

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

Another busy week here at St Mary's- this week we braved the frosty conditions and rain to enjoy Forest School, sharing outdoor adventures, making memories and hot chocolate around the fire. The excitement is building as we prepare for our many Christmas events. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your generous ongoing support.

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is the special time of Year in which we reflect and prepare for the birth of Jesus. Each week in assembly, we will light our Advent Candles on a Friday, so we can light them as a school family. We will talk about the symbolism within the Advent wreath and reflect upon what each candle means.



The First Candle is a **Purple Candle** and the theme is **Hope**. Hope that Jesus will come to the world and will be born within our hearts.

Alongside our Advent Wreath, will be our Prayer Tree. From Monday, we invite you to buy a candle tag (suggested donation £1) and record the name of a loved one for whom you would ask for prayers. It may be someone you know who is unwell or someone in Heaven. As we light the Advent candles, we will remember these special people. As our chosen Charity this term is The British Heart Foundation, all the monies raised will be donated to this charity.



"I think this is a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on those special people in our lives"
Nabila Malek



Laudatory Si – Prayer blanket

Following on from our special day, our Whole School prayer blanket has been made and we will have this in school to share. A huge thank you to Mrs. Pye for sewing this for us.



Forest School Week





Consultation Admissions Policy 27/28

As we have joined a Multi Academy Trust – Mater Ecclesiae we are required to consult on our Admission policy. Full details can be found on our school website.

Parking – Important plea for support!

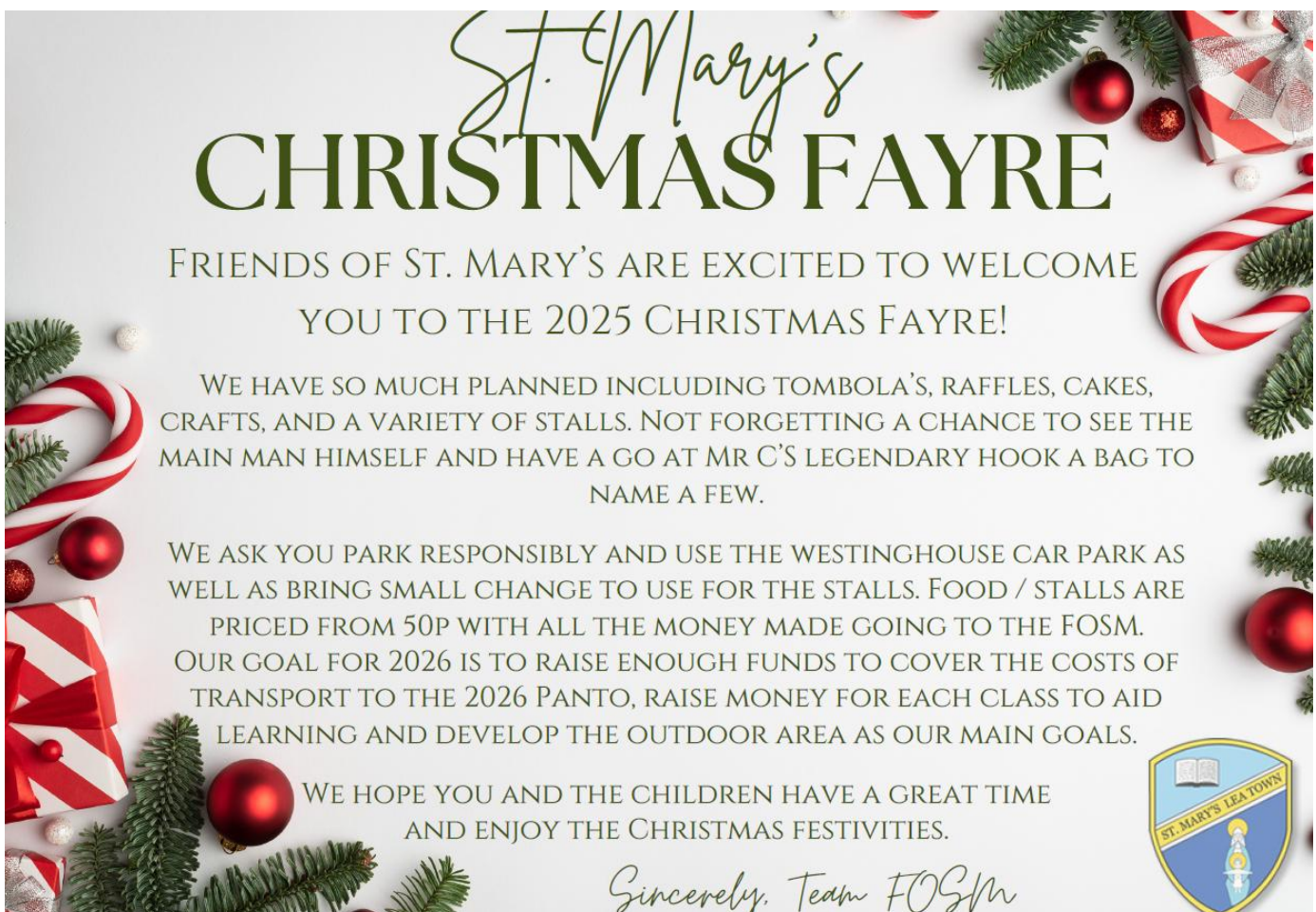
We continue to ask families to park at Westinghouse and walk down to school for the safety of all.

