



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter –27th June 2025

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

Another busy week in school and we started the week by celebrating those pupils in Class 4 who made their Confirmation our prayers and congratulations go to.....



Nicholas "John Paul", Tommy "Patrick", Jack "Paul", Deondre "Nathaniel", Jake "Mark", Elliott "Stephen", Harry "Carlo", Lilianna "Charlotte", Agatha "Francis", Eden "Stella Maris", Annie "Maria", Ella "Grace" and Edie "Beatrice"

Welcome to new staff members

We are delighted to share Miss Haworth and Miss Shaw will join our School family. They will take up their roles from September. I am sure you will join me in making them feel very welcome.

St. Mary's Got Talent – Monday 30th June – 5.00 pm onwards

We cannot wait until our Live Show on Monday and we look forward to sharing our winners with you next week!!

Due to Huge demand the show is **SOLD OUT** but all pupils will get the chance to watch the Live Show during the school day on Monday!!

The Feast of St. John – 24.6.25



On Tuesday, we celebrated the Feast of St John, with everyone wearing something green to show our support, as well as learning some key facts about him.

Did you know?

The Gospel of John starts by calling Jesus "the Word." This means Jesus is like God's perfect message or communication to the world.

- The main reason this Gospel was written is so that readers "*may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.*" (John 20:31). It wants to help people understand who Jesus is and what he did.
- **Seven "Signs"**: These are amazing miracles Jesus performed. One important sign is when Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.
- Chapter 3, verse 16, is one of the most famous verses in the entire New Testament. It says: "For God loved the world so much that He gave his only son (Jesus), so that whoever believed in Him, would not die but live forever."

Check out this video link to learn more about St John and his Gospel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-2e9mMf7E8>



Creepy Crawly Roadshow – 25.6.25

Creeping... Crawling... Fascinating... It could only mean one thing... The Creepy Crawly Roadshow was back!

Yes, to help us celebrate National Insect Week 2025, we were joined by John from The Creepy Crawly Roadshow, who brought along some more of his insect friends to meet the children and staff from St Mary's.

During each class session, the children listened to some AMAZING information and facts about these creatures, as well as having the opportunity to ask John their own questions about the Insect World. FUN FACT- did you know that nobody actually knows exactly how many species of insects there are on Earth? But it is estimated to be well over 1 million! Entomologists (those are the people who study insects), have been fascinated by the vast, wide variety of insects in just 1 species of insect for many years. Did you know there are over 50 different species of ants just in the UK?

As you can see from our photographs, some of the insect species that the children were able to hold had developed over time to either mimic their surrounds (almost camouflage like the Stick Insect) or even become colourful enough or have markings on them to scare away predators (just like the Owl Eyed Butterfly). Some of them are poisonous and send out a strong smelling odour (like a Stink Beetle) and even have spikes or spines on them to protect them in battle (like the Rhino Beetle).





Here is what the children thought about their experience:

Maisie- I thought it was

Merry- It was really fun and I loved the butterfly.

Izzy- I thought it was a really good experience, we got a lot of facts and I liked holding the snake.

Fred- I liked all of the facts.

Freddie P- I like when we could stand up and hold the insects.

Ruairidh- I liked the cockroach because it was twitching.

Phoebe- I liked it when we could ask John questions.

Thomas- Mine is when I got to hold the snake- it was a little scary.

Jude- I liked holding the snake.

Holly- I liked the snake.

FOSM news – “Boogie Bingo” – Family Night – Coming in the new school year!

Boogie Bingo
New Date for September

We've decided to reschedule Boogie Bingo until 30th September, when we return after the summer holidays. We know this time of year can be especially busy and financially demanding for families, so we hope the new date will give everyone a chance to relax and enjoy the event together in the new term.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support, we can't wait to boogie with you in September!

Friends of St Mary's

Dates for your diary

w/c 30.7.25 -Forest school- Full day – see below

30.7.25 – Class 1

1.7.25 – Class 2

2.7.25 – Class 3

4.7.25 – Class 4

3.7.25 – Whole School Transition Day

7.7.25 – Dress Rehearsal – Ye Ha! –Whole School – With Tuck Shop

9.7.25- YE-HA Class 4 Summer play- 10AM and 4PM

- Class 2 Trip to Martin Mere- letter to follow

17.7.25 – Leavers Assembly and Awards at 9.15 followed by Leavers Mass at 11.00 am

18.7.25 – Year 6 Leavers Trip – Anderton Centre 8.30 -5.15 pm

21.7.25 – Final Day for all pupils

School times

School Start 08.45 am

School Finish time 15.15 pm

Forest School

We have reflected upon our alternate weeks Forest School and taken Staff feedback, but we have felt this has made managing the Curriculum quite hard.

Therefore, as a staff, we have proposed trialing a Forest School Week, during which each Class will have a full focused day which will enable them to compete deeper learning and enable planning for us to make further links to the curriculum

Forest School Week w/c 30.6.25 –

Monday 30th June: Class 1 Forest School

Tuesday 1st July: Class 2 Forest School

Wednesday 2nd July: Class 3 Forest School

Friday 4th July: Class 4 Forest School

PE Days

Class 1: Wed pm and Fri pm

Class 2: Tue pm and Wed pm

Class 3: Tuesday (Swimming) ** and Thursday pm ** Swimming commenced from 22.04.25

Class 4: Tuesday pm and Thurs pm

Big School Adventures – Ended for this School year!!

Big School Adventures has now ended due to our Formal Reception Induction sessions and will resume in October 2025!

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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.

Celebration Awards

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Diana Stec	Xavier Qereqeretabua	Holly Wilson
Class 2	Arlo Pennington	Maya Harrison	
Class 3	Jade Beresford	Keon Bruney	Maisie Wilson
Class 4			

