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Friday, 2nd May, 2025

In Sunday's gospel, we hear about how Jesus appeared to the disciples while they were fishing, helped them to catch more fish and ate with them on the beach afterwards.

Christ Jesus, you returned to give your disciples courage and strengthen their faith. Make us brave and help us to believe in you, so that we may share your love with others.

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/>

In school this week...

Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds

A healthy body and a healthy mind are so important. This week, with the beautiful sunshine, the children have enjoyed the amazing school grounds as part of their Science, RE, outdoor Maths learning in EYFS, as well as in PE.



The Key Stage 2 children are loving the partnership with Wigan Warriors who are developing their throwing, catching and invasion skills week by week. Even the Key Stage 1 children have got involved at their after school rugby club. Thanks Josh & Harry for sharing your expertise!

The EYFS & Key Stage 1 classes are embracing their health & fitness sessions! Their sessions are such fun: dancing, exercising, gentle walking and mindfulness are a great recipe for feeling good!



Living and Learning Together - Shining in our Faith



EYFS



EYFS have been enjoying the sunshine this week. The children have been exploring weight and capacity through lots of outdoor water play. Our EYFS children have been learning about numbers 11-15 this week, using numicon to work out how to make each number. They have looked at how many tens, and how many ones there are in each number.

We have also started to explore our new Minibeasts topic. The children have been enjoying some new dressing up clothes, exploring different habitats and reading new texts, such as 'Jasper's Beanstalk'.



Year 1/ 2



Year 1 and 2 have had a very creative week this week, exploring different materials in Art. We are thinking about collage and investigated how we can use different colours and textures to create pictures. Over the next few weeks, we are going to be creating our own collages, we are looking forward to using a wide variety of different materials and resources.

In Maths Year 2 have been learning how to draw and recognise lines of symmetry in shapes. We took a variety of different 2d shapes and found their lines of symmetry, we were able to use our previous knowledge of shape to facilitate our new learning.

This half term in science we are exploring plants. This week we identified the common plants and trees that grow in our school grounds. We used identification keys to help us name plants and trees. It was an interesting afternoon where we worked together and we loved identifying new trees and plants.





Year 3/4



This week we have had a good time exploring colour. We used primary colours to create secondary and tertiary colours, then we used black or white to create different shades of the same colour.

In rugby we have moved on to passing skills and played lots of relay type games to make sure we could pass correctly and catch accurately.

Later in the week we started our Geography topic on Weather and Climate. We used a dictionary to record the definitions, we looked at symbols used when showing the weather and finally investigated the weather we would see in different climate zones.



Year 5/6

The Year 6 children have completed their mock SATs this week. Over four days, they completed six test papers. Well done Year 6 – you all worked extremely hard and should be proud of your efforts!

The children wrote some excellent diary entries within their RE work this week. We focused on the text, On the road to Emmaus based on Luke 24: 13-35. The children were asked to write a diary extract as if they were Cleopas on the Road to Emmaus. They wrote some excellent pieces of writing which described what happened to Cleopas and they explained how they thought he felt and why.

Within Geography, we have been looking at the Amazon basin. This week, the children researched and recorded facts and statistics regarding the Amazon basin. We had a wonderful class discussion where we discussed their knowledge and understanding.

It was fantastic to watch as the children played rugby in the sunshine this week. Great teamwork!





Celebration Assembly

	Special Award - For believing in others	Good Work Award
Nursery	Ashton H	Lillian O
Reception	Taylor M	Elsie M
Year 1	Otto S	Ella C-Mc
Year 2	James S	Hallie-Mae H
Year 3	Iris D	Freddie O
Year 4	Connie R	Xander L
Year 5	Erin C	Poppie H
Year 6	Minnie C-W	Evie H
Headteacher's award	Demi H	Charlie M
Mathematician of the week	Joe R	
Runner of the week	Charlotte D	
Attendance Award	Year 3/ 4—93.57%	



Attendance



Attendance for the week ending 02.05.25

	No. of pupils	Attendance (%)	Rank
Reception	16	87.04%	2
Year 1/ 2	20	84.44%	4
Year 3/ 4	19	93.57%	1 
Year 5/ 6	22	85.28%	3

Dates for your diary

Monday, 5th May	May Bank Holiday
12th—15th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Thursday, 22nd May	School photograph day & 'Movie Night'
Friday, 23rd May	Own Clothes Day (for teddy donations)
Friday, 23rd May	Break up for the half term holiday (3.20pm)

Have a wonderful weekend! From Mrs Preston & the staff of St Mary's

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Dodgeball, Football,
Invasion and
Target Games, Swimming
and much more!



