

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 16th January 2026

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

Another busy week in school – Two History workshops, a PCSO visit and lots of training for the staff too!!

PCSO visit – Class 1 – 16.1.26

'I liked it when we pressed the sirens in the car' Elliot

'We even went in the police car' Eva

'I liked the flashing lights' Nova

'We got to wear real police hats!' Hannah



Baghdad Workshop - 16.1.16

Maisie - Y6

"It was really fun because you got to learn stuff that you didn't really know. A story was read to us about Baghdad"

Jessica - Y6

"I really enjoyed how we got to do scenarios and we got to write our name in Baghdad language"

Meeya - Y6

"I really liked we all did teamwork. I really liked it when we all got together and did different actions in the Centuries of Time"



Parking

As you will be aware, we continue to face challenges with parking. At present, we are unable to park at Westinghouse. The directors will review this and if I receive any additional information, I will share this. As I have shared previously, I also have a meeting planned with Thwaites representatives.

I fully appreciate the challenges the lack of parking brings and would ask for your continued support. I have had numerous comments/complaints from local residents and once more I ask for your continued support.

Please ensure we do not double park, or block resident's drives.

Ultimately, we need to access school and this will bring increased traffic locally within drop off and collection times and this is something that we can't change; all we can do is work together. Our PCSO's have attended and both Police and PCSO's will do unannounced visits. We are certainly not the only school without parking facilities, so I am confident we can make it work.

Pre-History Workshop - 13.1.16



"I just
thought it
was
amazing!"

Priya



"I liked
making the
timeline
with the
actions"

Yahya



"I liked
building the
burial
chamber and
putting
Matilda and
Pippa in it"

Amelia



"I liked
looking at all
of the
objects"

Ria

"I liked it all!"
Reggie

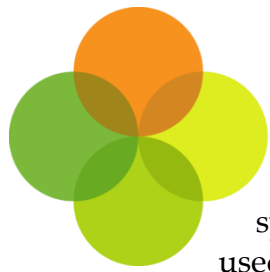


"I enjoyed all of it!" Ivy

We have to say a HUGE St Mary's and #TeamClass3 THANK YOU to Professor Tuesday and the Lancashire History Heritage Team for joining us this morning and helping us to develop of learning and knowledge!

#makingmemories





Arbor

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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.

Please ensure school holds all up to date information and notify us of any changed phone numbers, email addresses and or changes of home address.

We will, as ever keep you updated.

Communications – Absences, appointments etc

Please could I ask that all messages such as absences, changes to pick up/ collections etc come via the school Office on 729881. There is a facility to leave a message too.

If messages are emailed/ placed on See Saw these can be missed especially when staff are teaching and or involved in meetings.

Thank you for your continued support.

School Nurse Drop-In **NHS**

Save the Date – School Nurse Drop In

Wednesday 28th School – In the Library from 2.00pm –
No need to book simply turn up



Congratulations....

Team Teach – All staff have complete Team Teach Level 1 Training which is just another way of ensuring the safety and welfare of all pupils. Thank you to all the staff for their commitment and time!

Pediatric First Aid – Congratulations to Miss Haworth and Miss Shaw who have completed their Pediatric First Aid qualification.



Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures runs every Thursday from 1.15 – 3.00 pm.

The sessions are very popular and this week we completely full so please ensure you book ahead to secure your space.



**Priority will be given to those expecting to join St. Mary's in Reception
September 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

- 26.1.26- Heights and Weights – Reception & Year 6
- 28.1.26 – School Nurse Drop – from 2 pm onwards
- 30.2.26 – KS2 Kurling Competition- letter issued separately if invited
- 5.2.26- Maths Challenge at OLC HS – letter issued separately if invited
- 9.2.26 – 13.2.26 – Work Experience pupils join us
- 10.2.26 – Fair Trade Conference - letter issued separately if invited
- 13.2.26- School Closes for half term



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



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Lenten Planner

Helpful Information:

Lenten Mass takes place at St. Mary's Church every Thursday at 8.15 am. EVERYONE is welcome. If you are unable to stay, but wish for your child to attend Mass, please ensure your child is safely handed over to one of the staff members on duty, who will be at church. All pupils will be safely crossed over the road back to school after the Mass.

