



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Friday, 11th September, 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus the question about how many times we should forgive. Jesus' answer shows that we must forgive one another just as God forgives us: again and again, without limit. God is our loving Father and we can always count on his loving forgiveness and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings. Jesus instructs us to be just as forgiving toward others.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. 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 wonderful week it has been, filled with so many proud moments to share with you!

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Ron Blundell, our new music teacher, to St Mary's. He led small-group guitar and keyboard sessions for some of our Year 3 to Year 6 children. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their first lessons, enthusiastically beginning their musical journeys, and Ron was highly impressed by their excellent work ethic, positive attitudes, and eagerness to learn.

On Thursday, we were honoured to attend a special Education Mass at St Mary's Church in Leyland, celebrated by our new Archbishop John and Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain. Appointed by Pope Francis in 2023, Archbishop Miguel serves as the vital link between the Holy Father and the Catholic Churches and schools of Great Britain.

Our children represented St Mary's beautifully throughout the Mass. Their reverence, respect, and exemplary behaviour were remarked upon by many of the priests and representatives from the Archdiocese. We were especially proud of one of our pupils, who delivered a reading with great confidence, clarity, and composure.



Living and Learning Together - Shining in our Faith



St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Scarisbrick



OPEN AFTERNOON

ALL **NEW** AND **EXISTING** FAMILIES WELCOME

Friday 18th September 2PM



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Class 1 'Shining Stars'

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year in Class 1! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back, they have all been amazing at settling back into routines, and catching up with friends. We have also been delighted to welcome some new children to our class, who have already become part of our Class 1 family.



We have already begun our new phonics and maths units, reviewing what we already know and preparing for our next steps.



In English, we have started exploring our new text, 'Happy to Be Me'. This has led to some lovely discussions about ourselves, our families, and what makes each of us unique. Class 1 have enjoyed talking about the people who are important to them and recognising the similarities and differences between us all.

In History, we have begun learning about toys from the past. The children have enjoyed thinking about their favourite toys and discussing how toys may have changed over time. We are looking forward to finding out more about how children played in the past.

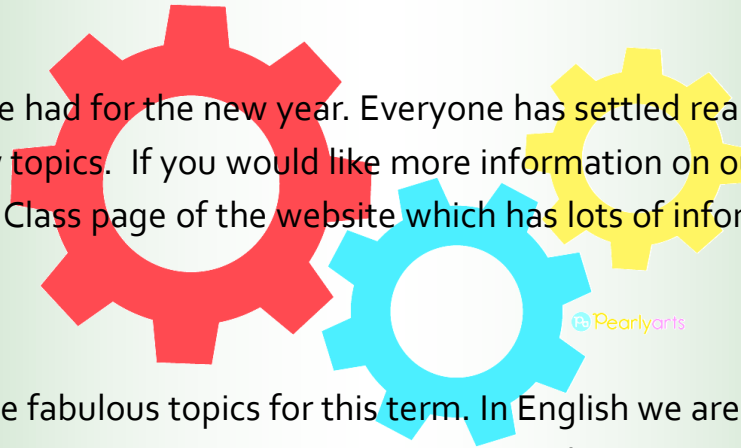
Our Year 1 children have also started their computing learning by logging into Purple Mash for the first time. They did a fantastic job learning how to access their accounts and had great fun creating their own avatars.

We are incredibly proud of how well all the children have settled into school life and are excited for the term ahead!





Class 2 'Trailblazers'



What a great start we have had for the new year. Everyone has settled really well and we have made a good start to all our new topics. If you would like more information on our class please have a look at the power point on our Class page of the website which has lots of information about PE, spelling tests, reading books, etc.

We have started with some fabulous topics for this term. In English we are doing 'The Jolly Postman' book followed by Katie Morag to concentrate on writing letters. We have already created a classroom display of letters from Goldilocks!

In History we are learning about Florence Nightingale and in Science our Y1 / 2 group has been minibeast hunting to start our topic on animals and their habitats.

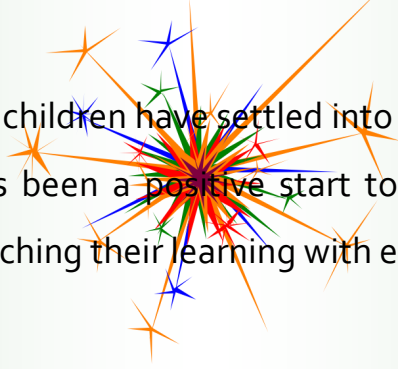
In Art we have been looking at using colour so have already learn the primary and secondary colours, practiced our paint mixing and created shades using black and white paint.

Well done to everyone for remembering to bring reading books in every day... but don't forget to try and read at home, just 5 minutes every day makes a huge difference in fluency, word recognition, understanding of the story and also gives some great writing ideas.