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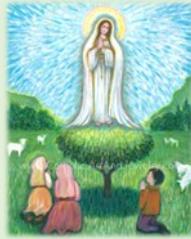
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Religious Education Summer Term Newsletter 2025

Important dates this term

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9th 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

8th June

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

FATHER'S DAY

15th June

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

15th June

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

19th 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

27th June

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

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 2025
TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY/ COME & SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Our EYFS, Y1/ 2 and Y3/ 4 classes will be studying the new Religious Education Directory curriculum that covers the themes of 'To the Ends of the Earth' and 'Dialogue & Encounter'.

The children in Year 5/ 6 will be studying the three 'Come and See' themes: Transformation, Freedom & Responsibility, and Stewardship

'TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH' & TRANSFORMATION
(22ND April – 23RD May)

Early Years 'TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH' – Jesus went back to his Father. He sent a special friend, the Holy Spirit, to look after us.

Year 1/ 2 'TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH' - The Church celebrates the Ascension and Pentecost on special days of celebration.

Year 3/ 4 'TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH' - The disciples recognised Jesus when he breaks the bread. At Mass, what we eat looks like bread, but it is Jesus who comes, the living God. The bread is the Body of Christ.

Year 5/ 6 TRANSFORMATION – Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power.

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.

FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY

(9TH June – 4TH July)

Year 5/ 6 FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Christians to be free and responsible

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven.

Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

'DIALOGUE & ENCOUNTER' & STEWARDSHIP
(9TH June – 23RD July)

Early Years 'DIALOGUE & ENCOUNTER' – Explore a range of pictures of Jesus from a non-European tradition.

Year 1/ 2 'DIALOGUE & ENCOUNTER' - Aspects of modern Jewish life in Britain, including specific vocabulary about the Jewish belief in one God and the Torah as a special text which contains stories of the Jewish people's history and is a guide for Jewish life

Year 3/ 4 'DIALOGUE & ENCOUNTER' - For Christians, the Eucharist is linked with the Jewish celebration of Passover

Year 5/ 6 STEWARDSHIP – The Church is called to be stewards of Creation

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family.

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.

School Parking

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 roadsafetyschool@lancashire.gov.uk



Better Health healthier families

Sign up at nhs.uk/betterhealth



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

PTA dates for your diary

Tuesday, 22nd April Back to school

Thursday, 22nd May Movie night

Friday, 23rd May Mufti Day for Summer Fair (donations of teddies for the tombola would be very welcome)

Monday, 26th May—Friday, 6th June Half term break

Thursday, 12th June Father's Day shop

Sunday, 15th June Father's Day

Friday, 20th June Mufti Day for Summer Fair (donations of bottles for the tombola would be very welcome)

Saturday, 21st June Junior Warrior

Saturday, 28th June Summer Fair

Wednesday, 23rd July Ice cream truck

Wednesday, 23rd July (2pm) Break up for Summer





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PTFA Newsletter September 2024

What we have raised since September!

£6,261!!!!

- Movie Nights £508
- Spooky Bingo & Pumpkin Competition £395
- Santa Dash £1,884
- Bake Off £74
- Mothers Day Shop £175
- Easter Bingo & Parade £249
- Fathers Day Shop £121
- Summer Fair £2855

Committee

Chair

Laura Loveday & Nicola Gray

Treasurer

Mark Waddie

Secretary

Heather Parsons

Vice Chair

Germa White & Helen Williams

Dates for the Diary

- 22nd Nov After School Tuck Shop
- 29th Nov Christmas Pet Toy Sale
- 4th Dec Sponsored Santa Dash – Refreshments/Xmas Jumpers for donations
- 12th Dec Xmas Jumper Day Save the Children
- 13th Jan School Bake Off
- 6th March World Bk Day – Dress Up or PJs
- 21st Mar Odd Socks Day Down Syndrome
- 27th March Mothers Day Shop
- 28th Mufti Day for Easter Bingo Prizes Eggs/Chocolate
- 2nd April Easter Bingo
- 3rd April Easter Hat Parade
- 22nd May Spring Movie Night
- 23rd May Mufti for Teddies
- 12th June Fathers Day Shop
- 20th June Mufti for Bottles
- 28th June Summer Fair

Class Rep's

Nursery/Reception

Natalie Waddie

Year 1 & Year 2

Vacancy & Helen Parker

Year 3 & Year 4

Heather Parsons & Germa White

Year 5 & Year 6

Helen Williams & Laura Morris

Can you Help Us?

We need volunteers for our

- Santa Dash from 12pm 4th Dec
- Can you bake? Donations needed for Santa Dash



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2024 - 2025 School Calendar

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School Open



INSET Day (Staff Only - no children)



School Closed/ Holidays