St. Mary' s Catholic Primary School

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Friday, 20th November

This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In this Sunday's Gospel, we are reminded that every act of kindness done to someone else is also done to Jesus, and it will be rewarded accordingly.



Dear Lord Jesus,

Please help me to see you in everyone I meet and be kind to all.

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…

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Parent Consultation Evening. It was wonderful to celebrate the fantastic start that the children have made to the school year and to share their achievements and progress with you.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 children, who braved the weather to achieve their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability awards. The instructors were full of praise for the children's excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and resilience throughout the three-day programme.

We were also delighted by the efforts of our Year 1 and Year 2 athletes who represented St Mary's at the Key Stage 1 Indoor Athletics event. What a team of superstars! They returned with an impressive collection of bronze, silver and gold stickers, reflecting their determination, sporting spirit and teamwork.



Well done to all our children for continuing to represent our school so positively. We are very proud of you all! 🌟 🏅 🚴

Class 1 'Shining Stars'

Class 1 started the week with a yoga session with Ellie, where we practised different poses and enjoyed some relaxation time together.

To mark Anti-Bullying Week, we read the story Elmer and talked about how Elmer is different from the other elephants and why it is important to celebrate our differences. The children then created their own colourful Elmer elephants.

We were also incredibly proud to take some of our Year 1 children to an Indoor Athletics Event on Wednesday evening. They showed fantastic determination and teamwork throughout the different events and were delighted to come away with a selection of Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. Well done to everyone who took part!

We were then treated to a visit from Victoria on the Library Bus on Thursday!





Class 2 'Trailblazers'

This week started with a fabulous yoga session! We learned some new, more difficult poses and had some lovely relaxation time at the end of the session.



We have continued with our Maths and English topics this week and we're trying hard to make sure that all of our work is neatly presented using our best handwriting.

In Geography we are learning the eight points of the compass and used them to locate places on maps.

On Thursday, in DT we followed instructions to make some new paper planes called Fantastic Flyers! We found that they did indeed fly really well around the hall.



In Science we did some fruit and vegetable tasting as part of our healthy eating work. Everyone tried everything! We even found that we liked some things that we did not hink we would.

Class 3 'Bright Sparks'

Class 3 have worked incredibly hard this week and have made great progress across all areas of learning.

In English, we have been reading Oliver Twist and the children have thoroughly enjoyed planning their own alternative chapter to the story. They have shown great creativity and enthusiasm, and I am looking forward to reading their completed pieces of writing.

In Science, the Year 5 and 6 children have been investigating the different properties of materials. This week, we explored thermal conductivity and insulation, carrying out practical investigations to discover which materials are best at conducting or preventing the transfer of heat.



In PE, we have started our new gymnastics unit. The children have enjoyed learning how to create and hold a variety of shapes and balances, demonstrating increasing control, strength and flexibility.

In Computing, we have started our new unit, Sound Stories. The children have been learning how to enhance audio files by adding sound effects to bring their stories to life. We had great fun exploring a range of different sounds and discovering how to insert and adapt them to create atmosphere and engage the listener. The children showed excellent creativity and enthusiasm as they experimented with different effects and considered how sound can improve storytelling.



Well done to all the children for their hard work and positive attitude to learning this week. Keep up the fantastic effort! 🌟

St Mary' s Catholic Primary School and Nursery



Attendance



Attendance for the week ending 20.11.26			
	No of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Class 1	14	96.58%	1
Class 2	19	91.98%	3
Class 3	23	92.75%	2



Award winners



	Special Award – For using your talents	Good work award
Class 1	Thomas H	Nancy G
Class 2	Jenson L	Reuben W-D
Class 3	Emrys McC	Roman W
Headteacher' award	Kacper L	Isabella E
Mathematician of the week	Oscar S	
Presentation award	Freddie O	
Attendance award	Class 1 – 96.58%	



Dates for your diary



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)
Tuesday, 15th December	A joint Carol Service for all families with St Mark's School (4pm)
Wednesday, 16th December	Whole School Advent Mass (9.30am) St Elizabeth's Church



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

Christmas

CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday, 15th December

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

at St Mark's Church

A festive evening of Christmas music, scripture & prayer presented by the pupils of St Mark's & St Mary's schools.




ST MARY'S
Christmas Dates
FRIDAY 27 NOV: OWN CLOTHES & DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS QUIZ
THURS 3 DEC: CHRISTMAS FAMILY QUIZ 3:30PM
MON 7 DEC: CLASS 1 CHRISTMAS CRAFTS 2-3PM
CLASS 3 CHRISTMAS CAROLS 4:30PM
THURS 10 DEC: BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY, CHRISTMAS DINNER & SANTA DASH
TUES 15 DEC: CLASS 1 NATIVITY 9:30AM
CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT @ ST MARK'S CHURCH 4:00PM

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.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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!