



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter –8th November 2024

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'



Another action paced week in school with bonfire night celebrations and lots of learning taking place!

Remembrance Assembly – 11.11.24

All families are welcome to come along and join us for this special service on 11.11.24 at 2.45 pm

For those new to St. Mary's, within this session, as well as remembering those brave Soldiers, Doctors, Nurses and Civilians that were affected by the War, we remember those in our own families whom we love that are now in Heaven.

Pupils are invited to bring in their precious photographs of loved ones on the day, and these will be displayed as we offer Prayers.



Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for your continued support with attendance and punctuality.

Our School day starts at 08.45 prompt and staff will always greet pupils on the yard prior to this time. Pupils should be ready to commence learning time promptly and as such we will bring pupils in to school and close our school door.

Pupils arriving late will need to be signed in by an adult.

We do need to keep records and we have signing in books for Health and Safety reasons. We record minutes late, and as a school we are legally obligated to monitor attendance and punctuality of all pupils.

We will share with families, on a termly basis, our Coloured Attendance Traffic Light letter. Look out for these just before Christmas.

We will also share Minutes Late Reports, where relevant, and will ask you to work with us to ensure punctuality.

I share some information below....

To highlight even just **being 5 minutes late per day is the equivalent of missing 3.5 days of school which has a HUGE impact.**

As a school, we have tightly focused sessions within our mornings starting from 08.45 and we stream phonics and spelling. Lateness means that your child may miss out on these crucial elements of their education.



Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

Requests for Leave are only granted in Exceptional circumstances and families taking leave/ holidays within term time will incur a fine.

Our School has an Attendance Target of 95% of above.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Class 3 – Visit to the Museum of Lancashire – 7.11.24

What an UNBELIEVABLE experience we had on Thursday at the Museum of Lancashire! Each group managed to experience 4 different areas of World War 2: Code Breaking, delivering orders to the troops, how to be a spy AND how to take photographs from the sky!

Here is what some of our class thought about the trip-

Isaac	My favourite bit was dressing up. I dressed up in blue dungarees and a hat.
Jade	I don't have a favourite bit because I liked it all.
Ralph	My favourite bit was the code breaking, the spy part and the Run Rabbit Run song.
Yahya	I liked people dressing up as spies.
Roisin	I liked code breaking using Morse Code and breaking the secret agents name.
Douglas	My favourite bit was the code breaking and secret spies.
Sandra	I liked the code breaking.
Maisie	My favourite part was when we were looking at aerial photographs and code breaking in the classroom.

It was an AMAZING morning and action packed with demonstrations, knowledge and fun!

We can't wait to go back there in December for a full day!







St. Mary's Church Christmas Raffle Tickets

Your Child has been given a Raffle Ticket booklet for the Annual St. Mary's Christmas Raffle. We are very lucky that the Parish of St. Mary's kindly gives half of all the monies raised to school. This year we hope to use the monies raised towards our Helping Hands and to buy additional reading books for School. We are so grateful of your support.

If you do not wish to purchase the raffle ticket please return the books to school.

If you wish to buy a raffle ticket please return monies and stubs in an envelope marked "Church Raffle". Additional booklets are available from the school Office. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

Staff contacts

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If you're starting to put up your Christmas decorations and have any of the following items you no longer need, we would be very grateful for any donations of:

- *Christmas trees*
- *LED Christmas lights*
- *Christmas decorations (in good condition)*
- *Fake snow*
- *Outdoor decorations*

Most of all, we need:

- *Wrapping paper*
- *Gift bags*
- *Bottle bags*

As always, thank you for your continued support. Gill, Michelle, Victoria

We have two 'own clothes' days coming up to help us collect items towards the Christmas Fayre

19.11.24 – Own Clothes Day bring a Christmas 'Gift' – a gift set, new toy, book, bottle for the Gift Tombola

26.11.24 - Own Clothes Day- Bring a Chocolate item for our Chocolate Tombola

Are you able to help? Whether is its wrapping or shopping before? Helping on the night on a stall – we need volunteers to help make the Christmas Fayre a great success. Simply email or give us a call/ catch us at school and we will make a note you are available to help.

Dates for your diary

11.11.24- 08.45 - 1 Minute Silence at drop off – Please join us

02.45 – Remembrance Assembly- All welcome

25.11.24 – Key stage one Maths Workshop for families at 8.45am and 2.45pm – All welcome

26.11.24 – Creepy Crawly Roadshow Classes 1 and 3

29.11.24- Bike-A-Bility Class 3 (Details will follow)

2.12.24- Christmas Light switch on followed by Christmas Fayre

6.12.24- Santa Dash

9.12.24 - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime

11.12.24 – Key stage one Nativity – 10.00 am and 4.00 pm

17.12.24 – Passport for Learning Day

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 is up and running and we have already welcomed lots of new friends. Mrs. Ellis has a Bouncy Bodies fitness theme and we now have Adrian from A Star Spots who leads a fun session too!

Each session runs from 1.15 - 3.00 pm. If you would like your child to attend, please either email or contact the school office to book their place

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	Nevaeh Halton-Sayers	Freya Diamond	Matilda Beardall
Class 2	Florrie Abram-Jebb	Ruairidh Houlding	
Class 3	Louisa Nelson	Sandra Stec	Harry Shaw
Class 4	Tommy Holland-Bass	Leos Koutsokostas	

