



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 21st March 2025

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

A wonderful week in school that began by celebrating St. Patrick's Day in style with some Irish Dancing Workshops. Key stage two had workshops led by the Egan Rogers Academy of Irish Dance whilst key stage one worked in teams with myself and Mrs. Moss! Lots of fun was had by all.

St. Patrick's Day - Irish Dancing Workshops -17.3.25

On Monday Morning Siobhan came along to teach us some ceilidh moves and some Irish Dancing. It was great fun and really tiring!!

" I really enjoyed dancing and it has inspired me to join a class and carry on Irish dancing after"
Lilianna Conway



"The dancing was really good and the song was good too. I loved it!" Matthew Williams

"I loved it because it was my favourite thing- I just loved it" Roman Wild

"I loved learning about Ireland!" Orlaith Moss

"We did some jigging"! Jude Troup





NSPCC Workshop – 19.3.25

On Tuesday we had a visit from Liz from the NSPCC who helped us unpick what to do if we ever had any worries. We talked through different scenarios and what we could do if this happened to us.

We met Buddy the mascot and in class 2 we got to give him lots of hugs!

We even learnt a cool rhyme to remember the NSPCC number should we ever need this.

"We learnt that there are many different people we can talk to if we are worried such as Teachers, School Counsellors such as Leigh, any adults in school, your parents and Grandparents and the NSPCC workers if needed" Deondre Thompson

"I liked it because we got to learn about why it is not ok for a child to be upset by someone they trust, what to do if we feel worried or scared." Tommy Holland Bass



"I loved the bit when we held the teddy, Buddy, and we talked about our safe people at school and at home" Phoebe Simpson



Formal Consultation Period - Consultation to covert to Academy status and join Mater Ecclesiae Multi Academy Trust - Closes 28.3.25

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

Thank you for your understanding this week as plans changed for Lenten Mass. We completed a Decade of the Rosary in the Hall instead and offered our prayers to Mrs. Towers, Canon Adrian's Mother who is very unwell. I know your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

This week we have celebrated St. Patrick's Day and it we had some wonderful outfits from Leprechauns to shamrocks- Thank you for all your amazing efforts! We raised an impressive **£84.00** 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 27th March -Lenten Mass at 8.15 am at St. Mary's Church followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school Hall *** If this changes we will give as much notice as possible.

Lenten Activity– Colour Stalls and this week all monies raised go to CAFOD

Colour stalls – How do they work ?

Please bring in items to sell from Monday in your child(ren)'s House Team colours. These will be stored ready for our Colour stall's sale which takes place on Friday morning. Pupils are welcome to bring spending money and all will be given the chance to visit the stalls.

Some ideas....

Matthew – Yellow- Biscuits, gold bars, quavers, lemonade. Yellow sweets/ cupcakes?!

Mark –Red – Kit kats, Strawberry laces, Hula hoops

Luke – Blue – Blue ribbons biscuits, crisps, Wham bars, blue stationery, Toys

John – Green – Walkers Salt and Vinegar, dinosaurs teddy, mint aero etc etc

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 we 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.

Punctuality – Polite reminder – School Starts promptly at 8.45

We ask for your continued support in ensuring pupils arrive punctually and ready for school to start at 8.45 am. Any pupils arriving after this time will need to be signed in by an adult.



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

Classes are completing posters on the importance of punctuality and how being even just five minutes late a day has a HUGE impact on learning!! We look forward to sharing these with you very soon.

In the morning all classes deliver focused sessions from 8.45 on phonics, 1:1 readings, Maths interventions etc. and being late means some pupils are missing these learning opportunities. We thank you for your ongoing support. Typically, we will aim to start bringing pupils into school from 8.40 so they are ready to commence learning at 8.45.

We also politely remind families that staff will not provide supervision on the yard before this point. We have had instances of pupils being left on the school yard without supervision from 8.30 and obviously this leaves the pupils vulnerable. We are able to offer Breakfast club from 7.45 should this be required.

Uniform- Thank you for your ongoing support

We thank families for ensuring all pupils are in full uniform at all times. Any exceptions to this must be discussed in advance. Trainers are not permitted except for PE lessons/ playtimes/ Extra Curricular clubs.

Forest School Uniform is to be Navy only. Items may not have any logos.

Full details of correct uniform can be found on our school website and for your convenience is included below.

If you are short of any uniform items Bang Bang Uniform suppliers will be in attendance at school again next Friday 28th March by the hall from 2.30 pm.

Uniform

Plain White Shirt with School Tie, School Jumper with School Logo, Tailored Grey Trousers, Grey ankle socks, Black Shoes

- Or –

Plain White Shirt with School Tie School Jumper/ cardigan with School Logo, Royal Blue Tartan Pinafore /Skirt ,Grey knee socks or grey tights, Black Shoes.

Forest School Kit

- **Navy School hoody-** with school logo. (plain no branding/logos).
- **Trousers-** Navy joggers/ leggings (plain no branding/logos) for the cooler months, navy school shorts may be worn in the summer.
- **Wellies-** which need to be clearly labelled and kept in school.
- **Trainers-** to arrive in school for the day (we may wear trainers in the dry warmer months) sandals and snow boots are not suitable. Warm socks and a spare pair. We ask that the children bring their wellies in a separate bag.
- **Warm layer in winter** – vests, socks, thermals it is much better to have several thinner layers than one thick layer.
- **Tops** – light layers for warmth, children to wear navy t-shirt only NO logos or other badges.
- **Good quality waterproof coat (with a hood) and trousers or all in one puddle suit–** the children will be out for up to 3 hours. So keeping warm and dry is a way to have more fun.

- **Warm hat and gloves** – in winter the children will need a pair of gloves and a spare pair in case they get wet.
- **Sunhat and Sun cream**– (separate forms to be obtained from the office) when it is sunny we have some coverage from the trees and canopy however, the greenway is very open.

Dates for your diary

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- Pilgrims 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	Matilda Beardall	Freddie Phoneix	Diana Stec
Class 2	Nnedi Anakebe	Ria Swali- Kaur	
Class 3	Keon Bruney	Yahja Majeed	Dougie Pye
Class 4	Tommy Holland- Bass	Joe O'Donnell	

