



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 19th September 2025

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary
We shine and learn as a family of God'

The end of another busy week in school and a fantastic week of learning lots and having fun!

A huge thank you for your support with our First fundraiser for our Autumn Charity, The British Heart Foundation. Already we have raised an amazing **£209.00 !!!**

Thanks for everyone who supported such a worthy cause and we hope to raise even more in the weeks ahead!



Wear your PJ's Day





Laudato Si Day 15.9.25 – Caring for our Common Home



On Tuesday the 16th September, the whole school came together to learn more about '*Laudato Si*', which is Latin for '*Praised Be*'.

We began with a prayer and a reading from the book of Genesis. We also watched a short video from CAFOD about the damage being inflicted on the earth by humans and how we can help.

With the help of Mrs Fitzpatrick and the school Eco-Councillors, Leos, Maisie and Violet, we began creating a prayer blanket for use in school.

All the children were able to draw their ideas about how we can help look after our world and our environment - our **common home**.



Mini Skills Event – Class 3 Team

On Monday a Team from Class 3 represented us at Whitechapel Primary School, taking part in a Mini Skills Tournament. Mrs Nayler was really impressed with their efforts and they came a fantastic 3rd place winning our first trophy of the new school year!!!

“I am proud that we worked together – We were a good team. We tried our hardest!” Peter Shutt



Forest School Week next week w/c 22.9.25

Next week, all classes will complete a Forest Session and enjoy a full day learning outdoors, building upon curriculum links and having LOTS of fun!



Full details of the benefits of Forest school and ethos and key principles can be found on our website. Your child will come home with a consent/ medical slip which we ask you to return on Monday to enable them to take part safely.

- 22.9.25 – Class 1
- 23.9.25 – Class 2
- 24.9.25 – Class 3
- 25.9.25 – Class 4

**** Pupils will need to come in FULL forest school uniform on their day ****

Pizza Making fun!!

We are really excited that next week EVERY single child in school will get to make their own delicious Pizza!

A huge thank you to Sainsbury's who have donated Pizza boxes and Passat and to our very own Mrs Royles who has kindly donated enough cheese for a 100+ pizza's !

What a fun experience for the pupils...we look forward to sharing pictures next week!

(Please note appropriate adaptations will be made for anyone with allergies/intolerances).



Book Fair 2025 – Arriving 1.10.25

It's on the way!!!

This year's Book Fair is on the way and with your help, it set to be the best one yet!

Last year was an AMAZING year at our Book Fair, but this year, I hope it will be even BETTER!!!

We have trollies jam-packed with books for all ages and budgets, with 20% of the books at the Book Fair being under £5!

We all know how important reading is at school and in life, so why not visit this years Book Fair!

The Book Fair will be arriving on Wednesday 1st October and will remain with us until Wednesday 8th October. When the books arrive, each class will have the opportunity to visit the Fair during the day to see what AMAZING titles have been selected for us this year. Then, every night after school in the Rainbow Room (3.15 - 3.45), the Book Fair will be open for you to come and buy your chosen titles. Payments can be made by cash or by card at the Book Fair.



Look out for the Book Fair flyer coming soon, that showcases the titles available on the shelves- remember, the more money we can raise at the Fair, the more money school gets back from Scholastic, enabling us to buy even more books and resources for school!

Coming Soon – World Science Week- Wonder Dome! 8.10.25



Have you ever wondered what it would be like in space? Ever wonder how many stars there are out there in the vast, deepness of space? What would it be like to actually live out in space? Then wonder no more!

To celebrate World Space Week, St Mary's will be welcoming back the Wonder Dome as part of our learning during the week!

Pupils from each class will space time inside the 'capsule' and will be transported into the world of outer space, learning all about how astronauts live in space, as well as much, much more! Led by one of the AMAZING team members from Wonder Dome, this is sure to be an experience not to be missed! Students will be transported to infinity and beyond across lightyears of space, weaving through the maze of stars and planets and land safely back on Earth after an extraordinary experience inside the Wonder Dome.

Lift off to this FANTASTIC experience will happen in... T-Minus... World Space Week 2025!

"That's one small step in learning... And one GIANT leap into space for St Mary's"



Extra Curricular Clubs

We have a few spaces left within our clubs. For more information just ask in the office.

Parent Governor Election

Reminder voting for the Parent Governor election is now open and a Voting Box is in our entrance foyer.

The ballot closes on Monday 29th September at 12 noon.

