



May 2026



Newsletter

As the busy month of May enters, we look forward to brighter weather and the opportunity to use the grass on the playgrounds as it dries out. Our thoughts are with our fantastic Y6 children as they prepare for their national tests which begin on Monday 11th May. You have worked so hard Y6. Try your best and you will smash it. Remember, a week of tests is only a tiny snapshot of the amazing things that you can do. Our children in Y1 and Y4 are also busy preparing for their statutory tests which will begin straight after the half term break. Keep up the hard work all – you are amazing!

EYFS News

Our children in Reception were treated to a new playground over the Easter break complete with water wall, construction area and fairy garden. We are sure that you'll have hours of fun with the new areas. Our next plan, along with the amazing support from our PTA, will be to upgrade play on our KS1 playground.



Y2 Trip to Southport

Year 2 has been learning all about the Stone Age in history, including things such as Doggerland, hunting and gathering, woolly mammoths, cave paintings and the meaning of the word prehistoric. To bring this learning to life, they enjoyed a fantastic visit to Southport Eco Centre! It was a wonderful day filled with curiosity, enthusiasm and great engagement from all the children.



Y4 Trip to Blackpool Tower

Our Year 4 explorers headed to Blackpool to tackle our big question: What makes Blackpool a seaside tourist town? From taking in the incredible views at the top of Blackpool Tower, to the immersive 4D cinema experience, stepping into the stunning Tower Ballroom, and braving the wind and rain on the promenade, they investigated it all! Congratulations on your excellent behaviour Y4!



Y5 Choral Speaking

We are so proud of our incredible Year 5! We were honoured to receive the John Cleary Award from Oldham Rotary Club for their fantastic recital of The Sound Collector by Roger McGough and Eletelephony by Laura Richards at the Oldham Choral Speaking Festival.



Parking Reminder

Please do not park on the zigzag lines when dropping your children off in the mornings. The zigzags are there to mitigate the risk of accidents at this extremely busy time of day.



Y6 Sats Breakfast

The Y6 Sats tests will commence on 11th May and will run through from Monday to Thursday that week. The Y6 team would like to offer a soft start for the children that week. Free breakfasts will be provided at 8.30am each morning during that week, giving the children time to settle in before school.



PTA News

The PTA has successfully partnered with Ryder and Dutton, who have donated new play equipment to the KS1 playground. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Ryder and Dutton for their generous donation and to the St Mary's PTA for their support in making this happen! Our PTA are busy preparing for this year's School Fair and we'd love your support. If you're able to donate raffle prizes or tombola items, or if you can volunteer on the day, please get in touch at: friendsofstmarysfairsworth@gmail.com. Thank you for helping make it special for all our children.

Pupil Leadership Success

Our amazing Laudato Si' team marked Earth Day with two thoughtful assemblies, speaking confidently about the challenges facing our planet and how we can all play our part. Each team member handed out inspiring posters to spark action within our school! In the afternoon, we planted giant sunflower seeds for every class to care for. As part of our sustainability challenge, once each sunflower outgrows its pot, pupils will find something recyclable to transform into a new planter. Growing responsibility, creativity, and hope for our common home. As our Laudato Si' team say,

"Remember 'There is no Planet B challenge, once each sunflower outgrows its pot, pupils will find something recyclable to transform into a new planter. Growing responsibility, creativity, and hope for our common home' "



Key Dates for Your Diary

	Summer Half Term 1
11.05.26	Y6 Sats Week
13.05.26	Y1 Poetry Recital Details to Follow
14.05.26	Nursery Ugly Bug Ball
15.05.26	May Procession and Crowning of our Lady in Church 10.30am
16.05.26	PTA Spring Fair 12.00pm - 3.00pm
22.05.26	Y2 Parents' Assembly 9.15am
22.05.26	School Closes
	Summer Half Term 2
08.06.26	School Opens
08.06.26	Y4 MTC Test Week
08.06.26	Y1 Phonic Screening Test Week
10.06.26	Y5 Eco Trip to Southport
10.06.26	Football League at Oldham Leisure Centre
11.06.26	Y4 Come and Play at The Halle
15.06.26	Y2 Sports Day 2.00-3.00pm
16.06.26	Y4 Sports Day 2.00-3.00pm
17.06.26	Y1 Sports Day 2.00-3.00pm
18.06.26	Y6 Crucial Crew – Letter sent
18.06.26	Reception Sports Day 2.00-3.00pm
19.06.26	Y3 Holy Communions in Church
23.06.26	Turing House Celebration
24.06.26	Oldham Schools Y6 Mass
24.06.26	Nursery Sept 2026 - Parents Welcome Evening 4.30pm
25.06.26	Catholic Netball and Football Tournament
26.06.26	Y1 Parents' Assembly
26.06.26	Y3 Holy Communions in Church
30.06.26	Y3 Sports Day 2.00-3.00pm Details to Follow
01.07.26	Y5 Sports Day 2.00pm-3.00pm
01.07.26	Y1 Artwork Display 3.00pm
01.07.26	Reception Sept 2026 - Parents Welcome Evening 4.30pm
02.07.26	Nursery Sports Day 2.00pm-3.00pm
03.07.26	Y3 Holy Communions in Church
05.07.26	Italian Walks in Honour of Our Lady departing from the Halle St Michael's, George Lees St. 1.15pm
07.07.26	Y6 Sports Day 2.00pm-3.00pm
07.07.26	New to Reception Sept 26 - Stay and Play 4.00pm
08.07.26	New to Nursery Sept 26 - Stay and Play 4.00pm

08.07.26	Y1 Trip Imagine That Liverpool
09.07.26	Emmaus School Mass at St Patrick's Church
09.07.26	Y6 Leaver's Mass and Disco 5.00pm
10.07.26	Y4 Brass Concert 2.30pm – Plus Y5 Brass Tuition Children
10.07.26	Y2 Artwork Display at 3.00pm
13.07.26	End of Year Mass and School Awards 9.30am in Church
15.07.26	Y6M Leaver's Assembly
16.07.26	Y6B Leaver's Assembly
17.07.26	School Closes 1.30pm

We strive to keep parents/carers informed about school events as early as possible. ***If a new event is added to the list or there has been a date change, we will inform through text message and include in the next newsletter. New or amended dates will be in red font.***

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 6 M	15.07.26
Year 6 B	16.07.26

May is the Month of Mary

May is a treasured month in our Catholic calendar, and at St Mary's, we hold it especially close to our hearts as we honour Mary, our mother and our patron. Throughout this month, we invite all our families to take a little extra time for prayer, asking Mary to guide, comfort and protect our school community. As part of our celebrations, we warmly welcome you to join us for the Crowning of Our Lady in church on Friday **15th May at 10.30am**. It is always a beautiful and meaningful moment for the children, where every child will present a flower at the altar. Your presence helps make it even more special. We look forward to sharing this lovely act of devotion together.

Hail Mary
Full of Grace
The Lord is with thee
Blessed though amongst women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus
Holy Mary
Mother of God
Pray for us Sinners
Now, and at the hour of our death
Amen

On Sunday 5th July our community are invited to join the Italian procession in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary. The procession departs from The Halle St Michael's Church, Leigh St, Ancoats at 1.15pm. Our First Holy Communion Children are invited to attend wearing their dresses and special clothes. Look for our St Mary's Church banner to join us. If you require further information about the procession, please contact school to speak to Ms Rowan.



Remember to follow all our exciting events happening at St Marys every week by following us on Instagram stmarys_rcp

