

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## Our Parish Links

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary ....

We shine and learn as a family of God'

A very windy end to another action packed week in School.

Today marks the Official Launch of the Jubilee Year called by Pope Francis. This happens once every 25 years.

In the Jubilee Year school communities are invited to join together as pilgrims of hope, pledging to work together for God's Kingdom of justice, peace and love.

All classes have celebrated the launch in classes and have reflected on their own hopes creating a 'Jar of Hope' which will be displayed throughout school.

More information can be found on the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-2025>

## **Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025**

***"We are Pilgrims of Hope: Working together to build a better world"***

*"As the Year of Hope is upon us, as Catholics we will go out of our way to be kind and generous and spread Hope" Elliott W*

*"The Year of Hope is here to make the World a fairer and better place" Nabila M*

*"The Jubilee Year of Hope is here, and I hope as Catholics that we can Pray for all people in need" Meeya P*





### **Parents' Evening – 4.2.25 - Reminder**

As per the Teachers to Parents text, we are now taking calls for Parents' Evening appointments, please call the School Office to book in.

We are trailing starting an hour earlier, as at the last Parents' Evening we found that we ran late but had gaps in the middle.

We still have exactly the same number of appointments slots and, as always, will continue to be as flexible as we can.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

### **Acadamisation- The Bishop's Vision**

As I have shared previously, the Bishop has a vision for all Catholic Schools to become a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) by the end of the Academic Year 2025-2026

At present 10 Catholic Schools are part of the 'Mater Ecclesiae' MAT and the vision is an additional 7 schools will join in the next wave. I shall keep you updated as soon as we receive any additional information, and of course ensure families are fully informed at all points. I have included the website below should you require any additional information...

<https://mater-ecclesiae-trust.co.uk/>

## G.U.L.P.- Class Three

Our Class experiments.



Over the last 3 weeks, Class 3 have taken part in the 'GULP' initiative, supported and run by Preston North End. The 'Give Up Loving Pop' campaign, has been designed to highlight the importance of staying hydrated with water and to help us better understand the effects of having too many sugary drinks on our bodies, our health and also our teeth.

Class 3 have become Sugar Detectives, identifying how much sugar is in certain drinks, how to use the Nutritional Information of the packaging of drinks and what alternatives there are to stay hydrated, rather than having a sugary drink.

The highlight of our time with Mike (PNEFC Community education Team), was the 'Egg-cellent Experiment', which was to predict and identify what would happen to an egg that was left in orange juice, water and coca cola for 3 weeks! The eggs-periment was set up in week 1 of our sessions with Mike and had been left untouched for the 3 weeks. The science behind the experiment is to see what the damage was certain drinks do to our teeth; with the shell of the egg being made of very similar materials to our own teeth. We made predictions when the experiment was set up and then found out the results on the final session- it certainly was a smelly, slimy and squishy results day- just ask anyone in Class 3 about it! We even had one member of the class set up the experiment at home (sorry to Mum and Dad for this- I hope it wasn't too smelly!), who left the eggs in their chosen liquids for 24 hours, rather than 3 weeks to see if there would be any difference to the egg shell- see the photographs below).

Over the last 3 weeks we have had an INCREDIBLE time with Mike, learning about the effects of sugar on our teeth, how to be Sugar Detectives and also, how to select alternative drinks. THANK YOU Mike!

Here's what some of Class 3 thought about the sessions:

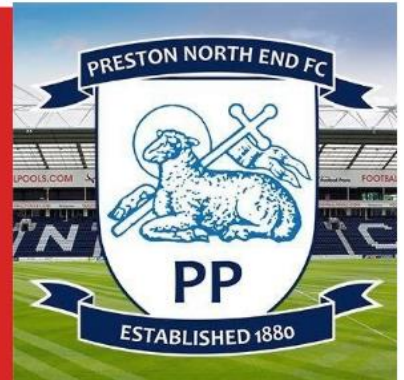
*Isabella- I thought he did a really good job, we all appreciated it and I really enjoyed the experiment.*

*Jamie- I really liked it, it was really interesting and learning about which drinks are good and bad for your teeth.*

*Maisie- I thought it was egg-cellent.*

*Merry- I thought it was very interesting.*

*Nio- I really enjoyed it and so did everyone else. I was very interested in finding out which drinks had sugar in them.*



## **Staff contacts**

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## **Dates for your diary**

27.1.24- Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights within School (School Nursing) - Letters have been issued with full details

4.2.24 – Parents Evening (Pre bookable appointments)

14.2.24- School closes for half term at 3.15 pm

## **Useful Information**

### **School times**

School Start 08.45 am

School Finish time 15.15 pm

**Forest School** – This commenced w/c 09.09.24

Monday: Class 1 Forest School

Wednesday: Class 3 OR class 4 Forest School – Autumn 1 Class 3 Autumn 2 Class 4

Friday: Class 2



## **PE Days**

**Class 1:** Wed pm and Fri pm

**Class 2:** Tue pm and Wed pm

**Class 3:** Monday pm and Thurs pm

**Class 4:** Tuesday (Swimming) \*\* and Thursday pm \*\* Swimming commenced from 10.9.24

## **Big School Adventures**

Big School Adventures takes place every Thursday from 1.15 pm until 3pm

## **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.

## **Celebration Awards**

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Holly Wilson	Curtis Beresford	Nevaeh Halton-Sayers
Class 2	Nnedi Anakebe	Sebby Allen	
Class 3	Yahya Majeed	Meredith Holmes	Henry Doherty
Class 4	Cody Smith	Harry Davies	

