

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary ....

We shine and learn as a family of God'

We have entered the special period of Lent and it was lovely to share our first Lenten Mass and Breakfast together at Church. You are all more than welcome to attend our Special Lenten Masses which are every Thursday at 8.15AM throughout Lent. Children who attend can then have breakfast in the Hall after mass. It would be lovely to see you there.



What a fantastic week in school starting with the AMAZING Wonderdome!! All classes got to enjoy this experience and I can honestly say the comments and enthusiasm of every child as they came out of the dome was just wonderful to see!!



*Elliot W- I think it was a really cool immersive experience, I learnt that stars can vary greatly in how hot they are!*

*Max- It was amazing and really cool how everything lit up inside the dome.*

*Imaan- I thought it was really good*

*Roman- I liked seeing all the pictures on the big bubble, I know lots about space now!*

*Nevaeh- I liked all the stars!*

## **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 have begun 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](mailto: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**

This week we gathered with Deacon John to mark the start of Lent with an Ash Wednesday assembly. We learnt about the significance of the Palms, how the Ashes were created and each had the opportunity to receive Ashes.

As we received the Ashes Deacon John said ***“Repent and believe in the Gospel”*** Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect and consider anything we may wish to say sorry for and set ourselves a challenge. Perhaps we want to give something up or we may wish to do something extra.

Next week: Lenten Mass at 8.15 am at St. Mary’s Church followed by Lenten breakfast in the school Hall  
Lenten Activity: Crazy Hair Day £1.00 to take part all monies raised for CAFOD

## **Vikings Visit – 4.3.25**

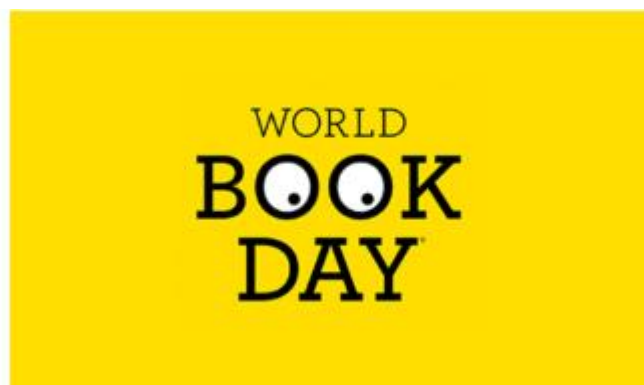
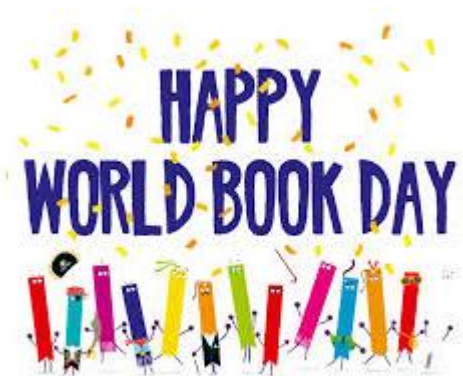
On Tuesday, Class 4 enjoyed a Viking Workshop in the Hall. They learnt about Viking long boats, analysing artefacts, how Viking leaders were chosen and even some battle techniques! The children loved the active learning experience and asked very inquisitive questions.



*I really liked when we saw the Viking artefacts and guessing what they were used for. My Viking Village was called Deondredale! Meeya*

*It was a really fun, I loved when we played games to decide who the leader of our village was! Edie*

## **World Book Week**









WOW! What an INCREDIBLE week here @ St Mary's to Celebrate World Book Week!

From LIVE lessons to meeting authors online, to designing new machines, Viking outfits and minibeasts, to writing a postcard from an island far away, as well as drawing alongside illustrators and of course, dressing up as our favourite book character; it has been an action-packed week across school!

Thank you to all the children and staff for taking part in the activities on offer from this week- Which was your favourite event? Let us know on Seesaw.

With lots of FANTASTIC ideas and events taking place this year, what next year will be like?

Thank you again for your support.

*I thought that the World Book Day live lessons were really good! Imaan*

*I thought that everyone's costumes on World Book Day were fantastic! They clearly put a lot of effort into making them! Isabella*

*I drew a fish finger as my favourite character- Matthew W*

*I dressed up as a crayon- Jude*

## **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	Holly Wilson	Molly Walmsley	Isabella Baptiste
Class 2	Eli Heslop	Phoebe Simpson	
Class 3	Maisie Wilson	Amelia Patel	Elliott Williams
Class 4	Harry Bass	Violet Jameson	