



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 8th September 2023

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Our Parish Links

St. Mary's Lea Town, Darkinson Lane and

St. Andrew and Blessed George Haydock, Hoyles Lane Cottam.

www.standrewscottam.org.uk



‘Loved and Inspired by Mary

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

A very WARM welcome back to school to everyone and a very sunny week indeed. It has been lovely to welcome you back along with many new faces too!! All pupils have looked smart, behaved beautifully and are already making us proud as they “*Shine and learn as a family of God*”

We welcome back Mrs. Sullivan from her Maternity leave and I know the pupils and team are very happy to have her back. We welcome our brand new Reception pupils; Isabelle, Bradley, Noah, Nevaeh, Maya, Ruairidh, Thomas, Bella, Orlaith, Martha, Daisy, Euan, Diana, Roman and Matthew.

We also welcome some new friends in other Classes; Rome, Ralph and Yahya.

Canon Adrian shares this welcome prayer with us;

*Heavenly Father,
We ask your protection as we begin a new school year.
By the gift of your Holy Spirit may we serve you with
wisdom and love.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

At St. Mary's we wish to continue to be the special school family we are which is reflected in our School Mission Statement -

'Loved and Inspired by Mary
We shine and learn as a **family** of God'

A family works in partnership and we continue to create the links between our school family and our Parishes.

We offer an 'Open Door' policy and staff are always available at the start and end of each school day. Below I include all staff email addresses so you can reach us and you can always contact the school office on 01772 729881.

All classes have the 'See Saw App' - this app is designed to share snapshots of learning so please do not send important messages via this platform as they will not always be checked daily/ frequently.

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E- Safety, Mobile Phones and Smart watches

As we start the school year once again I share some helpful links in regard to E- Safety below.

If pupils need to bring a mobile phone (for example they are travelling on the bus) they must hand the phone in to their Class Teacher and phones will be locked away until the end of the day. Phones must be switched off and may not be turned on until pupils have left the school grounds.

Pupils are not permitted to wear Smart watches.

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/?gad=1&gclid=EA1aIQobChMIxOK48M2agQMVNoBQBh25KQidEAAYASAAEgLKpfD_BwE

https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIxOK48M2agQMVNoBQBh25KQidEAAYBCAAEgIBm_D_BwE

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

Website and Curriculum Development

We constantly look to enhance and develop our curriculum to ensure our curriculum covers all statutory content but also that the curriculum is rich, engaging and bespoke to pupils at St. Mary's Primary school!

All Staff have key areas of co-ordination and we work closely as a team to plan learning across all years groups, and, due to our mixed age classes, we ensure we have a Year A and B cycle.

We are working hard to further develop subject areas and will add even more detail to our website throughout the term to share learning with you. Current focuses include History, Geography, Science and Art. We have dedicated Staff meeting, INSET training and sought professional external consultants to work alongside staff to ensure the very highest standards. We look forward to sharing our overviews with you! Information will be uploaded on the 'Curriculum' tab of our website over the coming months.

Summer Holiday Works

Refurbishments took place over the holidays with Class 2 being fully redecorated in a very natural style rather like Class 1. We also had some window replacements and our ICT fully refurbished too. The ICT Suite is no longer an ICT Suite and is a blank canvas available for sensory activities, intervention groups and much more ...So we need a new name!!

Over to you.... What can we call our new room...Post you entries into the box in our entrance foyer and the winner will be announced next week in Assembly!!

Forest Schools

Forest School Session begin next week and all pupils will have brought home their permission forms. **For safety reasons pupils WILL NOT be able to take part without their permissions and correct kit.**

The timetable will be as follows.

Monday- Class 1 weekly

Wednesday- Class 3 and 4 this will be split into terms

	Class 3	Class 4
Autumn 1	x	
Autumn 2		x
Spring 1	x	
Spring 2		x
Summer 1	x	
Summer 2		x

Friday- class 2 weekly

On the day pupils have Forest School they attend school already wearing their Forest School Uniform

Big School Adventures... Coming Soon 5.10.23

Big School Adventures re starts on Thursday 5th of October with a focus as **Nature Detectives**- lots of scientific fun and outdoor exploring open to anyone aged 3 or over!

Big School Adventures makes a HUGE difference to transition helping pupils experience 'Big School', meet the team and grow in confidence.

Sessions will take place each THURSDAY from 1.15 – 3.00 pm

To book a place call or email the school office.



Nature detectives

WEEKLY PRESCHOOL SESSIONS

Free Pre-School (ages 3+) session every Thursday afternoon 1pm - 3pm
St Mary's Primary School, Darkinson Lane, Lea Town, PR4 0RJ

Come along and experience life at 'Big School'. We play, learn and grow in a "school that has a strong culture of respect and serving others".

OFSTED 2019

Session includes:

- Outdoor learning activities
- Art and creative experiences

Contact our school office to book your place: 01772 729881

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Helping Hands

With the support of St. Mary's Parish we have created a 'Helping Hands Fund' – This means we have a stock of tinned food/ non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little 'Helping Hand' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

Dates for your Diary

19th September 2023 - Welcome Mass @ 10.30 a.m.
2nd October 2023 - School Photographer, starting @ 8.30a.m. with Family Photos
10th October 2023 - Parents Evening – *more details to follow*

Celebrations Awards

	Faith in Action Award	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Charlie Harrison	All Of Class 1	Roman Wild
Class 2	Amelia Patel	Arlo Pennington	
Class 3	Henry Doherty	Violet Jameson	Rome & Ralph Heaton
Class 4	Elliott Williams	Teddy Abram-Jebb	

At St. Mary's School we

"Live our lives as Jesus taught us,

Work hard together to achieve our best,

Respect each other and the world around us,

Have fun and enjoy learning!"



