



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Friday, 17th July, 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses story-telling to explain what the Kingdom of heaven is like.

Jesus our teacher,

Help us to listen and learn from you and from one another. May we love one another as you teach us to. 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...

What a truly wonderful week it has been at St Mary's, filled with the special sense of community that makes our school so unique.

We were delighted to welcome our new EYFS starters and their families for a fantastic Teddy Bears' Picnic. The children had great fun sharing stories, games and snacks with their favourite cuddly companions while making new friends. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and we look forward to welcoming them officially to the St Mary's family in September.

We also held our Open Evening, which was well attended by parents and carers. It was a pleasure to see families sharing in their children's achievements and taking time to look through their workbooks, celebrating the progress and accomplishments made throughout the year.

We ended the week in the most fitting way by gathering together at St Elizabeth's Church for our End of Year Mass. This special celebration gave us the opportunity to reflect on the many blessings of the past year, give thanks for the achievements and experiences we have shared, and pray for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the next chapter of their educational journey.

Thank you to all of our families, staff, governors and parish community for your continued support. Together, we have enjoyed a wonderful week!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend. Enjoy the beautiful sunshine!

Mrs J Preston



Living and Learning Together - Shining in our Faith



Our amazing World Cup tournament for Queenscourt Hospice





So much fun at the Class 3 Camp Out!





Class 1 'Shining Stars'

Despite it being our last full week of the school year, Class 1 have had a busy week!

We are coming to the end of many topics across different subjects. In English, Class 1 have all written their own stories following our focus text 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'.

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 1 moved up to Class 2 for a visit whilst Nursery & Reception had their Teddy Bear's Picnic outside. We welcomed all our families, as well as welcoming new families who will be joining us in September. Thank you to everyone who come along, it was a lovely afternoon!

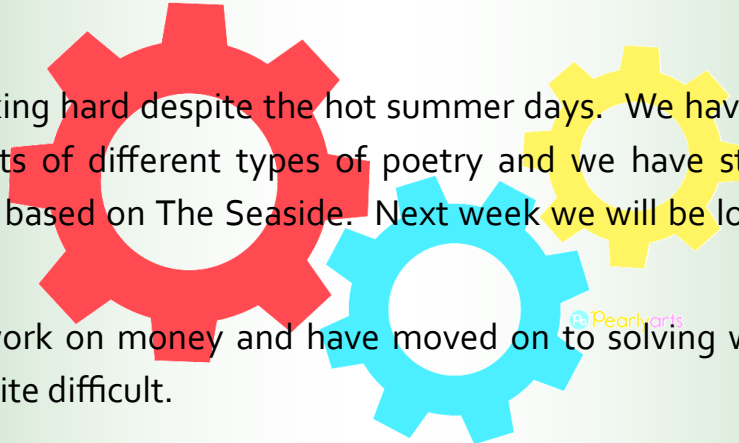


As you can see, we had great fun making the vehicles that we designed as part of our DT project.

On Thursday, we were very lucky and got the chance to see Class 3's dress rehearsal too!



Class 2 'Trailblazers'



Another lovely week working hard despite the hot summer days. We have started a poetry topic in English learning about lots of different types of poetry and we have started by writing acrostic poems and senses poems based on The Seaside. Next week we will be looking at list and counting poems.

We have continued our work on money and have moved on to solving word problems and giving change which has been quite difficult.

In Geography we recapped all that we learnt about Rainforests and imagined that we were going to visit one. We created postcards telling our families all about what we had seen and done.

On Wednesday we had transition afternoon where we all moved up a year.

The class had a wonderful time doing some DT work based on our topic of Moving Pictures.

We also had a chance to take part in a tennis session this week with Coach Guy. Everyone did very well playing Circus tennis in different ways and we hope that some people will take up the offer of attending the Tennis sessions and getting a free racquet.





Class 3 'Bright Sparks'

It has been another very hot week, and the children have continued to work hard in all our curriculum areas, finishing our topics as they prepare for the end of term. We have been impressed by their enthusiasm, focus and positive attitude throughout the week.

This week, Years 4 and 5 completed their scooting course with Josh and their dance unit with Summer. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and had lots of fun while developing a range of new skills. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they practised and improved each day.



We have also been delighted to welcome Guy, a fantastic sports coach from Mawdsley Tennis Club, who led a taster tennis session for the children. They had an excellent time practising their skills, trying something new, and building their confidence through active participation.

Our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed a wonderful week of leavers' celebrations. They led a special Leavers' Mass, shared a celebratory lunch together, and took part in the dress rehearsal for their end-of-year production 'Hoodwinked'. The week was rounded off with a fantastic evening at the bowling alley, where the children had great fun celebrating with their friends. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils and wish them every success and happiness as they move on to high school.





Attendance



Attendance for the week ending 17.07.26			
	No. of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Class 1	15	97.04%	2
Class 2	19	95.06%	3
Class 3	23	98.07%	1



Important Dates

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)

Congratulations!

Congratulations! We are delighted to share that St Mary's Catholic Primary School has been awarded the Silver Year 6 Transition Award in recognition of our continued commitment to supporting pupils as they move from primary school to the next stage of their education. The award acknowledges the work we do to ensure our Year 6 children feel confident, prepared and supported during this important transition period, as well as our contribution to research and best practice in transition support.

Receiving this award reflects the dedication of our staff, the resilience of our pupils and the strong partnerships we have with families, our local secondary schools and the Headssup organisation. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and of all our Year 6 children as they prepare to begin their exciting next chapter.

We look forward to building on this success and working towards achieving Gold status in the future.



Headssup
Silver Award
Year 6 Transition.



St Mary's Annual Summer Fair 2026

Thank you to our families, local community & generous sponsors for your support!

Whether you donated a teddy, bought a cake or took part in our live auction, you all played a part in making the day a success!

• Together we raised a huge **£1,953!**

After running costs & sponsorship from our local businesses the net profit for the event was **£1,696**

 This money raised will contribute to developing the children's outdoor space at St Marys.

 If you'd like to get in touch with any questions or support St Marys PTFA, please reach out to ptfa.stmarys.scarisbrick@gmail.com

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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)

People sometimes say ...

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

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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TEAM GAMES



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FRIDAY 31ST JULY

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MONDAY 3RD AUGUST –
FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

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SKELMERSDALE, WN8 6SU

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PER WEEK

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PER DAY

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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

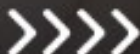


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Religious Education Summer Term Newsletter 2026

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.

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 roadsafetyeducation@lancashire.gov.uk



Better Health healthier families

Sign up at nhs.uk/betterhealth

School Parking



School

Lancashire
County Council

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)