



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

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### Our Parish Links

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We have entered the month of October and the days are flying by! There is certainly an Autumnal feel in the air! Next week we will pray the Rosary as a school family and celebrate our welcome Mass on Thursday- everyone is welcome to attend. On Thursday we will collect Harvest donations so we can make hampers:

**Class 1:** Pasta/Rice

**Class 2:** Tinned goods

**Class 3:** 'Treat' items biscuits, crisps, sweets

**Class 4:** Toiletries

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

October is the month of the Holy Rosary in which each class can offer a decade of the Rosary to Mary. Pupils are invited to bring their own Rosary beads if they wish to. We do have plenty of class sets too.

### **9.10.25 – Welcome Mass – 11.00 am**

As shared on the Whole Year of Catholicity events, we will celebrate our first School Mass of the Year this Thursday at 11.00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us to celebrate as a school family new beginnings.

### **School Council Hustings – Next week**



Would you like to be a School Councillor? Would you like to represent your class and make sure pupils have their voices heard? Do you have fantastic ideas to share?

Time to get busy designing your posters, rosettes and writing your speeches!

Next week is the School Council Hustings. All classes will have time to hear speeches and vote for Class Councillors and we will vote on Thursday. Results will be announced in Celebration Assembly.

## **Book Fair**

Our FANTASTIC Book Fair arrived on Wednesday, bursting at the seams with BRAND NEW titles and classic stories for all ages.



On the day that it arrived, each class had the opportunity to visit the Book Fair to get a VIP chance to see the new titles available this year. THANK YOU to everyone who has managed to buy a book or two so far this week, it will make a HUGE difference back in school! The Book Fair is available until Tuesday (7th) night (3.15-3.45pm).

**\*\*If you have seen a book you would like when you looked at the Book Fair with your class, but you cannot find it or it has already sold out, please let me know as soon as possible, so I can order it for you and it will arrive when the Book Fair is collected on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. You can either pay cash, or we have a card reader available to make your purchases.**

Thank you for your support!

"Reading is dreaming with your eyes open!"

Mr C  
English Co-Ordinator





## **Next week -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**

Congratulations to Mrs. Sarah Bolton Rigby who we welcome onto our Board of Governors.

## **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.

**\*As we are approaching our colder months, sandwiches will no longer be on our Lunch Menu as of next week – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025.\***

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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- 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.

## **St Mary's Church – Laudato Si**

Caring for our precious Earth, there will be Bulb Planting at St Mary's Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

8.10.25 – Wonder Dome in school for all classes  
10.10.25 – Harvest Celebration – All to bring an item in- see above  
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 (commenced on 9/9/25) and Thurs pm



## Staff Contact details

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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	Miriam Okafor	Arthur Doherty	Elma Dickinson
Class 2	Ruairidh Houlding	Orlaith Moss	
Class 3	Matilda Tidmarsh	Edward Stevens	Klara Niezgoda
Class 4	Nabila Malek	Keon Bruney	

