

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 10th October 2025

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

A wonderful week in school with lots to celebrate- sharing the Rosary, Whole School Welcome Mass and Harvest. Thank you for your generosity. These goods will help families in need both via our Helping Hands charity and through our Local food Bank 'Share - It!'

In Mass we celebrated the feast of John Henry Newman. He was a Priest, then a Cardinal and was a writer of many books and poems. Many of you may know Cardinal Newman College which is named after him.

Canon Adrian said Cardinal Newman felt everyone had a special job and that we should reflect upon why we are so special. God created us all with a purpose. Every one of us is different. Everyone is unique and all of us have special talents and a special purpose in life that is only for us.



God has chosen
you and has set
you aside for a
special purpose.

John 15:16



At Mass we shared a prayer following the awful events at the Synagogue in Manchester



Dear Lord,

We pray for those less fortunate than us especially those affected by the recent tragic event in Manchester. May God's guidance help us bring about Peace in his Kingdom.

Amen

Nabila Malek

"Help us to treat others as we would like to be treated. May we remember not to show hate to others. Let us remember they are our Global Neighbours" Fred Reid

"I enjoyed listening to the readings" Daisy Simpson

3.10.25 – AFC Tournament

Last Friday a group for Class 4 represented us in a Tournament at AFC Fylde. It was an incredibly wet day and they braved the elements and powered through to represent us.

All pupils received a medal for taking part.

"Even though the weather was bad, it was great to play against other teams!" Jessica Moore

"It was a fun and exciting experience" Dougie Pye

"It was really wet but it was nice to work as a team!" Joe O'Donnell



7.10.25 - Praying the Rosary- October the month of the Rosary

We started our week with a whole school Decade of the Rosary. In this special month of October.

"I enjoyed the quiet time." Henry Doherty

"I loved the Human Rosary" Jessica Moore





Black History Month



October is Black History Month. This year's theme is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride.'

This year, the theme highlights the profound contributions made by Black people, be they leaders, activists, or pioneers who have shaped history, while also looking towards a future of continued empowerment, unity, and growth. In school we will be learning about this in all classes on Monday 13th October and responding with writing and art work. We will display some of our work in our Reception area for you to enjoy and look out on next week's newsletter for the pictures!

School Council Hustings

A HUGE thank you to everyone who put themselves forward to be a school councillor. Thank you for taking the time to create posters and speeches and for your efforts in wanting to support our school to grow!

Congratulations to you all. Our New Councillors are:

Reception	Evie Bolton- Rigby
Year 1	Sadie Lewis and Molly Walmsley
Year 2	Thomas McMillan and Matthew Williams
Year 3	Sebby Allen
Year 4	Maisie Wilson
Year 5	William Barton
Year 6	Maisie Lawson and Joe O'Donnell



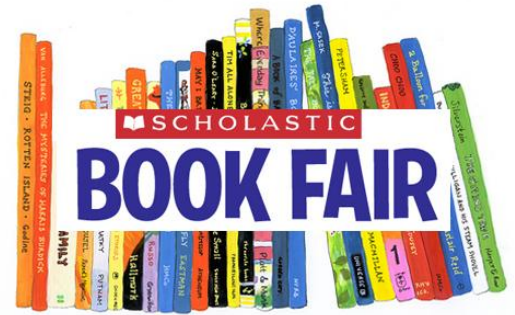
Book Fair!

I just wanted to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who managed to get to the Book Fair, especially during the stormy weather, to buy a book or two, some stationary or even a pointer!

As a school we have managed to raise almost £800 this year which is a PHENOMENAL amount!

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE!!

This means that we will receive just over £300 back into school, to purchase even more books for our library, classes and to help us learn even more!



THANK YOU!

Mr C
English Co-Ordinator

World Science Week- Wonder Dome! 8.10.25

St Mary's... The Wonderdome has landed!

To celebrate World Space Week across school, we were visited by the Wonderdome on Wednesday, to further our knowledge about space, learn what it is like to survive in space and have the opportunity to ask question to a space expert.

Each class had the opportunity to enter the Wonderdome throughout the morning, experiencing an unbelievable trip across the cosmic universe, exploring stars, planets, asteroids and much more. We were guided by our space expert for the morning, Ben, who showed each class a wide range of videos, photographs and also sharing his knowledge expertise with us.

Here are some of the thoughts from pupils across school about the Wonderdome:

James - "It was very moony"

Nabila - "That was AMAZING!"

Elmer - "I liked going in the dome, it was very big inside"

Yahya - "It was quite fun and I liked all of the things we heard about"

Nevaeh - "I liked singing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star at the end"

Isabelle and Bella - "We liked watching the planets videos"

Xavier - "I liked the videos on the screen"

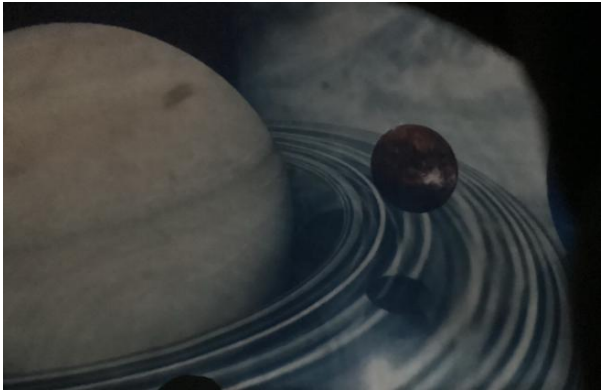
Molly - "I liked the planets especially Saturn, it had the rings around it"

Maxwell - "I thought it was really good, especially the videos about thw International Space Station"

Jess S and Meeya - "We liked seeing the planets"

Henry - "I liked all of it!"





Housekeeping

Just a few reminder. 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- <i>A million children to say the Rosary at the same time</i>	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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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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Preston PR4 0RJ**

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures runs every Thursday 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.

St Mary's Church – Laudato Si

Caring for our precious Earth, there will be Bulb Planting at St Mary's Church on Sunday 12th October after 9am Mass. Coffee morning that day, everyone welcome, bug and foliage hunt for the children. Have your suitable clothing, wellies and trowel ready!

Dates for your diary

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	Evie Bolton-Rigby	Elma Dickinson	Holly Wilson
Class 2	Ava Capper	Euan Smith	
Class 3	Imaan Khan	Peter Shutt	Jimmy Skeffington
Class 4	Louisa Nelson	Harry Shaw	

