St. Mary' s Catholic Primary School

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Friday, 13th November 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to use our talents well. Everyone has a special talent, something unique, which only that person can contribute to the world. Using our talents just for our own enjoyment can be like hiding our talents in the ground. How much better to use them to bring happiness to others!



Dear Lord Jesus,

Help us to develop our talents and to know how we can use them for the good of others in this coming week.

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…



We were incredibly proud of the children in Class 3 this week as they presented a moving reflection for Remembrance Day. They shared the story with great confidence, reverence and respect, helping us all pause to remember those who have served and sacrificed.

A heartfelt thank you to the parents who attended the PTFA AGM. We are so grateful for the time, energy and dedication you give to organising many memorable events for our children and families.

We were also delighted to welcome Ellie back to school this half term, this time as our yoga instructor. Her sessions are already supporting the children's health and wellbeing.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent Consultation Evening on Thursday. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the excellent start the children have made to the school year. Appointments can be booked via Teachers2Parents using the link sent by email.

Class 1 'Shining Stars'

We have loved getting stuck into our new learning in different subjects this week. This week, we have joined the rest of the school in marking Remembrance Day. We spent time talking about the significance of the different coloured poppies, and who we remember on this special day.

Class 1 have made their own poppies to place around our classroom and school, using different craft methods such as painting and collage.



In Geography, Class 1 have created aerial maps of their own bedrooms.



Along with the rest of the school, Class 1 had their first Yoga session with Ellie.

Everybody enjoyed relaxing on their mats, meeting Ellie's Yoga bears and learning the first of our poses.

Class 2 'Trailblazers'

What a busy week! We have started the week with some assessments in Reading and Maths before carrying on with our Autumn Term curriculum.

This week we have continued our Traditional Tales with a Twist topic by moving on from 'Little Red Riding Hood and the Sweet Little Wolf' to 'Stinky Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have compared stories and characters, made predictions and thought about what characters are thinking and doing and why.

In Maths we have been doing addition with Year 2 using place value apparatus, and column subtraction with Year 3.

In DT we made helicopters on Wednesday and had loads of fun testing them in the corridor to see how fast we could make them spin by throwing them really high.

We also enjoyed a lovely assembly by Class 3 on Remembrance day and could relate this to what we had learnt earlier in the week and the poppy wreaths that we had made.

In Geography we moved on to learning about the seasons, the changes we see and the months of the year that each season would happen in – just like last week we found a song to help us remember the months and the seasons.





Class 3 'Bright Sparks'

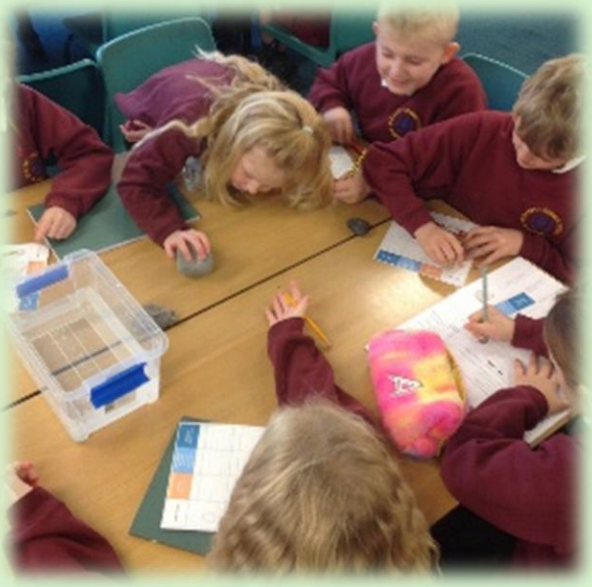


The children have worked incredibly hard across the curriculum this week. In RE, they enjoyed retelling the story of David and Goliath and discussing how faith can provide support, guidance and strength in our everyday lives.



We had lots of fun during our first yoga lesson of the half term, learning different breathing techniques, practising stretches and discovering ways to stay fit and healthy.

Swimming was also a huge success. The children showed great enthusiasm and resilience in the water, completed lots of swimming activities and left the session feeling proud of their efforts, even if a little tired!



In Science, our Year 3 and Year 4 children have been working hard investigating the different properties of rocks. They explored permeability and hardness, carried out tests to compare different rock types and made predictions about whether rocks would sink or float. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm while developing their scientific enquiry skills.

We are looking forward to another fantastic half term of learning!

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery



Attendance



Attendance for the week ending 13.11.26			
	No of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Class 1	14	80.00%	3
Class 2	19	81.25%	2
Class 3	23	94.69%	1



Award winners



	Special Award – For being wise	Good work award
Class 1	Cooper S	Eleanor B
Class 2	Elsie M	Otto S
Class 3	Elliot H	Caleb S
Headteacher' award	Ethan H & Henry M	Thomas H
Mathematician of the week	Evelyn D	
Presentation award	Alexandra B	
Attendance award	Class 3 – 94.69%	



Dates for your diary



16th – 18th November	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday, 19th November	Parents' Evening 3.40-7.30pm (appointments on Teachers2Parents)
Friday, 27th November	Own Clothes Day (Christmas treats for the Quiz Night raffle prizes)
Tuesday, 1st December	Flu immunisations
Thursday, 3rd December	PTFA Christmas Quiz
Monday, 7th December	Class 3 Carol Concert for all parents (4.30pm)
Thursday, 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day/ Breakfast with Santa/ Santa Dash
Tuesday, 15th December	Class 1 Christmas Play (9.30)



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'**.

lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire County Council

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 November

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

19 November 2026 09:00-12:00
Inspire Youth Zone PR7 1BS

12 November 2026 2:00-4:00pm
Preston West Family Hub, PR2 1TU

18 November 2026 | 9:30am-11:30am
West Paddock, PR25 1HR

24 November 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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PTFA Presents...

Remaining Events of 2026

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 10th November • 5:30pm

Meeting at school, come & join us to hear about recent fundraising & upcoming plans for 2026/27!

Christmas Family Quiz Night

Thursday 3rd December • 3:30pm

Join us for some festive fun & refreshments!



Annual Santa Dash

Thursday 10th December • 2:30pm

Get ready to cheer on the children & enjoy some warming treats from the sidelines!

We look forward to seeing you there!