

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### [School details](#)

Tel: 01772 729881

[www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk)

E-mail [head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk)

Head Teacher: Mrs. A. Brogden



### [Our Parish Links](#)

St. Mary's Lea Town, Darkinson Lane and

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

[www.standrewscottam.org.uk](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)

'Loved and Inspired by Mary ....

We shine and learn as a family of

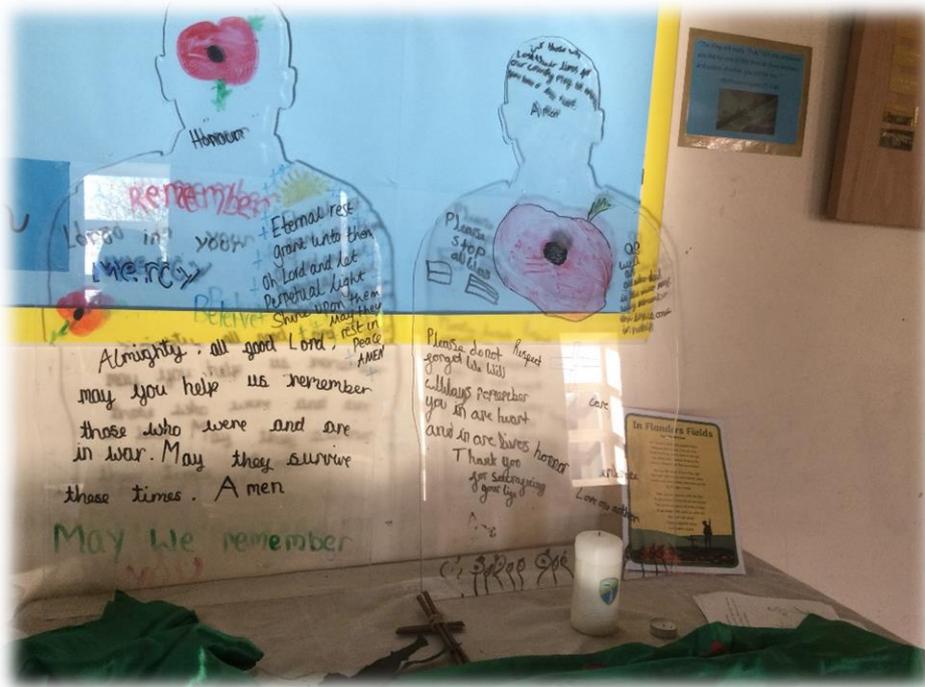
Dear Parents/ Carers,

A lovely, sunny end to our week as we gathered this morning to remember all the brave souls as we approached Remembrance Day. We also remember those we know and love who have sadly passed away and are in Heaven.

In this month of remembrance, we offer our thoughts and prayers;

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*





## **Open Day - 7.11.23**

Thank you for all who supported our Open Day- As ever our pupils were wonderful representatives of St. Mary's and helped us showcase our wonderful school.

A special thank you to our School Councillors who acted as Tour Guides. We had many lovely comments from visitors to the school about how wonderful, polite and friendly they were and we are so proud!!

*I could not be prouder of the School Council on Open Evening. They were so enthusiastic and showed just how amazing our School is. They really did us all proud. Thank you all!* Mrs. Ellis, School Council Lead

## **St. Mary's Catholic Church – Planting of the Hedge and Coffee Morning – 9.00 am 12.11.23**

This Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November following the 9.00 a.m. Mass there will be a nature quiz followed by the re schedule hedge planting.

Everyone is warmly welcome to join the Parish for Mass and planting- bring your wellies along too!!

## **10.11.23 – Year 7 Welcome Mass at Our Lady's Catholic High School**

On Friday Mr. Taylor took to ambassadors of St. Mary's to represent us at Our Lady's, share Mass and meet the Year 7 past pupils. Finney and James represented us and received a candle.

*"It was a really nice Mass and leading the Mass was Father Peter Draper- All the Head Teachers went to get an Our Lady's candle"* James Picking

*"It was really good seeing the past students helping out – Callum did a reading. Oliver gave us our candle."* Finney Griffiths

## **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Anti bullying Week Odd Socks Day**



Next week marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week across the country and as ever, St Mary's will be showing their support by taking part in various activities throughout the week.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Socks Day - Children and staff are invited to wear a pair of odd socks (no charge) to show our support for being inclusive and celebrating that we are all different and unique. \*\*Check out the pictures on Seesaw of your child/children's class as well as the newsletter next week.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Throughout the rest of the week, each class will be taking part in a variety of activities, discussions and artwork to help us understand and show our support for Anti-Bullying Week.



