



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Another fun week in school enjoying the winter sunshine as we enjoyed Forest School sessions. It was quite the week as we also enjoyed Pizza making, National Fitness Day and Celebrated the Feast of St. Matthew.

Making Pizza's

What fun we all had designing and creating our own pizzas!

"I thought it was really fun to make pizzas and every school should try and do this!" Isabella Bolton Rigby

"I think it was fun that the kids made their own decisions about the pizza and they could have any topping they wanted from plain to pepperoni and that everyone got a chance to make one!" Chloe Brogden





National Fitness Day 25.9.25

This week, it was that time of year when National Fitness Day arrives and to celebrate the 15th year since it started, we had to take part as a school.

From triceps dips, star jump and skipping, to relay races, balancing and the plank, we had it all in our Super Circuit Session to celebrate this year! As you can see from our photographs, everyone had an AMAZING (if rather tiring) time!

National Fitness Day (NFD) is a chance to highlight the role that physical activity plays in helping us lead a healthier lifestyle. Held across the UK annually, NFD aims to encourage the nation to get moving and bring people together! Well done and thank you to everyone who took part this week! #fitnessforlife





Forest School week w/c 22.9.25

What a wonderful first Forest School of the year. We had Class 1 finding natural materials to make a timeline, Class 2 Making habitats, Class 3 and 4 Orienteering, what a fantastic team effort!



Welcome Mass at Our Lady's

Today we visited Our Lady's High School to attend the Welcome Mass for the Year 7's. It was lovely to see our past pupils once more and celebrate Mass with them.

Our Head Girl Nabila, Head Boy Henry and Ambassador Joe, came along and we received a lovely candle to ' *Light and share our Faith*'



"I think it was nice and relaxed. I also thought it was good that we got to see our Year 7 friends who were with us last year" Henry Doherty

"I really like it because it helps my decision with which High school I would like to move to" Joe O'Donnell

"It was lovely to see so many children gathered together to celebrate the start of a new school year together" Nabila Malek

St. Matthew's Feast Day

In Class 3, we learnt about St Matthew and we had to learn some key facts about him:

Phoebe "His real name was originally Levi"

Sebby "He was a tax collector"

Imaan "He used to charge more money than he should have done"

Esmee "He followed Jesus when he was told to follow him"

Ivy "Jesus went to Levi's house and ate food with him and his wife".

Oliver "He followed Jesus and his disciples (Apostles)".

Jade "He is one of the Gospel writers".







Book Fair 2025 – Arriving 1.10.25

It will be with us NEXT WEEK!!!!

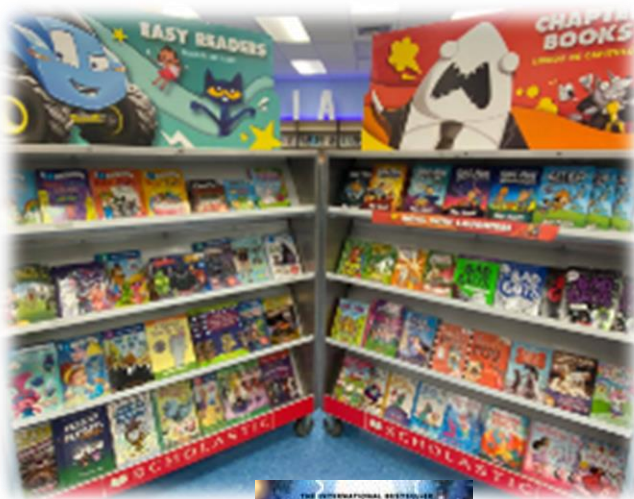
This year's Book Fair is on the way and with your help, it set to be the best one yet and will arrive on Wednesday!

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

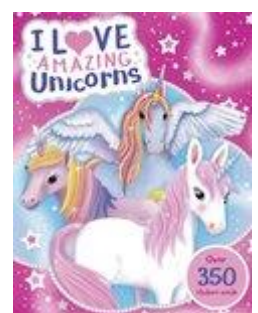
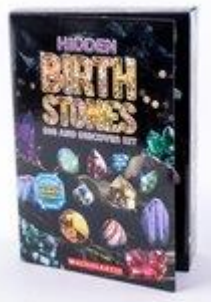
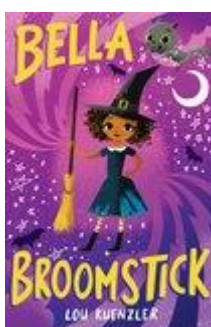
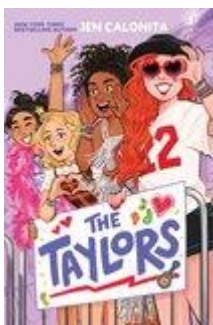
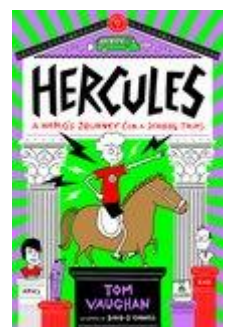
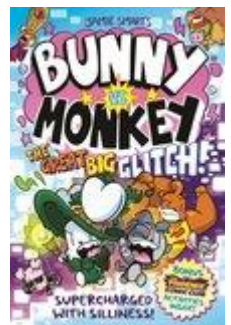
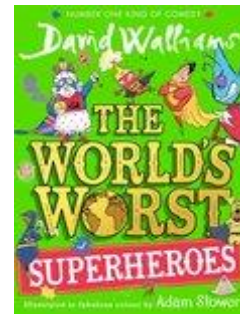
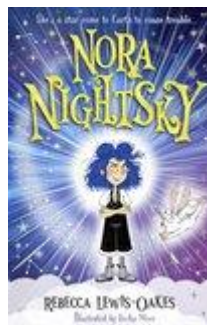
We have trollies jam-packed with books for all ages and budgets, with 20% of the books at the Book Fair being under £5!

We all know how important reading is at school and in life, so why not visit this year's 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 next to the School Hall (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 show-cases 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"



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.

Staffing

It has been lovely to welcome Mr. Taylor back to Class 4 after his Paternity leave.

After a recruitment process, we are delighted to share that Miss Calvert will uptake our Office role and is available on Bursar@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk. Miss Calvert is excited to undertake this new role and to work alongside the M.A.T navigating and implementing new systems.

We also welcome Mrs. Gibson who joins us, as she undertakes her Teaching Assistant training. I am sure you will enjoy me in making her very welcome. I know she will bring her skills and enthusiasm to her new role.

Housekeeping

Just a few reminders.

Could we ask that all messaged through the office are via the phone on 729881. We are having many messages via See Saw/ emails. When staff are in meetings/ Training these will not always be picked up.

For Key stage one we ask that all pupils use Book bags. This is so they can be easily stored. We have quite a few pupils who are bringing in large backpacks and we do not have the space in our key stage one cloakrooms so we would be most grateful for your support.

I would also remind families that hair accessories must be in school colours only. Thank you

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 of 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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PRIMARY SCHOOL
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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
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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.

Dates for your diary

1.10.25 – Book Fair Arrives
1.10.25 – Parents Eve
2.10.25 – Big School Adventures resumes
8.10.25 – Wonder Dome in school for all classes
10.10.25 – Harvest Celebration – All to bring a tin
17.10.25 – St. Lukes' Feast Day – Wear Blue
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	Nova Hellawell	Joey Picking	Jude Troup
Class 2	Molly Walmsley	Thomas McMillan	
Class 3	Roisin Moss	Jade Beresford	Nio Qereqeretaua
Class 4	Jessica Simpson	Bailey Jenkin	

