

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 24th November 2023

[School details](#)

Tel: 01772 729881

www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk

E-mail 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



‘Loved and Inspired by Mary ...

We shine and learn as a family of God’

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The Christmas feel is definitely in the air as we feel the excitement of the special events ahead! Just a week to go until our Santa Dash and our Christmas Light Switch on and Fayre!! We are all really excited.

Thank you to all who have helped through donation of gifts, prizes, wrapping presents and all who so kindly give their time to help on stalls and make these events a success.

Next week we prepare to share our first candle of the Advent Wreath and enter this special period.

Celebration Assembly – Change of Day

Please note w/c 27.11.23 Celebration Assembly will take place on Thursday 30th November at 2.45 p.m. instead of the usual Friday slot due to our Christmas Light Switch on.

Christmas Light Switch on and Christmas Fayre – 1.12.23

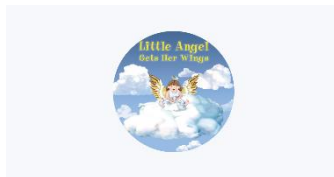
On Friday 1st December pupils will leave school at the usual time of 3.15 p.m. and be handed over to Parents/ Carers. We invite you to join us and walk over to the Christmas Tree (On the St. Mary's Church grounds). After School Club pupils will be escorted by staff. We will gather and sing a couple of traditional carols before we count down the Christmas Light Switch On. The Parish Council will have a chocolate treat to share with every child.

After this we will head over to school for our fantastic Christmas Fayre where we have a variety of great stalls, raffles, refreshments and of course Santa's Grotto in the Rainbow room!!!. Come along and.....

- Visit professional stalls
- Silent Auction- some amazing prizes
- Raffle and buy your EXCLUSIVE St. Mary's tea towels!!
- Make your own Reindeer food
- Visit the Tombola – Chocolate and Bottle
- Play Mr. C's Hook- a-Bag game
- Welly Wang Santa's Welly
- Enjoy delicious treats – Hotdogs, pizza slices, crisps, cans and luxury hot chocolate
- Lollipop game
- Cake stall
- AND OF COURSE.....Santa's Grotto!!!

This promises to be an AMAZING family event and we hope to raise lots of money for FOSM which benefits EVERY SINGLE CHILD in school! All monies will be raised for both long term dreams- such as our outdoor classroom as well as providing visits and visitors and experiences for our pupils. Without you help we couldn't manage so thank you in advance for your support!!

Key Stage One Nativity – 5.12.23 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.



It is nearly time to enjoy this special Nativity performance. All tickets for the 4.00 p.m. show are now sold out! A few tickets remain for the 10.00 a.m. performance so please visit the Office if you wish to order.

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 chocolate items for the Tombola at the Christmas Fayre !



1st 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 a Medal!!!!

FORMS HAVE NOW BEEN ISSUED PLEASE COLLECT YOUR SPONSORS AND RETURN THE FORM TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE!

1st 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 GROTTO - PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE

7th 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 HAVE NOW BEEN ISSUED FOR SANTA'S GROTTO - PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE

11th December 2023 – Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk – Lowther Pavilion

LETTERS HAVE NOW BEEN ISSUED

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!!

19th 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 –

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

19.12.23 – Christmas Jumper Day – **NO CHARGE**

Forest School

A few important dates/ changes re Forest school as we approach the Christmas Period.

1.12.23 – NO Forest School for Class 2 due to the Santa Dash and Christmas Fayre

w/c 11.12.23 – NO Forest school for class 1 (11.12.23) or Class 4 (13.12.23) as the ENTIRE school will enjoy a CHRISTMAS CAMPFIRE experience as we keep the fire going for the WHOLE DAY and everyone enjoys a delicious SMORE!!

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 27th November - Class 2's Lancashire Fire Service Talk
W/C 4th December - Last week of Extra Curricular Clubs
Friday 15th December - Forest School – 'Christmas Campfire'

Celebrations Awards

	Faith in Action Award	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Orlaith Moss	Poppy Brown	Martha Robinson
Class 2	Phoebe Simpson	Thea Koutsokostas	
Class 3	Keon Bruney	Ralph Heaton	Violet Jameson
Class 4	Ella Jackson	Dante Lewis	

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!"



