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Friday, 9th October, 2026

In Sunday's liturgy we will hear a story about a king who invites lots of different people to the wedding of his son. They have a big feast with lots of delicious food.

God of welcome,

You invite us to follow in your ways and to enter into your kingdom. May we answer your call.

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...

Reading Cafés

Over the past two weeks, Classes 1 and 2 have enjoyed welcoming parents into school for our Reading Cafés. It has been wonderful to see families sharing books and celebrating a love of reading together.

A huge thank you to all the parents who support reading both in school and at home. Reading books are sent home every night, and online reading books are also available for children in Reception and Year 1. Your encouragement, enthusiasm and commitment make such a difference to our children's confidence, progress and enjoyment of reading. Together, we are helping to foster a lifelong love of books and learning.

TTRockstars Day

What a fantastic TT Rockstars Day we enjoyed in school! A huge thank you to all the children and staff who fully embraced the spirit of the day and made it such a fun and memorable event.

The launch of TT Rockstars has been a great success, but it also carries an important message. Through regular practice, children can develop greater automaticity with their times tables, building the confidence and fluency needed for success across all areas of mathematics. We hope that TT Rockstars will inspire a real love of maths while helping children strengthen these essential skills in an engaging and enjoyable way. Rock on, St Mary's!



Living and Learning Together – Shining in our Faith



Class 1 'Shining Stars'

This week, Class 1 have celebrated World Space Week! The children arrived at school on Monday to find a Space Station had taken over their classroom. We have dressed up as astronauts and travelled around different planets.

Throughout the week, we have been reading 'The Smeds and The Smoos' and have completed many different reading, writing, maths and craft activities based on the story. The children have predicted where they think Janet and Bill went on their spaceship, designing new planets and aliens. They have thought about what they might need to pack if they were going to space and even created their very own rockets!



Later in the week, we thought about what you might eat if you travelled to space and why it is different to what we usually eat in school or at home. So, at snack time we tried different freeze-dried fruits instead of cheese and crackers!

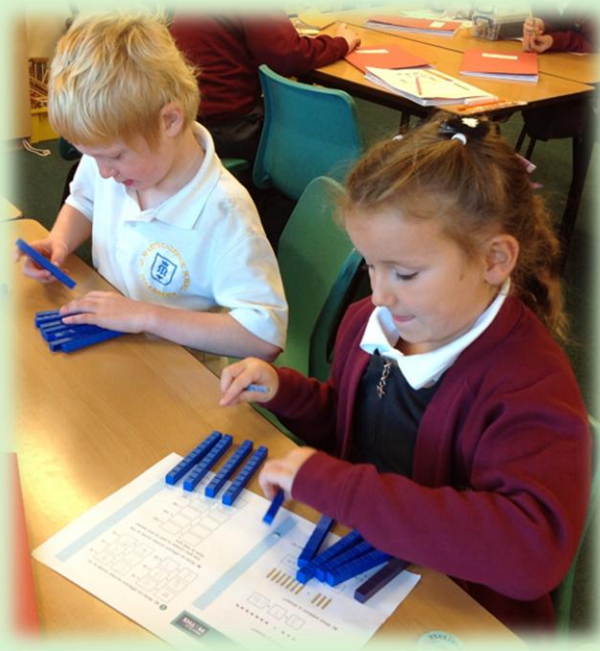




Class 2 'Trailblazers'

This week has been so busy but we have been doing lots of fun activities every day. We are doing fantastically well with our reading – thank you to Mrs Crook and Mrs Hesketh our week.

We have been doing lots of practical work in Maths adding and subtracting ones, tens and hundreds. We have also all been practising our times tables too ready for our Rock Star Day on Friday.



We have continued our History topic by looking at the changes Florence Nightingale made in the hospital at Scutari and how these changes made everything so much better for all the soldiers injured in the Crimean War. We all think Florence is a very significant person for all the good things she did for sick people.

In Art we have continued our topic by painting in the style of Kandinsky and have produced a fabulous wall display in class of all our work.

On Thursday morning we really enjoyed our families coming into our Reading Café – we had some great stories and some great breakfast too.

