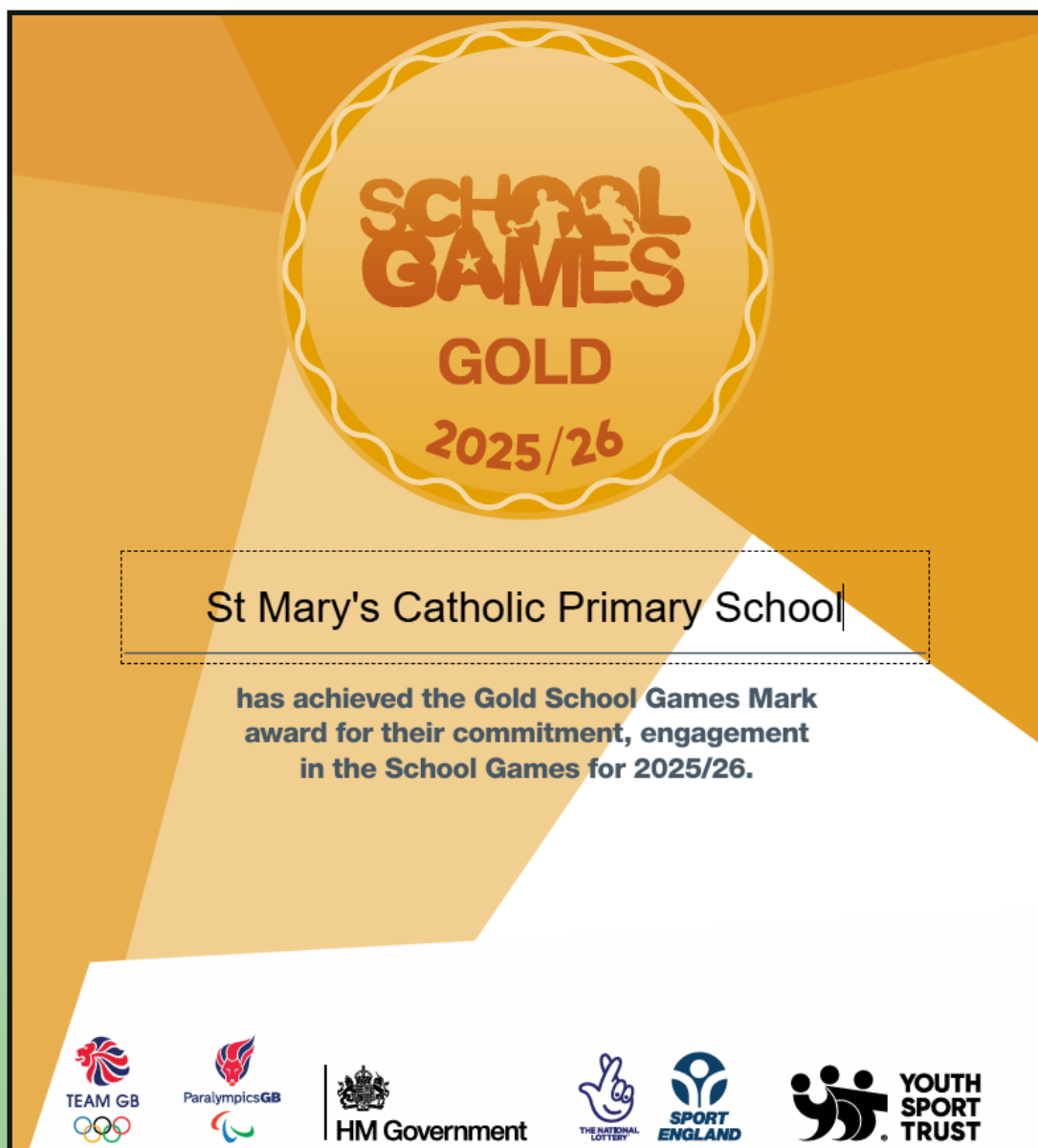
Wednesday, 1st July	Class 2 trip to Martin Mere
Thursday, 2nd July	EYFS Transition & Parent Meeting with Mrs Preston
Thursday, 2nd July	St Bede's Y6 transition day
2nd & 3rd July	Ormskirk High and Burscough Priory Y6 transition days
Friday, 3rd July	Donations for the bottle tombola and the Rainbow Raffle
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.



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!

“Come and See”

The Catholics of



St. Anne's
Ormskirk

and



St. Elizabeth's
Scarisbrick

invite you to find out more about becoming a Catholic through a **Journey in Faith**

(following the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, a worldwide rite through which adults are received into the Catholic Church)

I was baptised a Catholic but never brought up in the Catholic faith

Some members of my family are Catholics, but I feel awkward asking them to talk about their faith

I am married to a Catholic and would like to know more about what Catholics believe

I've never thought of myself as religious but sometimes wonder what Catholicism is all about

People sometimes say ...

I've often wondered what happens in Church and why the Mass is so important

I work in a Catholic school and would like to find out about Catholicism

My children are Catholics and I would like to be able to support them better in their Catholic education

I am looking for something of greater depth to give meaning to my life

“Come and See”

To begin this journey, do come along to **St. Anne's Pastoral Centre** on Prescott Road, Ormskirk, next to the church, for a meeting on:
Tuesday 22nd September.
Refreshments from 6.45pm,
with the session beginning at 7pm.

There will be time to:

- * hear about the content and timing of sessions
- * ask any questions you might have at this stage
- * meet the team and other potential group members
- * decide if this is what you are seeking.

What is planned after the “Come and See”?

On most Tuesday evenings from **29th September 2026** up to Easter 2027, there will be a series of connected meetings, exploring aspects of the Catholic Faith.

Will I have to speak out in front of others? There will be no pressure on you at all. We shall share, ask questions and discuss, sometimes in small groups.

Do I have to have any qualifications to come? No. Your interest will be far better than any qualification.

Are these sessions for children? No. There are other sacramental programmes for children, including for those who don't go to catholic schools.

How much does it cost? Nothing, except your time.

So what do I do next?

- Come along to St Anne's Pastoral Centre at **6.45pm on Tuesday 22nd September.**
- You are welcome to come by yourself or, if you wish, come along with a friend for this introductory session.
- The session will last about one hour.

Previous participants have said they valued:

- “Looking at and discussing the Gospel and then using the different accounts for prayer”.
- “Taking time to look around St Anne's church and so understand it's importance in community worship”.
- “The significance of the Sacraments”.
- “Why Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is important and has been venerated from the time of the early Church”.

“Discussing and hearing how others see things”.

If you have any questions at this early stage or are interested but unable to “Come and See” on **22nd September**, please contact:

Colette
in the Parish Office, St Anne's Priory

23 Prescott Road, Ormskirk L39 4TG

01695 572168

paxorm@rcaol.org.uk

Otherwise, we look forward to meeting you soon.



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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

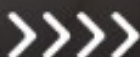


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Religious Education Summer Term Newsletter 2026

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



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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)