

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 6th February 2026

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

An action-packed week in school and also into next week; our last week of this half term promises to be really exciting too!!

Next week is Mental Health Week and in our Celebrations Assembly today, we reflected upon how important it is to look after our minds, as well as our bodies! Next week, we will share everything we have been up to and we look forward to our Official Grand Opening of the Rainbow Room!!



National Story Telling Week - w/c -9.2.26



"I haven't heard The Big bad Pig story before".
Bella



"I liked story time in our House Teams".
James

"The donkey was really funny".
Freya

"I went to the library and got Fantastic Mr Fox to read at home".
Max



I liked the story at the end of the day".
Joe



What a FANTASTIC way to celebrate the start of The National Year of Reading, with a trip to each House Team room to listen to a story with each of the teachers! We heard some AMAZING stories during our sessions, and shared a tale or two with each other at breaktime.

"My favourite book was The Big Bad Pig".
Ivy



"I liked hearing about the octopus and his pants".
Ruairidh

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

**GO
ALL
IN.**



Our next
Year of
Reading
Challenge is
'The
Reading
Miles
Challenge'.



Maths Challenge – Our Lady's High School – 5.2.26



On Thursday a group of children went to our Lady's High School to represent us in a Math's Challenge.

"It was very good, I enjoyed everything!" Jess Moore

"I really enjoyed it! The teachers were really nice and the questions were not too hard" Nabila Malek

"Very Calm and Challenging" Henry Doherty

"I really enjoyed it. It was really fun and we did amazing team work" Thomas Yates

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:



SENCO Drop in with Mrs Brogden– 12.2.26 – From 2.00 pm



On Thursday 12th February, I would like to offer a drop-in session from 2.00 pm for any questions, queries or advice you may need regarding any Special Educational Needs.

Perhaps your child already has an identified need or an SSP (School Support Plan) and you would like some additional support?

Perhaps you are noticing an aspect your child is struggling with at home academically or emotionally?

No need to pre-book, simply drop-in and we can have a talk and identify the next steps.

If these sessions are useful for families, I shall offer these regularly.

Can't make this date? We offer an Open-Door policy



School Nurse Drop In – 13.2.26- Save the Date

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

School Nurse
Drop-In **NHS**



PARENT MEETING

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



If your 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.

Class One- Visit from the Fire Service

On Thursday, Class One had an exciting visit from the Fire Service.

"I loved dressing up and holding the big hose" Elma Dickinson

"I liked hearing about the fire dogs" Joey Picking



Work Experience

Next week we are excited to be welcoming back some of our School Family back from Our Lady's to complete their work experience. We look forward to working with you!

Mental Health Week next week!



Thoughtful Thursday- Thursday 12th February

Next week is Children's Mental Health week. We have a variety of activities planned to mark this occasion.

On Thursday, we will be welcoming a special guest to our assembly to officially open our wonderful Sensory Room, The Rainbow room.

After the grand opening, we will be launching our NEW lunchtime drop-in session in the Rainbow Room led by Mrs. Gibson. More details to follow...

Also, on Thursday morning, each class will be invited to plant either a flower or bulb in our Key Stage 1 area, encouraging us to enjoy more time outdoors in nature.

During the course of the week, each class will be invited to visit the Rainbow room and explore what it has to offer, as well as enjoying at least 1 lesson outside in our beautiful surroundings.

We are very proud of our Sensory Room and would like to warmly welcome ALL parents/ carers and governors to visit our Rainbow room after school on Thursday 12th February from 3:15pm. No need to sign up, just come on in!



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 from next week.

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

FOSM News

11.2.26 – Planning meeting for our Glow Disco at 8.45 – all welcome.
Can't make the meeting but happy to help shop or set up? Please let us know.

Save the Date – Glow Disco - 26.2.26

Tickets are now on sale for the GLOW DISCO!! Don't miss out – send your slips back next week to secure you place!



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

KS1 Children to bring party clothes into school and will get changed early at the end of the day

Name:..... Class:.....

£5 Enclosed



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

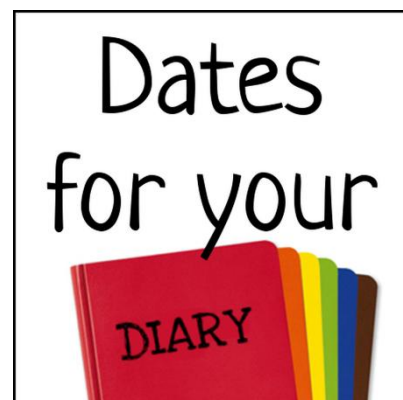
This residential will be offered to the present Year 4 and Year 5 for when they will be in Class 4 from September 2026

The Residential will be to Hothersall Lodge and will take place from Wednesday 23rd of September to Friday 25th September.

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

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 Thursday
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	Leo Shutt	Sadie Lewis	Charlotte
Class 2	Jude Troup	Maya Anogeianakis	
Class 3	Maisie Wilson	Klara Niezgoda	Oliver Lawson
Class 4	Joey Farley	Violet Jameson	

