



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 4th April 2025

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

This week we have all enjoyed watching class three with their WONDERFUL performance of Easter Praise. Once again we were moved as we reflected on the Easter Story. The pupils acted with passion, enthusiasm and reverence as they delivered this powerful Easter Message

Lent

This week's Lenten Activity was our School Tuck Shop – We raised a brilliant £128.00, which is for St. Catherine's Hospice. Pupils enjoyed Crisps, Drinks and tasty Cakes! A huge Thank you, as ever for your support!

Next Week: Design an Easter Cross for £1.00. Monies raised go to SVP, who we know support us greatly with the Hampers each holiday period. Prizes to be won and everyone taking part gets a chocolate treat!!! Bring entries in on **Thursday 10th April!!**

Easter praise – 2.4.25 – Class Three



"I found it really entertaining and fun to do!" Isabella Bolton -Rigby

"I really enjoyed performing and I really wanted to show class 3's talents with drama" Jamie Bass

"I found it very exciting and I liked how at the end Jesus rose from the dead" Ralph Heaton



"I thought it was really exciting and I could feel the fun of the experience happening again. I like it last year too!" Louisa Nelson

"I thought it was fun and I liked how the audience enjoyed it. I enjoyed doing the song again!" Roisin Moss

"I really liked all the songs and I can't wait for next year!" Meredith Holmes

"As a member of class 3 I really found it fun and experienced the story of Jesus was special. It made me feel excited!" Oliver Lawson

"I liked the acting!" Yahya Majeed

Pilgrims of Grace Statue arrives – The Year of Hope

Next week, our School will receive the Our Lady of Lourdes Statue as part of the Year of Hope. This special statue is visiting all the local Catholic Schools and represents how Mary appeared before Saint Bernadette at Lourdes. We will receive the statue on Wednesday from St Teresa's Catholic Primary School and celebrate a Liturgy together. The statue is a reminder that the Pope has called us to be hopeful for the future and therefore be **Beacons of Hope** to others. During the week, all classes will have a period of prayer and reflection with the Statue and also complete artwork.

Anyone who wants to come and offer a prayer whilst we have the statue can visit Lenten breakfast next Thursday after Mass.



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 3rd 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.



St. Mary's Got Talent – 26th June from 5.00

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 I 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.

Passport For Learning Day – 8.4.25

Passport for Learning Day 2 of 3

On Tuesday 8th April 2025, classes across school will take part in their second Passport for Learning Day @ St Marys!

Throughout the day, everyone will participate in tasks/activities linked to their Passport for Learning and by the end of the day, will be able to add stickers to their Passports for the activities they have completed.

ALL children and staff are invited to wear their Forest School uniform, to allow them to take part in activities both inside and outside of the classroom.

Don't forget to check out your child's Seesaw account for photographs from the day, as well as the newsletter at the end of the week to see what other classes have been up to as well.

After School Club – Movie Night – Despicable me 4! 8.4.25

Last chance to book to join ASC Movie Night on Tuesday. Booking forms are available from the office or on the Notice board on the School yard.

Movie night is £8.00 and includes drinks and snacks. For more information, please see our ASC Manager Miss Harrison



Dates for your diary

8.4.25 – Passport for Learning Day – **Pupils to wear Forest School Clothing all 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

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

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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	Curtis Beresford	Xavier Qereqeretabua	Isabelle Baptist
Class 2	Matilda Tidmarsh	Arlo Pennington	
Class 3	ALL OF CLASS 3	Nio Qereqeretabua	Cody Smith
Class 4	Jessica Moore	Joey Farley	

