St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Headteacher: Alison Ternan
Deputy Headteacher: Brad Page
Date: 6th November 2026

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

School Attendance Our Target:- 96%

School day starts at 8.30am with lessons beginning promptly at 8.45am.

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children started this week by enjoying a Pantomime 'Robin Hood', there was a lot of laughter and joy in the hall. Thank you to the PTA for providing this treat.

Thank you to all parents who attended our parents' meetings this week – the system we used to book it was not very smooth so I appreciate the patience you have shown – we are looking at tweaking it for the next meetings in March.

We invite any child who attend guides, brownies, scouts, cubs, cadets etc to wear that uniform to school on Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11th November (all other pupils will still be wearing school uniform).

Next Thursday we have a coffee morning, open to all parents, this will be supported by a colleague from MHST (Mental Health Support Team), they will be there with a focus of supporting parents whose child may present with anxiety. It is an informal way to get some advice and support. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

Have a lovely weekend. Warm wishes, Alison Ternan

NEW SCHOOL MEALS	**WEEK COMMENCING:- 9th November**			**WEEK 2**
DAY OF THE WEEK	**OPTION 1 GREEN**	**OPTION 2 RED**	**OPTION 3 BLUE**	**OPTION 4 PURPLE**
MONDAY	**Spicy Tomato Bake**	**Cheese & Tomato Pizza**	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
TUESDAY	**Chinese Veggie Rice**	**Cheeseburger**	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
WEDNESDAY	**Quorn Roast**	**Roast Chicken**	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
THURSDAY	**Beany Pasta Bake**	**Hunters Chicken**	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
FRIDAY	**Quorn Dippers**	**Fish Fingers**	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
Hot dishes are served with two vegetables and freshly baked bread.				***£2.75 per day***

Diary Dates

November 2026

12th 9am Coffee morning – MHST

13th Children in Need charity day (wear Pjs to school)

20th Whole School Flu Vaccine Programme

22nd Parish Mass 11am

28th 5-6.30pm SATURDAY – PTA Family Bingo

30th Year 2 Saints Celebration Day

December 2026

2nd 9am Open morning – new starters September 2027

2nd Yr 3 Search Museum

7th 3-4.30pm Christmas Market

8th Year 1 trip to St Mary's Church

10th Christmas Jumper Day -Charity

10th Christmas Dinner

10th Christmas Disco

14th 1.30pm KS1 Nativity

15th 9.30am KS2 carols (school)

15th 5pm KS2 carols at St Mary's Church

16th 9.30am KS1 Nativity

18th Christmas Bizarre in school (PTA)

18th LAST DAY OF TERM
Christmas Holidays

January 2027

4th INSET DAY

5th RETURN TO SCHOOL

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LIBRARY DAYS

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Friday

Please note:-
Children are unable to take out a new book if they have already a book registered out in their name.

PE DAYS

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday/Friday
Year 2	Monday/Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday/Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday/Wednesday
Year 5	Monday
Year 6	Monday

PE Lessons are compulsory!
Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school.

Guinea Pig Timetable

Year 6	9th November
Year 5	16th November
Year 4	23rd November
Year 3	30th November
Year 2	7th December
Year 1	14th December
Year R	4th January 2027

During your child's class week, if you have any "left over vegetables/fruit" we would be grateful for the donations.

NEW - Medical/Cultural Special Diets – **If your child requires a special diet**, you **MUST** advise the school office. Information will then be given to you to complete. Medical evidence may be needed. Our School Kitchen (Chartwells) **will NOT** provide a meal other than a Jacket Potato until a specific menu has been organised and approved.

PLEASE NOTE :-

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL.

Please check the ingredients of the goods you are putting into your child's lunch box, as we do have children with allergies relating to nuts. Thank you!

Does your child suffer with an allergy?

To comply with Benedict's Law we are updating our allergy safety in school.

If your child suffers with an any allergy, please inform the school office and complete an Individual Healthcare Form – (if you haven't received one from us already). Please supply medication (eg periton/Epipens) in original packaging & named that will be held in class should the need arise. We do hold 2 spare EPIPENS in school and all staff have been updated in the medical training.

Change of Contact Details

Please don't forget the importance of informing the School Office if you change address, email, mobile phone number or contact arrangements.

We need to have up to date records on file in case of any emergency situation. Thank you!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance Cup awarded to :-

Year 2

YEAR R	Eli
YEAR 1	Leah
YEAR 2	Maisie
YEAR 3	Adam
YEAR 4	Ivy
YEAR 5	Dhaveed
YEAR 6	Teddy

Panto came to St Mary's!



What a lovely way to start this half term – the children enjoyed a production of Robin Hood by M and M Productions on Monday morning organised by the PTA Team.

Lots of laughs, boos and singing filled the air!

Mr Roper and Mrs Brennan enjoyed taking part and showed off their dancing skills!

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A child may be eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits: Income Support income-based Job Seekers' Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance. support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period.),Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit with income above £7,400 threshold. **Please if you think you may qualify (even if your child prefers to bring in a packed lunch) please call into the school office or send in a note with your Child's Name, & Your Date of Birth and National Insurance Number and we will check for you and advise.**

POPPY APPEAL

We are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - On sale until 11th November (School Office) we have a range of "Poppy themed" items. Please come to the School Office at breaktimes. **Price range:** **50p** – Erasers, Rulers, Pencil Sharpeners, Pencils & Reflectors.

£1.00 - Friendship bracelets, Wristbands & Snapbands

Children in Need

Come to school in your Pyjamas on

Friday 13th November



This is a charity fundraiser - a contribution of £1.00 per child would be appreciated. Thank you!

CLASS SAINT DAYS 2026/2027

	Class Saint	Feast Day	Celebration in school
2	St Andrew	30th November	Monday 30th November
4	St Patrick	*17th March*	Wednesday 17th March
5	St John Bosco	*31st January*	Monday 1st February
6	St Stephen	*26th December*	Wednesday 6th January

On your child's class Saint's Day, they will attend in NON-UNIFORM. They will learn about their Saint and celebrate their life through fun activities. ***They will also have a sweet treat to enjoy!***

KIT Club – On Wednesday the children of KIT club talked about Remembrance and the work of the Royal British Legion helping service personnel, their families and veterans. They also spent time making poppies. Here are a few of the many poppies made.





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School Flu Programme

Whole School Flu Vaccination Programme will take place on the ***20th November*** here at school for all pupils. The vaccine is administered by nasal spray by the School Nursing Team.

WE DO NEED YOU **to complete the Online Form** whether you want your child to have the vaccine or not!

Please complete the online form - https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu**.**

School Code: SH116394 If you have difficulty filling in form you can call the Team on 02382318318 or email:- ***hiowh.seimms@nhs.net***

NOTICEBOARD

Scholastic Book Fair coming to St Mary's

18th – 23rd Nov.

Books for sale from 3pm in the School Hall.

Great bargains!!



ST FAITH'S HUB SNOWMAN FESTIVAL

Friday 20th Nov, 3.20pm - 5pm
Snowman film club, snowflake craft, hot chocolate.
£2 donation per family

Saturday 21 Nov, 10am - 2pm Snowman Festival
14 Snowman Trees to view, Hand made cards and Jewellery for sale, Snowman Raffle, Refreshments, Prize for Best Dressed Snowman Costume
£5 per household entry

Sunday 22 Nov, 10am - 11.30am
Carols & Bacon Rolls
Free entry

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