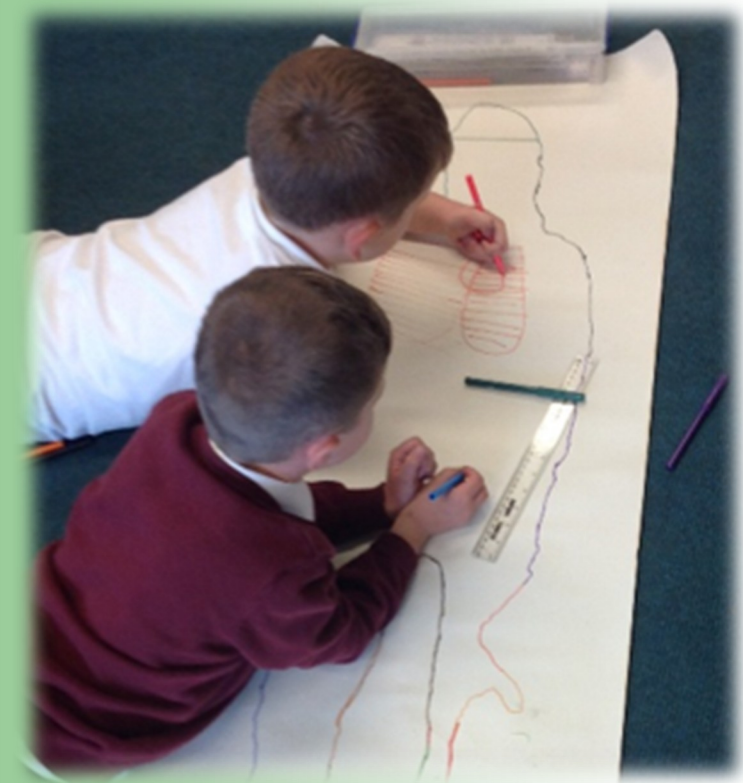


Class 3 'Bright Sparks'



Welcome back after the summer. The children have settled into Class 3 confidently, and it is lovely to see the class working so hard. It has been a positive start to the term, with children quickly re-establishing their routines and approaching their learning with enthusiasm.

We have started our English topic this week, and we are researching and writing about the Loch Ness monster. The children are exploring the question of whether she is real or fake, which has brought a powerful sense of curiosity and enquiry to their work. It is an engaging topic that gives the children a clear purpose for both research and writing.



In Science our topic is Animals including humans and all of Class 3 have worked hard this week. Year 3 and 4 have been investigating what we know about the skeleton, while Year 5 and 6 have explored the circulatory system. This shows a thoughtful approach to learning across the class, with each year group working on a suitable part of the wider topic. It is a positive start to science this term, and the children should be proud of how hard they have worked.



Attendance



Attendance for the week ending 11.09.26			
	No. of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Class 1	14	89.68%	3
Class 2	19	95.91%	2
Class 3	22	98.99%	1



Weekly Awards



	Special Award - Being a great team player	Good Work Award
Class 1	Evelyn D	Eloise C
Class 2	Alexandra B	Georgia C
Class 3	Kacper L	Eric H
Headteacher's award	Eleanor B	Kacper L
Mathematician of the week	Elsie M	
Presentation award	Connie R	
Attendance Award	Class 3 — 98.99%	

Important Dates

W/b 7th September	PE sessions begin (Mondays and Fridays)
Friday, 18th September	Whole School Open Afternoon (2pm)
Friday, 25th September	Friday Fitness begins (8.15 am for Years 3-6)
Friday, 25th September	Macmillan Afternoon Tea (2—3pm)
Tuesday, 29th September	Flu vaccinations (in school)
Thursday, 1st October	Class 1 Reading Café (9am)
Thursday, 8th October	Class 2 Reading Café (9am)
Thursday, 15th October	Class 3 Reading Café (9am)
Friday, 23rd October	Break up for the half term holiday
Monday, 2nd November	INSET day (staff only)
Tuesday, 3rd November	Back to school (8:55am)

A Huge Thank You to Our Families!

Last summer, our school community came together to support Queenscourt Hospice through our World Cup sweepstake, football tournament and raffle. Thanks to the incredible generosity and support of our families, we raised a truly staggering £897.50!

We are so grateful to everyone who bought tickets, took part in the events, donated prizes, and helped make the fundraising such a success. Your kindness and community spirit have made a real difference, and we are very proud to support such an important local charity.





ST. BEDE'S OPEN EVENING

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for St. Bede's Open Evening and find out what makes our school such a special place.

**DATE:**

Thursday 24th September 2025

**TIME:**

5:30pm – 7:30pm

**LOCATION:**

St. Bede's Catholic High School

*Meet our staff, explore our facilities,
and see how St. Bede's helps every student
to grow in confidence and achieve their best.*



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.

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...

SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR



Never park on zig zags or block school entrances