After Mass, we enjoy a breakfast in the school hall...Croissants, brioches, yogurts, hot chocolate, teas and coffees. There is no charge for this and this is kindly funded by the Parish of St. Mary's. A basket will be available should you wish to make any charity donations.

Pupils must have attended Mass to attend the breakfast.

Each week we have an event and details are on our planner. We are raising for charities special to our school family.

FAQ

Colour stalls- What are they? -Each pupil belongs to a House Team- Matthew (Yellow), Mark (Red), Luke (blue) and John (green). Pupils are asked to bring in items to sell... Here are some ideas/ examples ... Mark Red- Kit Kats, red gel pens, John Green- Salt and Vinegar crisps, apples, sweets, green slime etc. ALL pupils will visit the house sales so are welcome to bring spending money along

Design an Easter bonnet- Who can enter? What do we do? -This is open to all pupils and we will have a prize per year group. It costs £1.00 per entry.... Let your imagination run wild in creating an Easter bonnet that will stand out from the crowd! These will be judged and winner announced in assembly.

Lent week 1:

Thursday 26TH February: Lenten Mass at 8.15 am at St. Mary's Church - All welcome followed by Lenten Breakfast served in the school hall – All welcome

Thursday Theme: Tuck Shop £1.50 for special tuck shop deal.

Monies raised to Bliss: **For babies born prematurely or sick.**

Lent week 2:

Thursday 5th March: Lenten Mass at 8.15 am at St. Mary's Church - All welcome followed by Lenten Breakfast served in the school hall – All welcome

Thursday Theme: World Book Day dress up! Dress up as your favorite book character. **No Charge**

Lent week 3:

Thursday 12th March: Lenten Mass at 8.15 am followed by Lenten Breakfast

Thursday Theme/ Event: Colour Stalls

Pupils bring in spending money and items to sell representing House Teams:-

Matthew team bring in yellow items to sell (e.g. quavers, yellow breakaway biscuits, toys etc.)

Luke team blue items, Mark team red items and John team green items

Monies raised **for CAFOD**

All monies raised to go to **CAFOD**.

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Our Lenten Planner 2026

**Lent week 4:**

Thursday 19th March: Lenten Mass at 8.15 am at St. Mary' Church all welcome followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall – All welcome

Thursday Theme/ Event: St Patrick's Day!

Dress up in green or in anything appropriate to celebrate St Patrick's day! Although the feast day is Tue 17th as usual, we will have our dress up day on Thursday 19th.

Monies raised to Bliss: **For babies born prematurely or sick.**

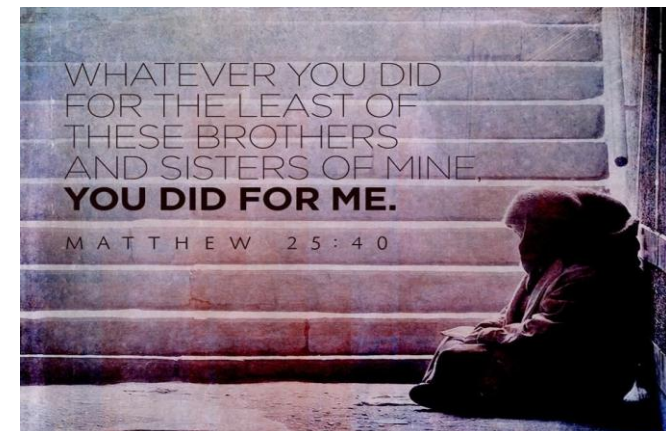
Saint Vincent De Paul Charity- SVP

Lent week 5:

Thursday 26th March: Lenten Mass at 8.15 am Thursday theme/ event: Easter Bonnet competition.

£1 to enter

Monies raised for **Cafod**



Roof repairs at School – For information only

Works repairing the roof are expected to commence next week. 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. Rigorous safety measures are in place for scaffolding and fencing off of areas and this should not have impact on the day-to-day access of school.

Helping Hands

With the support of St. Mary’s Parish, we have a 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	Xavier Qereqeretabua	Evie Bolton-Rigby	Freya Diamond
Class 2	Daisy Simpson	Thomas McMillan	
Class 3	Pippa Doherty	Eli Heslop	Ivy Robinson
Class 4	Maxwell Houlding	Jessica Simpson	