Whole Year of Catholicity Events



Whole years list of Catholicity events- 2025-2026

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Celebration	Date
Welcome Mass	9.10.25 at 11.00 AM St Mary's Church.
Feast day of St Matthew	26.9.25 All children to wear yellow for Matthew house team. Children will hear from the Gospel of Matthew and learn about him.
Praying the Rosary- A million children to say the Rosary at the same time	7.10.25 – 9:30 AM
Feast day of St Luke	17.10.25 All children to wear blue for Luke house team. Children will hear from the Gospel of Luke and learn about him.
Harvest/ SVP/Helping hands assembly	10.10.25 at 2.45PM.
Catholicity/ Remembrance week.	6.11.25 - 10.11.25
Remembrance service	10.11.25
Christmas tree light switch on and Fayre	1.12.25
KS1 Nativity	9.12.25
Ash Wednesday	Falls during half term. 18.2.26
Lenten Breakfasts- Mass at 8.15AM	19.2.26 (1) Crazy hair day 26.2.26 (2) Reverse Day (children to dress as teachers and teachers to dress as children). 5.3.26 (3) World book day 12.3.26 (4) Colour stalls 19.3.26 (5) Tuck shop stall 26.3.26 (6) Design an Easter Cross
Year 3 & 4 Easter Production	18.3.26
Stations of the Cross in the Hall.	1.4.26
Feast day of St Mark	24.4.26 All children wear red for Mark house team. Children will hear from the Gospel of Mark and learn about him.
Marian week	WB 18.5.26
Crown Mary	21.5.26
KS2 Pilgrimage to Ladyewell	18.5.26 Within this week KS1 to have an experience too (Possibly Metanoia)
World Faith Week	WB 22.6.26
Feast day of St John	24.6.26 All children wear green for John house team. Children will hear from the Gospel of John and learn about him.
Leavers awards and Mass	16.7.25 Mass at 11.00AM

Open Day – Save the Date - 21.10.25

If you have a younger child or have a family or a friend/ family member with a child looking to start School in September 2026, you are warmly welcome to come along to our Open Day which is scheduled to take place from 2.30 -6.00 pm on Tuesday 21st October. Additional details will follow in the coming weeks.

Should you be applying on faith grounds, our Supplementary Information form can be found on our website and/or is available from our Office.



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WE SHINE AND LEARN AS A FAMILY OF GOD.**

OPEN DAY

**Tuesday 21st October 2025
2:30pm - 6:00pm**

Choosing the right school for your child is a huge decision. Your child deserves an environment in which they can grow, flourish and be happy and we believe our beautiful school offers just that.



For any further information please
call 01772 729881 or email
bursar@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk

**Darkinson Lane, Lea Town,
Preston PR4 0RJ**

See Saw

See Saw QR codes have been issued and everyone is invited to join the Class See Saw pages.

See Saw is used to share snapshots of learning and we invite you to share pictures of proud moments /activities at home.



We ask that families do not add important information such as changes to pick up/ collections and or absences on this forum. All urgent or important messages should be via phone call to the school office on 01772 729881.

When staff are teaching, they will not always be able to check/ access See Saw and as such important messages could be missed.

Thank you for your understanding.

Big School Adventures- coming soon

Big School Adventures resumes on Thursday 2nd of October from 1.15 – 3.00 pm.
For more information or to book on please ask in the School Office or as a member of the Class 1 team.

FOSM news – “Boogie Bingo” – Family Night – Date to be organised at our Planning meeting

🎉 **Boogie Bingo at St Mary’s – We will share a final date AFTER our planning meeting**

Expect high-energy bingo rounds with a twist, silly games, spot prizes, dancing, and laughter for all ages!

🎫 **Prices:**

- Family ticket: £10
 - Individual entry (includes first bingo book): £2.50
 - Extra bingo books: £1 each
 - Brat dog & drink combo: £2.50
- ⚡️ *Pre-booking is essential no tickets available on the door!*

Look out for booking info coming in the new school year.

Dates for your diary

24.9.25 – Flu Vaccination within school (Consent to have given prior)
1.10.25 – Parents Evening- Signing up sheets will be available soon
2.10.25 – Big School Adventures resumes
8.10.25 – Wonder Dome in school for all classes
21.10.25 – Open Day from 2.30 -6.00 pm
24.10.25 – School closes for Half Term at 3.15 pm

School Times

School Start 08.45 am
School Finish time 15.15 pm

PE Days

Class 1: Tue pm and Wed pm

Class 2: Tue pm and Wed pm

Class 3: Monday pm and Thursday pm

Class 4: Swimming Tuesday pm (commencing 9/9/25) and Thurs pm

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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	Ivory Phoenix	Elliot Smith	Dora Allen
Class 2	Maya Anogeianakis	Nevaeh Halton - Sayers	
Class 3	Klara Niezgoda	Pippa Doherty	Sandra Stec
Class 4	Jessica Moore	Jamie Bass	