

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 14th March 2025

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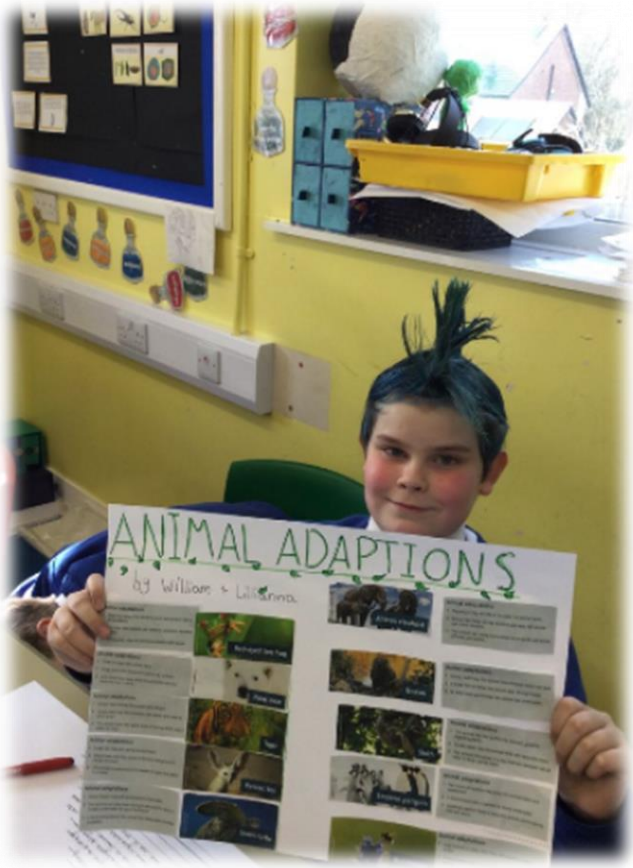
We shine and learn as a family of God'

Another action packed week in school and this week we celebrated British Science Week with a whole host of activities and live lessons taking place. There is some AMAZING learning happening in school. Class one and two have a whole host of new life with a Wormery, caterpillars and even Tadpoles!!



British Science Week

Have a look at some of the amazing things we have been up to this week....





Formal Consultation Period - Consultation to covert to Academy status and join Mater Ecclesiae Multi Academy Trust - Closes 28.5.25

As you will be aware from the texts and letter sent home we remain a Formal Consultation period in line with the Bishops Vision for all Catholic School to become part of a Multi Academy Trust by 2026. Please send any comments or queries via Head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk and these will be forwarded on. Full details and additional links can be found on the homepage of our school website.

Lent

A HUGE Thank you for all your support to date throughout of Lenten Activities and a special thank you to all who joined us at Lenten Mass. Canon Adrian this week thanked us for all our prayers for his Mother who sadly remains very unwell so we will continue to offer our love and prayers.

Canon Adrian shared that in Lent it is our time to grow closer to Jesus and open our hearts to his love.



Last week our World Book Day raised a fantastic **£85.00** for **St. Catherine's Hospice**. Our brilliant Book Sale and Raffle which Mr C kindly organised raised an additional **£245.00** for this brilliant charity.

This week has been the second week of Lent and we have had our 'Crazy Hair' day. We have had some amazing designs from Spider Webs to Birds' Nests, Rainbows to Mohawks – Thank you again for your support and generosity. We raised an impressive **£75.00** for **CAFOD**

If you have forgotten to send in your £1.00 please send this to the office and Mrs. Dewhurst can add this to our charity collection!

Next week: Thursday 20th of March -Lenten Mass at 8.15 am at St. Mary's Church followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school Hall

Lenten Activity: Dress up for St. Patrick's Day – perhaps you wish to wear green? Show your shamrocks? The colours of the Irish Flag.....Anything goes. It is £1.00 to take part and this week all monies raised go to CAFOD

After School Club – Closure of Fridays (Effective from Summer term)

The Governors, myself and Miss Harrison, as Breakfast and After School Manager, have once more reviewed attendance within Breakfast and After School Club. Unfortunately, attendance at Friday's After School Club is very low, typically only one pupil, and we cannot continue to provide this service as we have run this at a significant loss. We fully appreciate this is not ideal and apologise to the very few families that have used this service- obviously t have spoken to them personally.

As we have shared before, After School Club is a Non- profit service. Previously, to try and ensure Friday remained available, we had already reduced the staffing ratio, shortened the time of the session and reduced the cost, but we are still not getting adequate numbers to continue. It is therefore a decision we have had to take to safeguard the other days we offer.

All Bookings made for the remainder of the Spring term, so up to and Including Friday the 11th of April, will be honoured. The Friday Afterschool service will no longer be available from the start of the Summer Term.

Thank you as always for your understanding and support.

Dates for your diary

17.3.25 – E.R.A Irish Dance Academy St. Patrick’s Day workshop (Classes 3 and 4)
In school
19.3.25 – NSPCC Workshop – Class 2
25.3.25 – Consultation Period ends at 12 noon
2.4.25 – Class 3 Easter Performance “Easter Praise” at 10.00 am and 4.00 pm (Tickets on sale in the office)
8.4.25 – Passport for Learning Day
9.4.25- Pilgrim’s of Grace Statue Arrives
10.4.25- Easter Dinner whole school
11.4.25 – School Closes for Easter at 3.15
21.4.25 – Easter Monday – School Closed
22.4.25- School Re opens for pupils at 08.45 – Summer Uniform

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

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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	Freya Diamond	Lana Koutsokostas	Maya Anogeianakis
Class 2	Ivy Simpson	Thea Koutsokostas	
Class 3	Isaac Aya	Isabella Bolton-Rigby	Freddie Reid
Class 4	Jake Skeffington	Maisie Lawson	

