



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary ....

We shine and learn as a family of God'

We have reached our Easter Holidays and I wish you all a wonderful, restful holiday. Our Head Girl and Head Boy share this Easter prayer.....

Dear God,

The sorrow of your death will be in the past, and the happiness of your Resurrection will be celebrated each and every year.

Amen

## **Lent**

We have reached the end of our Lenten Activities and our final activity Design an Easter Cross raised a wonderful £46.50 for the SVP

A huge thank you to all our families for your generous support throughout this time. We are so grateful to have been "Pilgrims of Hope "and helped so many worthy charities throughout this period.

## **Easter Crosses - Winners**



Sister Litty thought your designs were all wonderful and she had a tough job picking her winners and runner up. Thank you again for your creativity and efforts!

Year R	Winner: Jude Troup Runner up: Sadie Lewis
Year 1	Winner: Bradley Brogden Runner up: Orlaith Moss
Year 2	Winner: Ella Grace McLaughlin Runner up: Thea Koutsokostas
Year 3	Winner: Esmee Woodruff- Brown Runner up: Roisin Moss
Year 4	Winner: Louisa Nelson Runner up: Bailey Jenkin
Year 5	Winner: Isla Pennington Runner up: Jessica Simpson
Year 6	Winner: Lilianna Conway and Annie Nelson Runner up: Nicholas Bielas-Barnes

## **Easter praise – 2.4.25 – Class Three**

We enjoyed sharing our Easter Lunch in School as a family.....Look how delicious it all was....





## **Pilgrims of Grace Statue arrives – The Year of Hope**

On Thursday, we welcomed the Pilgrims of Grace statue, which has been travelling around the North West to various schools over the past few months. We were joined by the previous keepers of the statue, St. Theresa's Preston, who lead the procession with the statue into the hall, as we sung and heard prayers from children across the school.

Each Class has had prayerful time with the Statue and completed work linked to it. Our Work will be displayed in a big book which will continue to travel with the Statue. We will pass on the Statue to Saint Maria Goretti Primary School after the Easter holiday.



## **FOSM news**

Thank you to everyone who supported to FOSM Tuck shop at the Easter Praise Dress rehearsal. We raised a fantastic £158.50. The FOSM have kindly enabled the Tuck Shop funds to go towards ICT resources and programmes.

Coming soon .....

Save the date for a Fantastic Summer Party Bingo!!! On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July the FOSM will host a Funky Bingo night and everyone is welcome. Super prizes and family fun. Look out for details in the coming months!!

## **Forest School Plea...**

Do you have any old pots and pans you could donate to Forest School? Miss Collins would be most grateful of any donations! Thank you

## **School Events Coming Soon.... Save the Date ....**

UNFORTUNATELY....**Break The Rules Day** is coming soon!!!

Pupils will have brought home a flyer to take part. Monies raised will go back into School Funds.

This is the first Thursday back so please return forms quickly to take part!!!



St. Mary's Got Talent – 26<sup>th</sup> June from 5.00 – Save the Date

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

All Bookings made for the remainder of the Spring term, so up to and Including Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, have been 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.



### 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.

## **Passport For Learning Day – 8.4.25**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025, we celebrated our second Passport for Learning Day across the school.

To celebrate how unique our school is, each class chose a series of activities to complete to enable them to tick off activities in the Passport for Learning. From Kite flying, Picnics, Marmalade Sandwich making and Postcard writing, to spending the day with Sheldon, learning all about a new animal, extending the Willow Tunnel, creating and playing boards games and talking to others as experts.

What an incredible day it was! Just check out these photographs from across school.

Look out for our third and final Passport for Learning day later on this year!

Mr C





**Appearance**  
Tortoises/Turtles have a ~~set~~ patterned shell, if you feel it it will feel a bit smooth. Tortoises have brown/green legs, has short claws and it's as a ~~it is~~ tortoise.

**Habitat**  
Tortoises have their own home on in their shells. Tortoises/Turtles do not live in Australia and Antarctica. Tortoises live in other countries also. Wet Forests and also ~~these~~ Desserts.

**Fun Fact!**  
Did you know? that turtles can live up to 100 years or more! Did you know? that turtles can walk very slow and its less 1 mph! Did you know that turtles goes to deserts to wet tropical forests!

**Diet**  
Tortoises/turtles eat some veg vegetables like lettuce, carrots, and cabbage and others and also eat dandelions and also drinks clean water.

**Turtle**  
(Sheldorn)















## **Dates for your diary**

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

**I include some ‘Save the Dates’ as you will appreciate we will update any additional dates, trips etc. nearer the time.**

24.4.25 – Break the Rules Day  
 29.4.25 - St Mark’s Feast Day- Wear Red  
 8.5.25- VE Day 80 Years- Street Party lunch and activities (details to follow)  
 w/c 12.5.25 – SATS week  
 21.5.25- Sports Day and Summer Fayre  
 11.6.25 - Reserve Sports day and Summer Fayre  
 23.6.25- Confirmation – Year 6 pupils  
 24.6.25 – St John’s Feast Day wear green  
 26.6.25 – St Mary’s Got Talent  
 3.7.25 – FOSM Summer Party Bingo  
 17.7.25 – Leavers Assembly and Awards at 9.15 followed by Leavers Mass at 11.00 am  
 18.7.25 – Year 6 Leavers Trip – Anderson Centre 8.30 -5.15 pm  
 21.7.25 – Final Day for all pupils

## **School times**

School Start 08.45 am

School Finish time 15.15 pm

## **Forest School** – After Easter w/c 22.4.25

Monday: Class 1 Forest School

Wednesday: Class 3 \*\* To enable a deeper focus with sessions we will alternate with Year3 or 4 each week. This will enable more focus on skills such as wood whittling, fire building etc. To make this easier for you as families ALL pupils in class 3 will come in Forest clothing each week regardless.

Friday: Class 2 \*\* To enable a deeper focus with sessions we will alternate with Year 1 or 2 each week. This will enable more focus on skills such as wood whittling, fire building etc. To make this easier for you as families ALL pupils in class 2 will come in Forest clothing each week regardless.

## **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

**Please note that from the Summer term, Class 3 will go Swimming instead of Class 4. Letters have already been sent home.**

## **Big School Adventures**

Big School Adventures takes place every Thursday from 1.15 pm until 3pm

## **STAFF CONTACT DETAILS**

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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	Jude Troup	Lana Koutsokostas	Nevaeh Halton- Sayers
Class 2	Ruairidh Houlding	Ava Capper	
Class 3	Esmee Woodruff- Brown	Jimmy Skeffington	Edward Stevens
Class 4	Thomas Yates	Noah Foxall – Holmes	

