

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 30th 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](http://www.standrewscottam.org.uk)

‘Loved and Inspired by Mary ....

We shine and learn as a family of God’

Once more, lots of exciting learning and new experiences from baking bread to dancing, and sporting success; it's all been happening this week!



At present the roof works have paused as one bat was found! I shall, as ever, keep you updated throughout. We held a fire drill with our alternative egress routes and the whole school were amazing!!

## **Kurling – 30.1.26**

A group of Class 4 boys went along to represent us at Whitechapel, taking part in the Kurling competition and they were truly amazing, working well as a team and coming 2<sup>nd</sup> overall!!!

“I found it really great. It was good learning and developing the skills for the future. We were a supportive team and helped each other” Maxwell Houlding

“We won a really cool medal. It was lots of fun!” Joey Farley



## **Punctuality**

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

**LOST MINUTES =  
LOST LEARNING!**

**3**  
days lost

**5**  
minutes late

**6.5**  
days lost

**10**  
minutes late

**10**  
days lost

**15**  
minutes late

**13**  
days lost

**20**  
minutes late

**19**  
days lost

**30**  
minutes late

## **Parking**

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

Mrs Fitzpatrick, Chair of Governors and myself have completed a full risk assessment and continue to monitor changes

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



## **Arbor**

Reminder all dinner monies MUST be paid via Arbor and cash/ cheques are no longer accepted.

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. Please note **Payment fees are Non-refundable and booking payments or dates cannot be moved.**

We will no longer be issuing paper booking forms as all booking are to be made through Arbor.

The system will record when places are full and prevent additional bookings, so please book early to avoid disappointment. The system will not allow any booking without advance payment/ a credit balance.

If you are booking using Childcare vouchers, please contact the School Office. This process is slightly different.

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

If you have not already signed up to Arbor you will need to contact the office and request a resend link. The Link is only active for 24 hours so you will need to do this at your earliest convenience. As we move along the Arbor migration journey more will be organised through Arbor so it is really important each family has access.

## **School Bus Revised Timetable**

Ava Coach have recently updated the timings of their bus schedule, please see below. Any issues, please contact Ava Coach directly.

**This timetable will commence from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.**

ASHTON Pedders Lane	0815
LEA Aldfield Avenue	0823
LEA Endowed School	0834
LEA TOWN St Mary's RCPS	0840

**Please note the 684 service will serve all stops along route.**

**Passengers are advised to be at their stop 5 minutes before the bus is due and signal clearly to the driver by putting their hand out.**

# Part of the National Year of Reading 2026



As we saw in the New Year, we also saw in the commencement of a BRAND-NEW Reading initiative from the Literacy Trust, naming 2026 'The Year of Reading' and launching their Reading campaign 'Go All In'.

Their aim is simple... To increase the number of children reading every day, through promoting reading both in and out of school. CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!!

Throughout the rest of this term and in the Summer and Autumn Terms, we as a school will be taking part in a variety of activities, to promote reading across school, raise the awareness of the importance of reading, as well as share a variety of exciting, new, spooky, funny and informative stories and activities along the way. In addition to this, we have individual reading challenges for everyone in school, aiming to achieve the most 'Reading Miles' they can whilst reading- more details of this will follow soon!



Proud to support  
The National Year  
of Reading 2026.



## Challenge 1 - National Story Telling Week – next week!!!

To kick-start our reading challenges, we will begin by joining the thousands of other schools around the country in National Story Telling Week! On Monday morning, everyone will join in their own House Teams, to begin the Reading-extravaganza, listening to a story read in each House Team Room by the teachers. Then after the allotted time, each House Team will move to the next House Team room together, to listen to a different story, until everyone has visited each classroom. Then, during our usual singing practice slot, we will gather as a whole school, to share one final story.

Then on Tuesday, each class will join many other schools from around the globe, to join in a LIVE lesson, listening to a BRAND-NEW story, read by one of the guest speakers. This year's theme is 'Reading with Music' and is sponsored by the National Literacy Trust.

After that, each class will continue their reading journeys in class and at home, through guided reading sessions, phonics lessons, shared reading, class novels and also reading at home. Our Reading Miles Challenge is based on home reading, with children earning more 'miles' the more they read- so please ensure you read every night with your child and sign in their reading record.

If you want any more information, ideas on how to promote reading within your home or any general information about reading at St Mary's, please do not hesitate to contact me.



## School Nurse Drop In – 13.2.26- Save the Date

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – In the Library  
from 9.30 am – No need to book simply  
turn up!

# School Nurse Drop-In **NHS**



## 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 wellbeing.  
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**

## **FOSM news**

Thank you for your generous support and donations of gifts for our Non Uniform day. These will be stored and used at our Summer Fayre.

### **Save the Date – Glow Disco -26.2.26**

Get the date in you diary. We are excited to share we are soon holding an amazing GLOW DISCO!! A Professional DJ, tuck shop and lots of fun!! Don't miss out – Tickets on sale soon!!



## **Big School Adventures**

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

The sessions are very popular and this week we are 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.

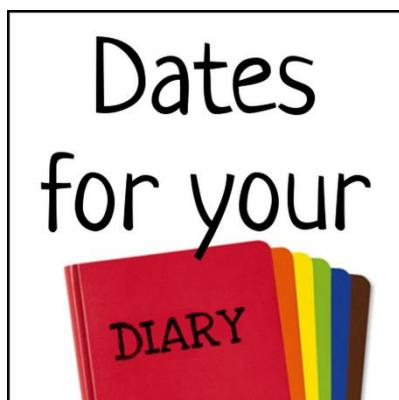
## **Save the Date – Residential September 2026**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> of September to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026.



A provisional booking has been made and the anticipated cost will be £222 and once final confirmation is shared by the Centre, we will update all families.



### **Dates for your diary**

- 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
- 12.2.26 – Whole School Mental Health Day – Thoughtful
- 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

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## Celebration Awards

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think Creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Dora Allen	Noah Diamond-Bugler	
Class 2	Freddie Phoenix	Matthew Williams	Roman Wild
Class 3	Sebby Allen	Imaan Khan	
Class 4	Jessica Moore	Bailey Jenkin	Matilda Tidmarsh

