

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 11 Friday 20th November 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 25th November – Year 6 Class Assembly – 9.05am. Coffee Morning for parents from 8.45am
Thursday 26th November – Open Morning – 9.30am
Saturday 28th November – PTA Christmas Fair – 12.00-4.00pm
Week beginning Monday 30th November – PGL Trip to Paris
Wednesday 2nd December – Advent Confessions in school for Years 4-6
Thursday 3rd December – Open Morning – 9.30am
Monday 7th December – Year 4 Class Mass – 10.00am at Church
Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Lunch and wear a Christmas jumper
Wednesday 9th December – YR-Y2 Nativity – 9.05am – KS1 parents to attend
Thursday 10th December – YR-Y2 Nativity – 9.05am – YR parents to attend
Tuesday 15th December – KS2 Carol Service – 5.00pm in Church
Thursday 17th December – Class Parties in the afternoon
Friday 18th December – Nursery Nativity Singalong – 11.00am in Nursery
Friday 18th December – End of Term – school closes at 1.15pm. No PM Nursery session
Monday 4th January – Spring Term begins – children return to school 8.45am

Anti-Bullying Week

This week was Anti-Bullying Week in school, the theme was 'Break the Silence.' We began the week with Odd Socks Day, celebrating our diversity and how this makes us all unique. Miss Dewit led a special assembly where we explored the message of breaking the silence and what this means. We spoke about what bullying is, why we need to listen to each other and respect boundaries, the importance of being able to stand up for ourselves and expect others to treat us with dignity and what it means to be upstanders rather than bystanders. We linked all of this to our school values of kindness, respect and courage. We also spoke throughout the week about how these messages are not just for this week but every single day. It is so important that our children learn to understand what bullying is, to stand up for themselves and for others, it is an essential lesson that they need for life. A huge thank you to Miss Dewit for organising the activities for Anti-Bullying Week and for leading the assembly.

Reception News

Our Reception children have been working extremely hard on their reading. They have been exploring their Favourite Five stories for the term, delving into different genres, role-playing and retelling the stories, learning them by heart. They have also been working extremely hard on their phonics and tricky words. There is a different tricky word password every day that you have to read before you can come into the classroom. Well done Reception, Mrs Karimi and Mrs Fox are very proud of you!

Punctuality and Attendance

It is essential that children are in school every day and arriving on time so that they do not miss out on essential learning. Lateness is unsettling for children and is also disruptive for others in the class as staff need to leave what they are doing to help them to settle. Please ensure that you are on time for school in the mornings. The school gates open at 8.45am and close promptly at 8.55am. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Sports News – Year 1 and 2 Superb Sports Festival

Coach Kyle writes - A big congratulations to the children that represented the school during the Year 1 and 2 Sports Festival. We participated in 12 different activities including hockey, basketball and rugby. We competed against other schools showing great sportsmanship, and earned points on each activity throughout the day. The results should come in this weekend. Thank you to the parents who helped out, as it allowed more of our children to be able to gain these types of opportunities. I am very proud of the group with their teamwork and effort throughout the day, representing St Mary's brilliantly. Thank you also to Coach Kyle for his dedication and commitment to our children!

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 9th December. If your child usually has packed lunches, but would like a Christmas lunch on this day, please email the office by Wednesday 2nd December so that we can plan for numbers. On this day children can wear Christmas jumpers. Please send them into school wearing their usual school uniform with their Christmas jumper on top.

PTA Events

Thank you all for your continuing support. Every penny raised goes towards improving the children's experience at school. We are currently raising money to refurbish our playgrounds.

Save the date – Christmas Fair – Saturday 28th November 12.00-4.00pm.

Can you help? Speak to your Class Reps. If you can't attend on the day, can you get involved in some other way or make a donation? All help gladly accepted. If any parents feel that their company could match fund for part of the money raised, that would be extremely helpful. Please contact Mrs Robinson, our PTA Chair.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to Liya (YR) and Kaya (Y4)

Star of the Week

Louisa (YR), Amelia (Y1), Adrian (Y2), Elsie (Y3), Timur (Y4), Roman (Y5) and Chinyere (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Elio (YR), Gabriel (Y1), Thomas (Y2), Eddie (Y3), Yan (Y4), Sophia (Y5) and Mila (Y6)

Reader Award

Alice (YR), Ezra (Y1), Jolie (Y2), Benjamin (Y3), Frankie (Y4), Massimo (Y5) and Leksi (Y6)

Sports Awards

Teo (KS1), Azariah (LKS2), Eben (UKS2)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH
Headteacher