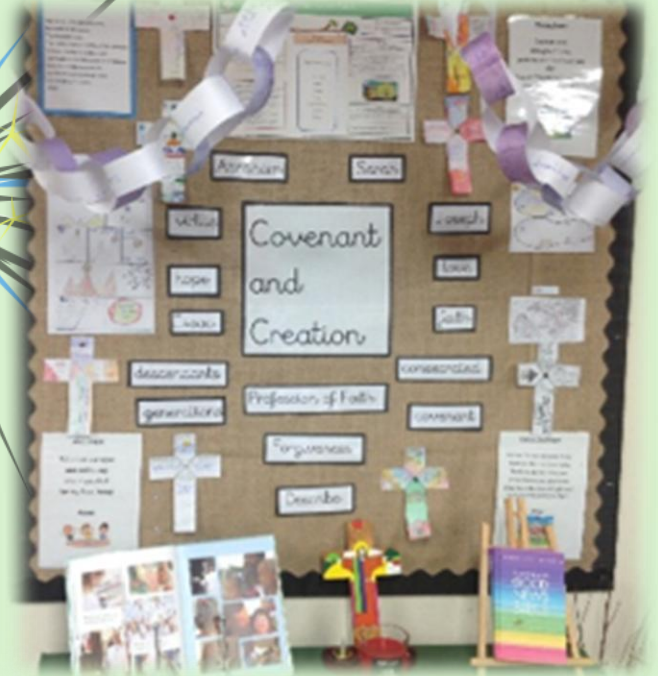
Dear family
I am writing this letter to
tell you all about the
hospital in Scutari.
When I arrived it was
disgusting. Men were laying
on the floor. There were
lice everywhere. The sheets
hadn't been washed. The
toilet was a hole in
the ground. When I cleaned
it I looked spates. I cleaned
the sheets I also made
people wash their hands.
I washed the bandages
and made yummy food.
please send some money
to help make things
even better.
Love from Florence. XX



Class 3 'Bright Sparks'

Class 3 have been working incredibly hard and approaching their learning with great enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence as they become more independent and resilient learners.

In RE, we have been learning about Creation and Covenant. The children have been reflecting on God's promises to His people and exploring how we can live out these values in our daily lives. We have had thoughtful discussions about what it means to promote good Catholic living through our words, actions, and relationships with others.



In Computing, we have been developing our coding skills. The children have enjoyed creating their own programs and learning how to debug corrupted code. They have shown great problem-solving skills and resilience when identifying and fixing errors to make their programs work successfully.

We had lots of fun creating the backgrounds for our final pieces of artwork. The children worked creatively and enthusiastically, experimenting with different techniques, colours, and textures to bring their ideas to life. We are incredibly proud of their efforts so far and cannot wait to see the finished pieces when everything comes together.





Attendance



Attendance for the week ending 09.10.26			
	No of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Class 1	14	94.44%	3
Class 2	19	100.00%	1
Class 3	23	99.52%	2



Award winners



	Special Award – For showing love and respect	Good work award
Class 1	Henry M	Forest M
Class 2	Lila G	Emily H
Class 3	Charlie M	Connie R
Headteacher' award	Emma O	Cooper G
Mathematician of the week	Ella R	
Presentation award	Cooper S	
Attendance award	Class 2 – 100%	



Dates for your diary



Friday, 25th September	Friday Fitness begins (8.15 am for Years 3-6)
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)
Wednesday, 4 th November	Class 3 swimming begins (AM) for 6 weeks
Friday, 13 th November	Children in Need raffle



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY SOUTH

**Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2027
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 15 January 2027

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school,
or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference,
please check the guidance on our website, or call 01772 532109.

**Have
your say**

*Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with
you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs.
To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces
and click 'school admission policies'.*

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Lancashire Health Visiting
and School Nursing

Access School Health in a drop in session
Support for children, young people, parents and carers

HEALTH & WELLBEING SUPPORT

- ✓ Emotional health and wellbeing
- ✓ Healthy lifestyles
- ✓ Sleep concerns/ Toileting issues
- ✓ Behaviour support
- ✓ Growth and development
- ✓ School-related health concerns
- ✓ General health and wellbeing questions

DROP-IN SESSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

📍 1 October 2026 | 9:30am-12:00pm
The Zone (next to Skelmersdale Library), WN8 6PZ

📍 15 October 2026 09:00-12:00
Coppull Library PR7 5BZ

📍 08 October 2026 2:00-4:00pm
Preston West Family Hub, PR2 1TU

📍 21 October 2026 | 9:30am-11:30am
West Paddock, PR25 1HR

📍 27 October 2026 | 2:00pm-4:00pm
Ribbleton Family Hub, PR2 6EE

ACCESS TO WIDER SUPPORT

Delivered as part of the One Stop Shop in partnership with the Early Help Partnership, helping families access advice, guidance and local services.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Simply come along to a session that suits you.

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age childcare in Lancashire**



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St Mary's
Catholic Primary School

Invitation to Our

PTFA

Annual General Meeting

Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcome you to attend our Annual General Meeting (AGM)
of the Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA).



Date/Time: Thursday 12th November 5:30pm



Location: St Mary's Catholic Primary School



Just us for some nibbles as we talk about:

- ★ The achievements and fundraising successes this year
- ★ How funds are being used to benefit our children
- ★ Share ideas for future events
- ★ Welcome any new PTFA members

**Your support & input makes a real difference
to our school community**

Whether you can spare a little time or more,
your contribution is valued

We look forward to seeing you there!



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