To help us show our support for this special week and to highlight our St Mary's policy of 'Tell, Tell, Talk', we are launching a competition to design a NEW poster to highlight this important message of 'Tell, Tell, Talk' that can be displayed around school. Each entry will earn themselves a certificate, with the winning entry being displayed around school, as well as winning a HUGE bundle of prizes. Simply design a poster (as colourful as you can) with the phrase 'Tell, Tell, Talk' on it and send it back into school (with your name and class on) by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**We also have a selection of Anti-Bullying Week wristbands that will be on sale for only £1 each!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and speak to me. Mr C



As well as Anti-Bullying week next week, we will also be celebrating 'World Nursery Rhyme Week'.

Each morning, one member from each class will visit me in Class 3 and select an envelope for their class. When they return to class, they will open the envelope and practise, sing and perform it throughout the day.

We will have a HUGE selection of the old classics such as Wind the Bobbin Up, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Humpty Dumpty, Hey Diddle Diddle, Little Miss Muffet, Hickory Dickory Dock and of course the most famous of them all... Incy Wincy Spider!

Don't forget to look out for pictures and videos on Seesaw as well as asking your child which song they have sung during the day.

### **Key Stage One Nativity – 5.12.23 10.00 am and 4.00 pm – Little Angel Gets her Wings!**

Pupils in classes one and two are busily preparing for their Nativity “*Little Angel gets her Wings*” . Your child will bring home a letter today with Ticket booking form. Tickets are £1.00 each will ALL monies

### **Christmas Save the Dates Events !!**

To help you plan and share ideas of any anticipated costs we share below details of up and coming events over the Christmas period.

Thank you for your generous donations of bottles for the Tombola at the Christmas Fayre!



**1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Santa Dash** – School Event – Monies raised go directly to school funds. This will be a sponsored event with a minimum sponsorship of £2 asked per pupil (this covers costs) ALL pupils choosing to take part will receive a Santa Hat and Medal!!!!

**FORMS HAVE NOW BEEN ISSUED PLEASE COLECT OUR SPONSORS AND RETURN TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – FOSM** - Christmas Light Switch on service followed by our AMAZING Christmas Fayre! £1 entry, Many stalls / Activities such as Santa's Grotto, Tombola, Raffle! And much, much more.

**BOOKING FORMS HAVE NOW BEEN ISSUED FOR SANTA'S GROTTTO - PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE**

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – FOSM** Breakfast with Santa – 8.00 a.m. - £5 per child – includes breakfast and a chance to meet Santa!!! Every child will receive a mini chocolate treat too!

Booking forms will be issued soon!

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk – Lowther Pavilion**

Costs expected to be £ 10 per pupil \*\* Will confirm final costings soon

A HUGE Thank you to Canon Adrian who has covered the other half of the Transport costs for the whole school !!! So, with the FOSM and Canon Adrian the ENTIRE cost of transport is covered and so families only have the ticket price!! We are so grateful!!

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Christmas Dinner Day** (£2.45 for pupils in Years 3,4,5 and 6 unless eligible for free school meals)

**Non Uniform Days –**

23.11.23 – Bring a chocolate item for the Tombola wear your own clothes

18.12.23 – Christmas Party Day – wear own Party clothes – NO CHARGE

19.12.23 – Christmas Jumper Day – NO CHARGE

**Big School Adventures**

Big School Adventures is up and running with a focus as **Nature Detectives**- lots of scientific fun and outdoor exploring open to anyone aged 3 or over!

Sessions take place each THURSDAY from 1.15 – 3.00 pm

**Places MUST be booked by calling 01772 729881**

**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

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Class 2's Lancashire Fire Service Talk

## Celebrations Awards

	Faith in Action Award	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Matthew Williams	Ria Swali- Kaur	Oliver Lawson
Class 2	Roisin Moss	Matilda Tidmarsh	
Class 3	Jaimie Bass	Nabila Malek	Jonah Maduka
Class 4	Freddie Pye	Jonah Maduka	

*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!"



