

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

We have reached the end of our first half term and what an action packed half term it has been! It has been wonderful to watch everyone settle into school and 'Learn and shine as a family of God'. We hope after a long half term you get to spend some time together as a family.

Nabila shares this half term prayer;

"Dear God,

Whilst we get ready to spend special time with our families, we pray for those who are less fortunate than us and those who may be alone. May God grant them his peace and love in this Jubilee year. Amen"

Parking

A HUGE Thank you for your ongoing support with our parking challenges. Obviously, we were lucky to have always had a historical agreement to use the Smiths Arm's car park, but at present, this is not possible and we have no way of knowing what the future will bring as of yet.

I wish to extend thanks to all our families, who have kindly parked by Westinghouse, reducing traffic and parking on Darkinson Lane and ultimately keeping everyone safe.

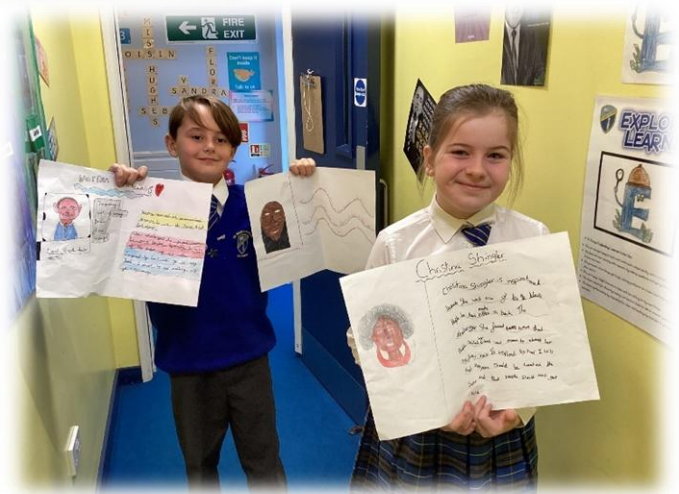
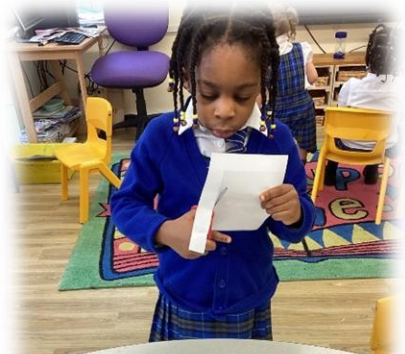
I wish to thank the staff team for going above and beyond; from standing out in the rain, re-directing traffic and keeping everything running smoothly.

I ask for your continued support and consideration whilst we navigate these challenges and prepare for longer term solutions. We are working with the Local Authority, F2 Chemicals, Westinghouse and our Multi Academy Trust to resolve and forward plan.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month

All classes have spent time considering Black History Month and focused on inspirational people from History who made a real difference to those around them and or their chosen fields. Have a look at some of the fantastic learning below:



The Feast Day of St. Luke

To continue our celebrations of our 4 Gospels, we celebrated the Feast Day of St Luke, wearing blue in honour of our Luke House Team, as well as learning some more key facts about the Gospel of Luke in our classes. Did you know, the Parable of The Good Samaritan is only found in the Gospel of Luke?



Booming Bingo – POSTPONED

Whilst we navigate parking challenges, we have postponed the Booming Bingo and will look to hold this in the new year!!

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- 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.
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 – Did you Save the Date? - 21.10.25

What a FANTASTIC Open Day we had! It was really well attended and the School Council did us proud. They were wonderful tour guides! We had so many lovely comments about of fantastic school and I would like to thank everyone that worked to make this such a great success!

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.

Dates for your diary

3.11.25 – School Re Opens
5.11.25 – Blackpool Zoo Trip Key Stage One
6.11.25 – Bonfire Themed Lunch – Pre order only
10.11.25 – AGM FOSM at 10.00 am
 - Reception Dental Survey
21.11.25 – Jubilee Celebration day – Details to follow
w/c 24.11.25 – Forest School Week for ALL classes
24.11.25 – Class 1
25.11.25 – Class 2
26.11.25 – Class 3
27.11.25 – Class 4
1.12.25 – Christmas Light Switch on sand Christmas Fayre from 3.30 pm
5.12.25 – Santa Dash in school
8.12.25 – Whole School Visit to the Pantomime- am
9.12.25 – Key Stage one Nativity at 10.00 am and 4.00 pm
12.12.25 – Class 3 History Workshop
 - Church Carol concert from 6.30 pm
17.12.25- School closes for Christmas 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	Leo Shutt	Freya Diamond
Class 2	Holly Wilson	Diana Stec	
Class 3	Florence Abram- Jebb	Esmee Woodruff - Brown	Meeya Patel
Class 4	Nio Qereqeretabua	Leos Koutsokostas	

