



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 24th January 2026

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Our Parish Links

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

Hoyles Lane Cottam. www.standrewscottam.org.uk

'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

Another lovely week in school. We have been busy learning lots. Some of our fantastic learning has included: rocks and volcanoes, all about robins, planning a trip to see the Wonderful Wizard of Oz and in Class One, more about people that help us- this week meeting a Nurse!

This Celebration Assembly, we looked forward to seeing some of the amazing Homework Challenges Class 3 have completed as we saw their volcano models and watched the explosions !!!!





Class 1 - People that help us – Meeting a Nurse - 21.1.26





Charlotte – “I liked putting the plasters on the bear it was called Elsa.”

Evie Bolton-Rigby – “I liked the tape and the bandages”

James Sneddon – “Elsa the bear was fluffy we put bandages and plasters on her”

Punctuality

We ask for your ongoing support to improve punctuality. School starts promptly at **8.45** which means we expect pupils to be inside ready to commence learning at this time. Typically pupils will be brought in at 8.40 so they are in class ready to begin learning.

Anyone arriving late must be accompanied by an adult who will be required to sign the pupil in as minutes late are recorded.

Did you know?

Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school!

See our minutes lost calculator below to find out how much school you miss each year if you are late:



Parking

Thank you for working with us to ensure we park safely and are mindful of local residents.

I continue to receive complaints that people have parked and are blocking drives, including the school drive and that people are mounting the kerb which, as you will appreciate, is dangerous to all pedestrians

The PCSO's will continue to monitor and complete unannounced visits.

Ten Ten Materials – “Live life to the full”

You will have received a letter which explained about the Ten Ten Materials “Life to the Full” which is the programme through which we deliver our PSHE and Health and relationships sessions through.

To access the parent portal please visit the following website-

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

- You will need the following login credentials for our school:

Username: st-marys-pr4

Password: mother-of-god

The letter contains a reply slip which we ask you to return at your earliest convenience.

Arbor



Arbor is now up and running for all classroom registers and for the payment of school meals. As we have communicated by Text, we will no longer be able to accept cash payments – In line with LCC guidance School Dinners will increase to £2.90 per day from w/c 26.1.26.

After February half term, we will only take booking and payments for Breakfast and After School Club via Arbor. Booking will ‘go live’ from w/c 2.2.26

From 24.2.26 in order to support families’ late pick will be extended to 4.00pm and offered at the revised price of £5.00.

Here are some FAQ's about Arbor.

How will I receive instructions about logging onto Arbor?

Arbor will have automatically sent all families an email with setting up instructions. The email expires so please check your inbox, spam and junk boxes as soon as you are able.

I haven't received my email from Arbor what can I do?

Check your spam and junk folders and if you are still unable to find an email please contact us at school. The email will have automatically been sent to the email address on file. If you have changed your email and not informed us it may be that the email we hold is out of date. Please share the appropriate email address with us as soon as possible.

Can both Parents/Carers have access to Arbor?

Yes - If both parents have different email addresses, the invite letter will have automatically been issued. If you have only shared one parent/ Carer email at the time your child joined school and wish to add on a second email address please, contact the school office.

If families have two email addresses and/ or live in separate households, they can both access the same information, both make payments and view information.

For more information you may wish to view the parent's guide and lots of videos/ guides are available online

https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/212097029-A-quick-introduction-to-Arbor-for-guardians-and-parents#h_01HAPC98YQP290PHDKQ7ND78TZ

Please DO NOT use Arbor to send any important / urgent messages.

As we advise with See Saw and emails – these may not be picked up during the day whilst staff are teaching. All important messages, absences and notifications to changes as to who will collect etc. MUST go through the school office on 729881 – Thank you for your support with this.

School Nurse Drop In – 28.1.26

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



Holy Communion

Just a reminder, the Holy Communion sessions commence from Tuesday 27th January.



