



As the first spring half term comes to a close, I would like to thank our wonderful staff, governors and families for their support following the recent passing of my mum. School has continued to thrive in my absence due to the hard work and commitment from each and every one of you. I am truly grateful!

We are sad to be losing two dedicated staff members in February. **Mrs Millington** will retire at half term after over twenty years of service and **Ms Knight** is leaving to pursue her passion for working with children with specific needs. Good luck and God bless to both of you in your future endeavours.

February always brings a definite feeling of love in the air! Our children are invited to wear red on the last day of term in order to support the PTA in their quest to raise much needed school funds to resource our playgrounds. Our KS2 children will be treated to the famous Valentine's Assembly and our Y6 children invited to our 'Love Lounge' where they could meet that special someone!!! This assembly will mark the end of a busy half term.



Times Tables Rock Stars Day

Our children in Key Stage 2 outdid themselves as rockstars this half term for the launch assembly of our Times Tables Rockstars programme. The battles between classes have commenced with winners celebrated in our golden book assemblies. Keep it up. Rapid recall of times tables is a life skill and the key to all tricky math's concepts



Reception Pencil Day

Our children in Reception had great fun perfecting their pencil grip with a full-on pencil day this half term. Practising and perfecting these basic skills in such a fun way lays the foundations for writing in the future. Well done to you all!



Sports News

A huge well done to our fantastic team who took part in the Oldham multi-skills event! We're so proud of your effort and enthusiasm!



After School Clubs

Our next window to sign up for the second spring half term will open on **Monday 9th February**. Book as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

PHSE Career's Day Monday 23rd February

As part of our school's personal development offer and in order to raise both awareness and aspirations we will be inviting children to come to school dressed as an occupation. This could be the job that you do as parents or a different career that your child aspires to. This does not require you to purchase dressing up outfits as many careers including teaching are own clothes with maybe a sign to indicate profession. We would not encourage football kits as they can cause friction in the playground.



Year Three Candlemas Assembly

Our children in Y3 continue their sacramental journey performing their parents' assembly telling the story of the presentation of Jesus in the temple. We were treated to a lovely story with fantastic singing and a poetry performance too. Well done and thank you Y3!



School INSET Days

Just a reminder that February's school calendar contains two staff training days which are so valuable for the professional development of our staff. School will be closed to children on the Emmaus INSET day which will take place on Friday 6th February and our own staff INSET day on Friday 13th February. Many thanks for your support with staff development.

Key dates for Your Diary: Spring Term 2026

	Spring Half Term One
02.02.26	Mental Health Awareness Week begins
04.02.26	Y2 School Trip to Blackpool Zoo
05.02.26	Nursery Superhero Day
06.02.26	Emmaus INSET Day. School Closed for Staff Training
12.02.26	PTA Event Wear Red and Pink Own Clothes Day and Valentine's Assembly.
12.02.26	School Closes for Half Term
13.02.26	Staff INSET Day
	Spring Half Term Two
23.02.26	School Opens
23.02.26	PHSE Career Day (New Date)
04.03.26	Y4 School Trip to Formby Beach
04.03.26	Football League at Oldham Leisure Centre (Details to Follow)
05.03.26	Nursery Stay and Play. Details to Follow
12.03.26	Parents' Day
13.03.26	Y3 Reconciliation Mass
13.03.26	Reception Mother's Day Parent Assembly

18.03.26	Reception School Trip to Manchester Airport Runway Museum
25.03.26	Caritas Ambassador Pupil Leadership Training
25.03.26	Y3 Guess the Eggs in a Jar (Details to Follow)
26.03.26	Nursery Trip to Smithill's Farm
27.03.26	Y5 Resurrection Rock Assembly 9.15am
27.03.26	Y4 Brass Concert 2.30pm
30.03.26	EYFS/KS1 and Y6 Palm Sunday Service, 9.30am in Church
31.03.26	KS2 Holy Week Mass 9.30am in Church
31.03.26	Y3 Easter Gardens Displayed in School (Details to Follow)
01.04.26	KS2 Egg in a Box Competition
01.04.26	EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
02.04.26	School Closes (Normal time)

We strive to keep parents/carers informed about school events as early as possible. If a new event is added to the list, we will inform you through in App message on Arbor and include it within the next newsletter.

Class Assemblies

All children will participate in an assembly within the academic year.

Please see our class assembly dates. Assemblies start at approximately 9.15am to allow time for the children to be registered and ready for the performance.

Reception	13.03.26
Year 1	26.06.26
Year 2	22.05.26
Year 5	27.03.26
Year 6 M	10.07.26
Year 6B	16.07.26

February brings the first signs of Spring and new life, and our resources offer gentle inspiration for learning and growing. This month invites children to reflect on how we can be encouraged by the lives of the saints and faithful followers of Jesus.

As the month continues, we begin Lent, a time to prepare, pray and renew our friendship with God. Through the Lenten assembly series, children explore what it means to say "Yes!" to God, and the series of daily prayers helps them grow in confidence as they walk along with Jesus on their Lenten journey.



School Website/Twitter (X)

Make sure you don't miss school life in 2026 by checking in on our school website, Instagram, and our Twitter (X) accounts to keep up to date with the many lessons, events and activities that take place weekly here at St Marys.

Twitter(X) - @StMarysRCFW

Instagram – @ stmarys_rcp

School Website - <https://stmarysrc-primaryschool.co.uk/>

