



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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

On behalf of all at St. Mary's, may I wish you all a Happy New Year. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back. It was certainly a cold, chilly start to the new term – but that certainly has not stopped any of our learning or fun!

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.

Bikeability - 7.1.26 and 8.1.26



PIC•COLLAGE

On Wednesday and Thursday Class 4 braved the cold, wintry air to complete their Level 2 Bikeability sessions. It was lovely to see how they enjoyed their sessions and see the pride as they mastered new skills!

I feel so proud of myself that I can now confidently ride a bike- Joey Farley

I really enjoyed riding my bike down Darkinson Lane- William Barton

I loved going on the busy roads and learning from our new cycling teachers- Louisa Nelson

I enjoyed learning new skills and feel very confident riding my bike safely now- Isabella Bolton-Rigby

Roof repairs at School in the new year – 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.

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 method and will be used for booking After School/ Breakfast clubs, pay for trips/ visits 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.

Please could I ask that all messages such as absences, changes to pick up/ collections etc. come via the school Office on 01772 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.

Save the Date – School Nurse Drop In

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

**School Nurse
Drop-In** 



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.

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

- 13.1.26 – Pre History Outreach Class 3
- 14.1.26 and 15.1.26- Staff Training within school
- 16.1.26 – Class 4 Baghdad History session
 - Year 3 and 4 Mini Skills competition (letters already issued to Team)
- 26.1.26- Heights and Weights – 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 OLCBS – 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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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	Hannah Anoginakis	Eva English	Arthur Doherty
Class 2	Bradley Brogden	Martha Robinson	
Class 3	Jade Beresford	Phoebe Simpson	Maxwell Houlding
Class 4	Jamie Bass	Fred Reid	