



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary
We shine and learn as a family of God'

In our Celebration Assembly today, we lit the second candle, a purple candle, which symbolizes **PEACE**. The Peace that Jesus brings to our busy lives. May we feel his healing, his life and his peace in our own lives.



Alongside our Advent Wreath is our Prayer Tree. From Monday, The candles list those special to us. 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.

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.

Christmas Light switch on and Fayre- Monday 1.12.25

Thank you once more to the Parish Council for the wonderful tree and the chocolate treats we all enjoyed!

A HUGE thank you to EVERYONE who helped make the Fayre such a fantastic success! The family atmosphere was wonderful and we had so many lovely comments!



A HUGE total of **£858.25** from the Fayre!!!! And Tuck shops have raised **£355!!!**

"I loved making the Reindeer food" Daisy Simpson

"I liked getting a Christmas tattoo!" Orlaith Moss

"I liked hooking the bag and there were so many I couldn't decide!" Charlie Harrison

"I loved the Lucky Dip!" Evie Bolton-Rigby

"I loved colouring and making a decoration for the Christmas tree" Pippa Doherty

"You've all worked so, so hard. Was a lovely fayre. Thank you x" Parent

"A great range of stalls with lots of options!" Parent

Santa Dash – 5.12.25

Today we completed our annual Santa Dash again and what a fantastic time we all had! Climbing through frosty tunnels, balancing over icy rivers, dodging snowballs and climbing gingerbread mountains!!





"I liked it!" Chimdi

"I loved having the snowballs thrown at me!" Freya Diamond

"It was really cool how we got to go through all the obstacles and got snowballs thrown at us! I think the medals are really nice they are brilliant!" Maisie Wilson

"It was amazing and I had a lot of fun running around school and completing obstacles!" Dougie Pye

Advent Service – 3.12.25

On Wednesday, 4 pupils from Class 4 represented St. Mary's at the Annual Advent Service, held at St. Anthony's Church and organized by Our Lady's.



"I found it a really nice, respectful service and it was really nice to see everyone preparing for Advent" Isabella Bolton Rigby

"I liked getting to stand up and take a part for my school" Isaac Aya

Parking – Important plea for support!

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

Pantomime

Reminder – On Monday, it will be the WHOLE school pantomime. In the event of an emergency, call the Lowther Pavillion and ask to speak to Mrs Brogden or Mr Taylor on 01253 794221



If your child wishes to take a drink, it must be in a labelled disposable bottle only. Other water bottles will not be taken.

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!!

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

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

Christmas
JUMPER DAY



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	Elliott Smith	Xavier Qereqeretabua	Daisy Simpson
Class 2	Isabella Baptiste	Nnedi Anakebe	
Class 3	Chloe Brogden	Arlo Pennington	Maxwell Houlding
Class 4	Isaac Aya	Thomas Yates	

