



## Weekly News



Friday 5th December 2025

What a wonderful week it has been in school. Our Reception children gave a *fantastic* Nativity performance, full of confidence, joy, and festive spirit. It was a delight to watch, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. We also enjoyed our stunning Lantern Parade. The atmosphere was gorgeous, and moments like these remind us of how fortunate we are to be part of such a caring and supportive school community. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make these events so special.

A gentle reminder that we are still collecting **donations of non-perishable food items** for **Cornerstone Homeless Charity**. Your generosity makes a real difference to those in need, especially at this time of year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support

### Headteacher Award Winners

|           |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Nursery   | Rasmus and Eva          |
| Reception | Oisin and Cillian K     |
| Year 1    | Maise and Isabella      |
| Year 2    | Frankie-Rose and Sophia |
| Year 3    | Aiwanseosa and Jotham   |
| Year 4    | Eira                    |
| Year 5    | Lois and Mohammad       |
| Year 6    | Raida and Ava-Rose      |

**Thursday 11th December 2025**  
Christmas Jumper/own clothes Day



**Thursday 11th December 2025**

Carol Concert  
St Mary's RC Church  
Elbow Street  
6pm-7pm  
All Welcome



St Mary's Church Fair  
Church Hall, Elbow Street  
**Sunday 7th December 2025**  
Midday



## ATTENDANCE

| N  | REC<br>G | REC<br>FK | Y1B | Y1A<br>B | Y2<br>A | Y2B | Y3<br>M | Y3<br>S | Y4P | Y5H | Y5N<br>T | Y6B | Y6H |
|----|----------|-----------|-----|----------|---------|-----|---------|---------|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|
| 88 | 91       | 92        | 90  | 85       | 94      | 96  | 93      | 96      | 94  | 94  | 89       | 89  | 92  |





## EYFS

We have had a very exciting week in Nursery. On Monday we had a visit from Elsie, the kindness elf, where she brought a letter from Father Christmas! We opened our Christmas toy shop where the children have loved dressing as the elves and helping to wrap presents and write letters.

We also read our story 'Little hedgehog and the big outside'. We talked about how hedgehog used his senses to explore the world around him and lots of exciting facts. We made hedgehog bread rolls and clay hedgehogs too. Well done for a super week Nursery!



We have had a very busy but exciting week in Reception ! This week the children performed their Nativity for the parents and did a sterling job ! We could not be prouder of them and how hard they have tried these past few weeks. On Thursday we welcomed parents into our classroom where the adults and children made Christmas biscuits, paper chains, tree decorations and much more ! Well done Reception.





## Key Stage 1

### Year 1

Year 1 have been busy decorating their Christmas lanterns this week which looked amazing at the Lantern Parade last night.

They have begun making their moving holiday cards with either a slider or a lever. We have been learning about 3D shapes and how to write a character description.



### Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderfully creative week as they designed and made their beautiful lanterns for the lantern parade. In science, children investigated the warmed up. In Literacy, children realised that Goldilocks was not a criminal and that she wanted to write an apology letter to the bears. What a week of creativity and curiosity!





## Lower Key Stage 2



Year 3 have had another brilliant week and have been super busy! The week started off with a visit from Jane and the children participated enthusiastically in creating willow fish where they experimented with weaving. Cricket on Thursday was enjoyed by all and the progress is fabulous to see! In Maths, the children have been exploring sharing and grouping; they worked co-operatively with each other. In Writing, they have been sharing their goals for the future and hearing their aspirations has been wonderful!



What a fantastic week in Year 4; perfectly capped off with a wonderful Lantern Festival on Thursday.

We finished our news bulletins and read them aloud like a real news reporter!

We have been using the short method for multiplication and are gaining confidence with tackling 3 digit x 1 digit numbers.

We have been looking at volcanoes and identifying the 3 main types of volcanoes and how they are formed.





## Upper Key Stage 2

### Year Five

One of the most exciting weeks in the St Mary's School calendar certainly didn't disappoint, as we enjoyed our wonderful annual Lantern Parade. It was a joy to see the children so proud of their creations and eager to share them with friends and family.

In the classroom, we are already hooked on our latest text, *The Odyssey* by Gillian Cross – a real page-turner! The children loved investigating a range of artefacts to gather clues about what the story might hold.

Earlier in the week, Year 5 delivered their Mass beautifully. The children spoke confidently and observed wonderfully. We were incredibly proud of them. We are also very grateful to all the parents who were able to join and support on the day.



### Year Six

What a wonderful week it has been! Our pupils continue to make fantastic progress across all subjects. In Maths, we are diving deeper into the world of fractions, and it's exciting to see their understanding grow.

In English, we've just finished reading the thought-provoking book, *The Promise*, and the students have begun writing letters to the thief, encouraging them to improve the environment.

In RE, we've been reflecting on the qualities of leaders in the Old Testament and discussing the importance of trusting in God when faced with challenges. Keep up the great work, everyone!





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as I have loved you.*

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Provider

## Catholic Life



### LOVE BUILDS COMMUNITY

Lanterns, laughter, love, friendship, family,  
community and Christmas!

What a wonderful evening last night!

Thank you all for your support.

We are so lucky to have such an amazing  
school family.



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