First Reconciliation

Tuesday 27th January 3.20 pm- 4.20 pm - Church Annex
Tuesday 3rd February 3.20 pm- 4.20 pm - Church Annex

Pupils make First Reconciliation- Tuesday 10th February 3.15 p.m. - For this session they are to attend with their Parent/Carer and this takes place in Church. Parent/Carers STAY for this session but pupils can leave after their confession so it will be a shorter session.

First Holy Communion

Tuesday 3rd March 3.20 pm – 4.20 pm - Church Annex
Tuesday 10th March 3.20 – 4.20 pm – Church Annex
Tuesday 17th March 3.20 – 4.20 pm - Church Annex

Pupils make their First Holy Communion on
Sunday 22nd March at 9.00 a.m.

One Stop Shop

Need a little advice or support.....See below the poster for the next One Stop Shop

ONE STOP SHOP

Monthly Drop In - Families can access free this is open to everyone
advice & support No appointments needed just turn up!

The Barnardo's MyTime to Thrive Service offers short-term therapy for children and young people struggling with their mental health and well-being.
We support ages 5-18 and up to the age of 25 for those with additional needs.

Pathway Navigator-ASD Autism Pathway Navigator
Learn about the School Age Autism pathway processes, ask for advice about referrals and other mechanisms of support. Receive signposting support from someone with lived experience of a child/ young person with autism.

ADHD North West Learn ADHD Northwest is committed to providing a free, unique support service to empower and improve the wellbeing of individuals and families affected by an attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and associated conditions.

Talking Therapies
We are a psychological therapy service offering a range of free talking therapies to people aged 16 and over in Lancashire and 18 and over in South Cumbria.
Talking Therapies offer a range of brief psychological interventions to support people's differing emotional needs (such as generalised anxiety, panic, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), this includes online, telephone and face-to-face treatment and therapy options.

SENDIASS
School Nurse - Bed wetting Sleep Hygiene & More
Compass Bloom YP Mental Health support
Housing - Preston City Council - Gateway
Citizen Advice
Benefit Advice - DWP
Emotional Health and Wellbeing
Debt Advice/Support
Employment advice - DWP
Home safety - Lancs Fire & Rescue
CFW Free Funded Nursery Places
Lancashire Women Support
Domestic Abuse Support

**No need to book
just turn up**

**Last Tuesday of the month,
2pm 'until
4pm**

**27.01.2026
24.02.2026
31.03.2026
28.04.2026
26.05.2026
30.06.2026
28.07.2026
25.08.2026
25.09.2026**

Ribbleton Family Hub, Ribbleton Hall Drive, Ribbleton, Preston, PR2 6EE

**RIBBLETON
FAMILY
HUB
PRESTON**



29.1.26 -FOSM Non uniform day

Pupils are invited to wear their own clothes on Thursday and in turn we ask you to bring a gift which we can save for our Summer Fayre tombola...Did you get an unwanted gift set? A bottle? A toy? - All items gratefully received



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.

Save the Date – Residential **September 2026**

This residential will be offered to the present Year 4 and Year 5 for when they will be in Class 4 from September 2026.

The Residential will be to Hothersall Lodge and will take place from Wednesday 23rd of September to Friday 25th September. Individual letters and details of payment plans will follow. Thank you



Dates for your diary

- 26.1.26- Heights and Weights – Reception & Year 6
- 28.1.26 – FOSM meeting in the library at 8.45
School Nurse Drop – from 2 pm onwards
- 29.1.26 – FOSM Non uniform day – bring a gift donation
- 30.1.26 – KS2 Kurling Competition- letter issued separately if invited
- 5.2.26- Maths Challenge at OLCHS – 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

Staff Contact details

Office	
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Breakfast / After School Club Manager	
Miss Harrison	Harrison@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk

Celebration Awards

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Elma Dickinson	James Sneddon	Nova Hellawell
Class 2	Nevaeh Halton-Sayers	Maya Harrison	
Class 3	Thea Koutsokostas	Roisin Moss	Isabella Bolton-Rigby
Class 4	Joe O'Donnell	Nabila Malek	