FOSM – Christmas Fayre- Monday 1.12.25 from 3.15 – 5.30 pm

A HUGE thank you to everyone for all their efforts to ensure we are all ready for our Christmas Fayre which promises to be a wonderful family event!!

There is sooooo much to do and enjoy- games, crafts and delicious treats, so make sure you have lots of change!! We will also have a Silent Auction with two exceptional prizes!!! A family ticket to Gulliver's worth over £60 and Flower Bowl Crazy golf for 2!!

The raffle also has some brilliant items – from Family Ten Pin Bowling, a handmade Christmas Wreath, gifts set, fizz and much, much more!

A festive poster for St. Mary's Christmas Fayre. The background is white with green pine branches, red and white striped candy canes, and red Christmas ornaments. The text is centered and reads: 'St. Mary's CHRISTMAS FAYRE' in a mix of script and serif fonts. Below this, it says 'FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 2025 CHRISTMAS FAYRE!'. The next paragraph lists activities: 'WE HAVE SO MUCH PLANNED INCLUDING TOMBOLA'S, RAFFLES, CAKES, CRAFTS, AND A VARIETY OF STALLS. NOT FORGETTING A CHANGE TO SEE THE MAIN MAN HIMSELF AND HAVE A GO AT MR C'S LEGENDARY HOOK A BAG TO NAME A FEW.' The following paragraph provides parking and stall information: 'WE ASK YOU PARK RESPONSIBLY AND USE THE WESTINGHOUSE CAR PARK AS WELL AS BRING SMALL CHANGE TO USE FOR THE STALLS. FOOD / STALLS ARE PRICED FROM 50P WITH ALL THE MONEY MADE GOING TO THE FOSM. OUR GOAL FOR 2026 IS TO RAISE ENOUGH FUNDS TO COVER THE COSTS OF TRANSPORT TO THE 2026 PANTO, RAISE MONEY FOR EACH CLASS TO AID LEARNING AND DEVELOP THE OUTDOOR AREA AS OUR MAIN GOALS.' The final paragraph is a closing message: 'WE HOPE YOU AND THE CHILDREN HAVE A GREAT TIME AND ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.' The poster is signed 'Sincerely, Team FOSM' and features the St. Mary's Lea Towns crest in the bottom right corner.

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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	10.11.25 - 15.11.25
Remembrance Service	11.11.25 – 9.00am
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

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.

Christmas Events

We have lots of exciting events at this time of year so here are some key save the dates!!



5.12.25 – Santa Dash

8.12.25 – Whole School Visit to the Pantomime

9.12.25 – Nativity at 10.00 am and 4.00 pm (Tickets pre sold only)

11.12.25 – Breakfast with Santa from 8.00 am (pre booked only)

15.12.25 – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day (Meals must be pre ordered)

- Maybe a 'Special visitor could arrive'

17.12.25 – School Closes for Christmas at 3.15 pm

Dates for your diary

1.12.25 – Christmas Light Switch on and 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	Eva English	Arthur Doherty	Roman Wild
Class 2	Jude Troup	Euan Smith	
Class 3	Amelia Patel	Charlie Harrison	Phoebe Simpson
Class 4	Henry Doherty	Jimmy Skeffington	