



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 13th February 2026

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

Our final week of this half term has arrived sooner than we knew it! We have ended our half term celebrating Mental Health Week. We held our Thoughtful Thursday across school and had our Official opening of our Wonderful Rainbow Room.

We were delighted to welcome Sid the Seagull (AFC's Official mascot) and Nathan Delfouneso who has played for numerous Professional footballs teams and what an amazing experience that was!





Fairtrade Conference

Our Laudato Si group and Charity Ambassador went along to County Hall to learn all about Fairtrade. They had the opportunity to interact with other Primary Schools and have a fun hands-on experience.



"I learnt that bananas are a herb, I enjoyed my banana they are full of fiber" Violet Jameson
"We made delicious Chocolate!" Maisie Lawson
"I Loved the chocolate we made" Leos Koutsokostas
"I learnt you can use Banana fibers to make clothes!" Joe O'Donnell

Mental Health Week and Thoughtful Thursday

Mrs. Ellis led a special Assembly explaining to us the importance of recognizing our feelings and talking about them and seeking out support when we need it.

Mrs Ellis shared with us a quick technique called the '5 Finger Breathing' exercise to help us feel calm perhaps you could ask us to show you??

All pupils enjoyed time outdoors planting, exploring and I would like to extend a special thank you to Coxheads Nurseries of Whitestake and Anne Taylor for their very kind donation of plants and bulbs for our planting session on our Mental Health day.



Dear God,

Thank you for our lovely school, St. Mary's.
A place where we shine and learn as a family of God.

Thank you for our minds and our feelings,
For our thoughts, our worries, and our joys.
Help us to be kind to ourselves,
And to each other, everyday.

Thank you for our Rainbow room,
A special, safe place to feel calm and peaceful.

Please help us to notice when we need a moment,
To ask for help when things feel hard,
And to remember that it's okay
To feel all our feelings.

Help our school to continue to be a place of care,
Where everyone feels safe, supported, and loved.

Amen

Be Safe Be Seen – Working together to ensure Safety

As you will be aware, we have been working tirelessly to adjust to the parking challenges and ensure safety. From regular communications, texts, staff patrols, PCSO visits, posters and cones, we have continued to ensure pupil's safety comes first.

As I have shared previously, Mrs. Fitzpatrick and I have created a comprehensive Risk Assessment, which has been shared with Governors and staff.

One additional measure to help support and improve visibility, is the provision of individual pupil High Visibility vests and school have funded these for ALL pupils.

We would ask that pupils wear these to and from school and keep them within their school bags during the School day. We would be so grateful of your support in ensuring these are returned to school each day.

We know we have had challenges with double parking and parking at junctions, so all we can do to help with increased visibility can only be a positive.



"It is helpful for children because it makes them stand out to drivers and then they will know where we are" Louisa Nelson, Road Safety Ambassador

"I think having the Hi – Vis jackets are helpful and important at both night time and day time- the grey part will reflect lights and the sun" Jamie Bass, Road Safety Ambassador



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:

**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

Work Experience

A huge Thank you to Maizie, Jessica and Mikey for supporting our classes this week. It was lovely to welcome you back to our School family.

Residential to Hothersall Lodge – 23- 23.9.26 - Parent meeting – 25.2.26 at 3.15 pm

If you child is currently in Year 4 or Year 5 they will be invited to attend the Residential to Hothersall Lodge in September 2026.

If you would like to find out a little more come along to the Parent/Carer meeting in school on **25.2.26 straight after school in class 4**.

I would encourage all families to attend as the Non Refundable deposit would be required shortly afterwards.



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Save the Date – Parents Evening – 3.3.26

Our Spring Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 3rd March, so please save this date and uptake this invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Signing up sheets will be in the entrance foyer.



Glow Disco - 26.2.26

Book your ticket now... Just £5.00 – A professional DJ, fun, games, dancing and even your very own photograph to keep. Have a picture by our Glow back drop with our props and create a special memory. Don't miss out!!!!

FOSM Presents

LET'S GLOW CRAZY

Live Professional DJ - Glow sticks - Snacks and more...

THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

£5 ENTRY

INCLUDES UNLIMITED JUICE AND WATER

KS1: 3:15 - 4.15

KS2: 4:30 - 5.30



Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures runs every Thursday from 1.15 – 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 Hathersall Lodge and will take place from Wednesday 23rd of September to Friday 25th September.

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

- 13.2.26- School Closes for half term
- 23.2.26- School CLOSED for Teacher Training Day
- 24.2.26- School RE-OPENS to all pupils

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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Celebration Awards

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think Creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Chimdi Nwankwo	Ivory Phoenix	Elliot Smith
Class 2	Lana Koutsokostas	Isabelle Baptiste	
Class 3	Peter Shutt	Priya Kaur	Joe O'Donnell
Class 4	Maisie Lawson	Darcey Chambers	

