



March Newsletter

During the half-term break we entered the Lenten period in the liturgical calendar. This half term, our children are creating their class action plans linked to our core values. Places of worship and prayer spaces around school have been turned purple to reflect this special and reflective time of year. Our weekly Celebration of the Word sessions will also focus on Lent and the themes of prayer, reflection and preparation.

PHSE Occupations Day

It was fantastic to see you all dressed as the occupations you aspire to on the first day of the new half term. We had so many interesting and exciting careers represented, and the conversations in class and during our assembly really got us thinking about the amazing possibilities ahead of you. The future is yours, children. Aim high and reach for the stars!



EYFS Chinese New Year Celebrations

Our youngest children had a wonderful time celebrating the arrival of the Year of the Horse. They looked fantastic in red, and the Chinese dragon made its way proudly through school. Congratulations to Felix and Thomas, who took part in the huge celebrations in central Manchester over the half-term break! A big thank you as well to the Cho family for their generosity in providing a Chinese feast for our Early Years children – they absolutely loved it!



Year 2 Blackpool Zoo Trip

Our fantastic Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed their recent trip to Blackpool Zoo, where they represented the school brilliantly. The animals were out in abundance, and favourites included the giraffes, sea lions and monkeys!



Year 6 Sats Preparation

As May approaches, we would like to remind our Year 6 children and families to follow the guidance of our skilled and experienced team, who work tirelessly to support and prepare pupils for the national tests. After-school tuition and online platforms will be available. Our aim is never to place pressure on the children, but to celebrate their individual skills and talents. The national tests are only a small snapshot of who they are. Our priority is for every child to thrive and flourish as a child of Christ.

Year 4 Trip to Formby Beach

Year 4 had an amazing day exploring Formby Beach and seeing our Coastal Processes and Landforms topic come to life! From spotting sand dune formations to learning how the coastline of Formby has changed over time, our geographers were in their element.

World Book Day

Our children took part in a fabulous vocabulary parade on 6th March to celebrate World Book Day. We saw some wonderfully creative words and outfits to match. It was a brilliant way to bring language to life and inspire a love of words across our school.



Y5 Choral Speaking Festival

Our talented Year 5 children represented the school brilliantly at the Oldham Choral Speaking Festival, showcasing the wonderful talent we have here at St Mary's. With dramatic starts to captivate the audience. Both classes did extremely well scoring a distinction and a distinction plus. Well done!



School Uniform

Just a quick reminder about correct school uniform. Wearing the correct uniform helps us keep standards high and promotes equality for all. We have noticed a few issues recently with make-up, false or heavily decorated nails, and tracksuit bottoms with large logos. Please see the school website for our full uniform policy.

After School Clubs

Our next window to sign up for the summer half term will open on **Monday 30th March and will close Wednesday 1st April at 6.30pm**. Book as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

Key Dates for Your Diary: Spring Term 2026 (New dates added in Red)

	Spring Half Term Two
18.03.26	Reception School Trip to Manchester Airport Runway Museum
18.03.26	Year 5 Stay & Pray 2.30pm
19.03.26	Nursery, Reception and Y5 EE/JW Parents' Day
25.03.26	Caritas Ambassador pupil Leadership Training
25.03.26	Y3 Guess the Eggs in the Jar
26.03.26	Nursery Trip to Smithills Farm
27.03.26	Y5 Resurrection Rock Assembly
27.03.26	Y4 Brass Concert 2.30pm (together with Brass Music Tuition children)
30.03.26	EYFS/KS1 Palm Sunday Mass in Church 9.30am
31.03.26	Nursery Stay & Pray 9.00am
31.03.26	KS2 Holy Week Mass 9.30am in Church
31.03.26	Reception Stay & Pray 2.30pm
31.03.26	Y3 Easter Gardens Displayed in School
01.04.26	KS2 Egg in a Box Competition
01.04.26	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
02.04.26	School Closes (Normal Time)
	Summer Half Term One
15.04.26	Y4 trip to Blackpool Tower
16.04.26	Easter Discos (Details to Follow)
22.04.26	Football League at Oldham Sports Centre
29.04.26	Y2 Trip To Southport Eco-Centre
05.05.26	School Closed Bank Holiday
11.05.26	Y6 Sats Week
15.05.26	May Procession and Crowning of our Lady in Church TBC

16.05.26	PTA Spring Fair TBC
22.05.26	School Closes

- Research the Jubilee themes shared in March: forgiveness, managing debt, care for creation and restoration of the family.

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 through text message and included in 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.

Year 1	26.06.26
Year 2	22.05.26
Year 5	27.03.26

The Season of Lent

Wednesday 18th February marked the beginning of Lent, a time in the Church that focuses on prayer, fasting and almsgiving (charitable giving). This year also brings the added invitation to explore and grow our friendship with God through the celebrations of the Year of Jubilee.

With your children, you might like to...

- Read the account of Jesus' 40 days in the desert together (**Luke 4:1-13**), and notice how Jesus found the strength to say 'no' to temptation.



- Discuss the habits, thoughts or temptations that you would like to be freed from and how you might support one another in achieving this.

Heavenly Father

***Thank you for helping me to make good choices
I know I can trust in you
Amen***

School Instagram Account

Following the guidance of Salford Diocese, school are moving away from using X as a platform for news and events. Follow us now on our new Instagram account. **stmarys_rcp**. We strive hard to photograph and post the exciting things your children do at school. Please do follow us!

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

