

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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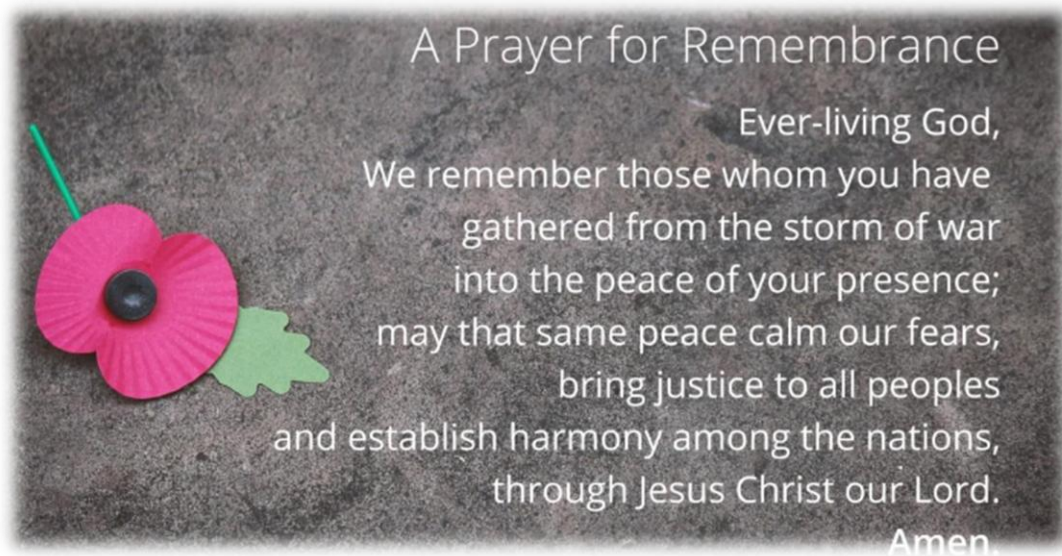
Welcome back to our second half term. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school in what promises to be another action packed half term with lots of exciting Christmas events.

Lest we forget



On Tuesday we once more mark Remembrance Day and remember all those who bravely gave their lives for others. In this day we also remember, not only the brave soldiers, nurses and Veterans, but we remember those special people in our own families who are in Heaven.

On Tuesday at 2.45 we will hold a short Remembrance service and everyone is welcome to come along. We invite you to **bring in a precious photograph of a loved** one and prayers will be offered for them. We will create a remembrance altar on the Hall.



Parking

Once again, I wish to thank everyone for your on-going support with parking and the challenges we have faced.

We have an 'unofficial' agreement to continue parking at Westinghouse, whilst this matter is taken to Westinghouse directors and we are so grateful of their on-going consideration and support.

As you will imagine, we are doing lots behind the scenes, liaising with our Multi Academy Trust and with the Local Authority, to ensure the safety of all. There is no easy or quick fix solution.

I ask families to continue to park at Westinghouse and walk down to school.

I appreciate this is tricky when the weather is poor and when you are juggling young children, but parking on Darkinson Lane is creating a narrowing of the road, which is unsafe. It means two vehicles cannot pass and prevents access for emergency vehicles, if they are needed.

I would once more ask for your continued consideration with the Church drive, as the Sisters' drive is private and is their home. Please be mindful of not causing any blockages. The same access for any emergency vehicles is required at all times.

FOSM AGM – 10:00 – 10.11.25

Please feel free to join us for our Friends of St Mary's Annual General Meeting, this will be held in school at 10 O'clock Monday morning – EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Tuck Shops in November

We had our first Tuck shop this week to help raise additional funds for school. We are looking to develop our own planting and growing area and therefore we need to raise £300 to cover half of the cost of materials. The Parish Council are very kindly completing all the works free of charge!!



Key Stage One visit to Blackpool Zoo - 5.11.25

On Wednesday, Key Stage One visited Blackpool Zoo to enhance their learning and what a wonderful trip this was!! For some of our new friends it was their first ever school trip and the excitement was building before we even left school, as Classes 3 and 4 gave us a cheer and wave!!!



"We were happy" – Leo Shutt

"I liked the sea lions because they are clever like me!" Sadie Lewis

"I liked everything, it was the best day" Elma Dickinson

"The Wolves were good, they didn't eat us!" Curtis Beresford

"The baby Elephant was super cute" Orlaith Moss

"The lion was scratching at the window" Bradley Brogden



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.
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 ask a member of the Class 1 team.

Dates for your diary

10.11.25 – AGM FOSM at 10.00 am

- Reception Dental Survey

11.11.25 – Remembrance Assembly- 9.00am

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 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	Miriam Okafor	Chimdi Nwankwo	Hannah Anogeianakis
Class 2	Bradley Brogden	Lana Koutsokostas	
Class 3	Ava Capper	Reggie Hall	Priya Kaur
Class 4	Isabella Bolton-Rigby	Nio Qereqeretabua	

