



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter –1st March 2024

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



Dear Parents/ Carers,

An action packed week in school with amazing events, dressing up and lots of sports opportunities! We will hold a whole school Mass on Friday 15th March at 11am at St Mary's Church, families are warmly welcome to join us for this service and tea/coffee in the Rainbow room afterwards. On Monday Mrs Dewhurst will join us in the office and I am sure you will join us in making her very welcome.

This week Lenten Mass and Breakfast	Lenten Thursday Activity
29.2.24 – 8.15 Mass followed by Breakfast	Wear something to celebrate St. David's Day £1.00
Next Week	Lenten Thursday Activity
8.3.24 – 8.15 Mass followed by Breakfast	Dress Up as a World Book Character – No charge

Break the Rules Day – 27.2.24

A huge Thank you to all everyone who supported 'Break – The – Rules!' Day we raised a fantastic £260.50 p for the FOSM pot which will benefit all pupils in school. We are hoping to perhaps purchase IPADS and always look to contribute towards visits and visitors to provide experiences for all our pupils so watch this space!



"I loved when we had an extra break on the front playground...we sneaked past Mrs. Brogden and told her we were going to do science!" Thea Koutsokostas

"It was really fun as we got to break the rules for the day!" Pheobe Simpson

"I liked when I was allowed to have Prime when I broke the rules and I drank it all!" Roman Wild

"I liked all the different things you could do and the rules you could break – I loved the crazy hair!"
Joe O'Donnell

"It was really fun to have a good laugh with my friends and we got to put on fake nails all day!" Freya Stevens

Dress up to Celebrate St. David – Monies to CAFOD

Thank you to all who supported our second Lenten event and helped us raise £80.00 for CAFOD!





Cricket Taster Session – 29.2.24

On Thursday every pupil enjoyed a Cricket Taster session with Lauren from Lancashire Cricket Development Centre.



"It was fun and I really, really liked it. I liked the games" Jade Beresford

"The instructor was really nice, it was a great opportunity for everybody and everyone really seemed to enjoy it " Nabila Malek



Our first cricket lesson



First Holy Communion Preparation

Sacramental Preparation

We are really looking forward to meeting the children and starting their preparations. The first session will take place at the Church Annex on Tuesday 27th February at 3.15pm. The first three sessions will focus upon First Reconciliation (First Confession).

The remaining dates are as follows;

Tuesday 5th March at 3:15pm

Tuesday 12th March at 3:15pm – The pupils will make their First Reconciliation which will focus on First Holy Communion. **Please could we ask that parents attend this session.**

The last three sessions will focus on First Holy Communion

Tuesday 19th March at 3:15pm – 5.15 – Church Annex extended session

~~**Tuesday 26th March 3:15pm – Church Annex cancelled session**~~

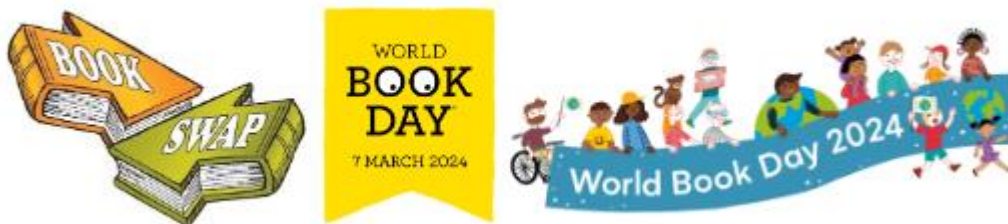
Tuesday 16th April 3:15pm – Church Annex

These sessions will start straight after school, we will collect the pupils from school and walk them over to church. At 4:20pm they are to be collected from the annex, the meeting room behind church. The children will be greeted with a drink of juice and biscuits.

Pupils will make their First Holy Communion **Sunday 21st April 9.00am Mass St Mary's** followed by Communion Breakfast in the school hall.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Jackie Fitzpatrick

World Book Week 2024 @ St Mary's



Next week we will celebrate World Book Day (Thursday 7th March 2024) and to mark this special occasion, we have a WHOLE WEEK of activities planned for the school!

Monday- Discussion time about our favourite books and authors PLUS Book Tokens will be sent home for you to take to participating book sellers to collect your FREE World Book Day book or money off another one! Here are the FREE books you can choose from when you use your Book token- <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

Tuesday- Today, each class will use a focus book to complete a piece of writing about, including creating their own bad character, instruction writing and writing an original story.

Wednesday- BOOK SWAP DAY! Please keep sending in your books for our Book Swap. During the day, each class will have the opportunity to visit the Book Swap and choose a book to take home and keep.

Thursday- WORLD BOOK DAY 2024- Dressing up day- children and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite book character, with a LIVE lesson during the morning which all classes will take part in.

Friday- COMPETITION TIME!! Today, each child will design a NEW book token for a FANTASTIC competition run by National Book Tokens and an opportunity to win £500! Runners up will also be selected by National Book Tokens.

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

W/c 4.3.24 –
5.3.24 -

World Book Week
Mental Health Visit Day- Yogi Group

Celebrations Awards

	Faith in Action Award	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Ria Swali - Kaur	Bella Melling- Smith	Euan Smith
Class 2	Eli Heslop	Amelia Patel	
Class 3	Nio Qereqeretabua	Jessica Moore	Jo O'Donnell
Class 4	James Picking	William Doherty	

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!”



