



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### School details

Tel: 01772 729881

[www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk)

E-mail [head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk)

Head Teacher: Mrs. A. Brogden

### Our Parish Links

St. Mary's Lea Town, Darkinson Lane and St. Andrew and Blessed George Haydock,

Hoyles Lane Cottam. [www.standrewscottam.org.uk](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)

'Loved and Inspired by Mary ....

We shine and learn as a family of God'

Today, we shared Wednesday Word as a whole school, so we could light our final Advent candles. We lit the final **Purple** candle which symbolises **LOVE**. Finally, we lit the white candle for Christmas Day. We talked about how Mary said "yes" to the Angel Gabriel and becoming Jesus's mother. Mary was thoughtful, kind and joyful and we reflected on how we can show this same kindness in our everyday lives. Perhaps we could help out our families with tidying up, playing nicely with our brother/sisters, even give extra smiles when we see people in the corridor or at home! Small acts of kindness mean a great deal!

We share a prayer for Christmas written by our Head Boy and Head Girl; Henry and Nabila

Dear God

As we enter this special time of Year, may you grant us love and Peace. May we remember Christmas is about Jesus' birth. May we remember to put Jesus first by showing our love and care for family, friends and our global neighbours this Christmas period.

Amen



*"And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger" Luke 2:7*

On behalf of all at St. Mary's, we wish all our families a wonderful Christmas. We hope you all get to spend precious time together as a family and make memories.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year.

From everyone @ St Mary's!







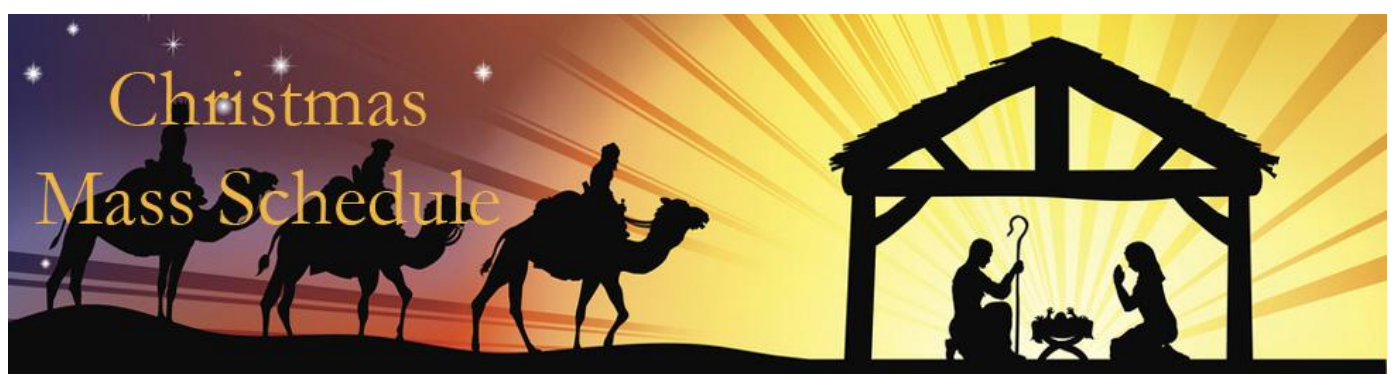
Here are the Christmas Mass times for our school Parishes:



### Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve      Cottam 5.30pm Vigil Children's Mass  
Cottam 8.30pm Mass During the Night

Christmas Day      Lea Town 9.00am Mass at Dawn  
Cottam 10.30am Mass During the Day



## **Church Raffle**

Thank you for your generous support with our Church raffle. The Parishes of St.

Mary's and Blessed George Haydock have now purchased 8 wells to provide water for families from CAFOD World Gifts and have kindly donated £250 to school to buy additional books. This is a great amount and I know Mr C is already busy finding the best titles for school. Thank you once more!



## **Roof repairs at School in the new year.**

In the new year, we shall be starting repairs on our roof at the rear of school. The works are funded through a grant we successfully achieved, but works were delayed as we found out we have bats roosting in the loft space! It seems we have several maternal roosts!

I have met with all contractors and those protecting the bats and works are planned to cause minimal disruption to pupils. The intend work is to commence in our first week back. Rigorous safety measures are in place for scaffolding and the fencing off of areas and this should not have impact on the day-to-day access of school.



## **Arbor**

As you know as we are now within Mater Ecclesiae Multi Academy Trust we will migrate to a system called Arbor. Initially we will take registers on the system and as we progress Arbor will be our cashless payment methods and will be used for booking After School/ Breakfast clubs etc.

We will, as ever keep you updated.

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

# Whole Year of Catholicity Events



## Whole years list of Catholicity events- 2025-2026

*Loved and inspired by Mary... We shine and learn as a family of God.*

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.
Catholicity/ Remembrance Week	10.11.25 - 15.11.25
Remembrance Service	11.11.25 – 9.00am
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

## **Big School Adventures**

Big School Adventures runs every Thursday from 1.15 – 3.00 pm. This resumes Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

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**

17.12.26- School closes for Christmas at 3.15 pm

05.01.26 – School re-opens at 8.45 am

07.01.26 and 08.01.26 - Class 4 Bikeability

13.01.26 – Pre History outreach session - Class 3

16.01.26 – Class 4 Baghdad History session

- Year 3 and 4 Mini Skills competition (letters already issued to Team)



### **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 and Thurs pm





## Staff Contact details

Office	
Miss Calvert	Bursar@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Head Teacher	
Mrs Brogden	Head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Class One	
Mrs Ellis- Class Teacher	Ellis@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Miss Harrison	Harrison@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Mrs Moss	Moss@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Miss Haworth	Howarth@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Class 2	
Mrs Sullivan- Class Teacher	Sullivan@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Miss Collins	Collins@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Miss Strahand	Strahand@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Mrs Gibson	Gibson@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Class 3	
Mr Catterall - Class Teacher	Catterall@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Miss Hughes	Hughes@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Miss Shaw	Shaw@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Class 4	
Mr Taylor - Class Teacher	Taylor@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Mrs Nayler	Nayler@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
Breakfast / After School Club Manager	
Miss Harrison	Harrison@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk

## 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

**\*\* Presented first week back Friday 9.1.26 \*\***

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	All of Class 1	Ivory Phoenix	Nova Hellawell
Class 2	Ava Capper	Matthew Williams	
Class 3	William McMillian	Ria Swali-Kur	Jade Beresford
Class 4	Darcey Chambers	Jessica Moore	