



ST. MARY'S
RC. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love one another
as I have loved you.



Weekly News

Friday 28th November 2025

Huge congratulations to our McVitie's 'Design a Christmas Card' competition winners! We are proud that our Y5 pupil was crowned overall winner and will enjoy a tour of the biscuit factory, a £50 voucher and his card being printed and distributed to all McVitie's staff worldwide! Thank you McVitie's for a fantastic competition.



Headteacher Award Winners

Nursery	Luis and Rosemary
Reception	Cleo and April
Year 1	Esme and Cody
Year 2	Grace and Leon
Year 3	Maisie & Albie
Year 4	Coady
Year 5	Luca L & Finley
Year 6	Amarii and Maili



Our Fantastic Y3 Football Team!
A great game against Ladybarn Primary School where we won 10-0! We are proud of the children's teamwork and cooperation!



ATTENDANCE

N	REC G	REC FK	Y1B	Y1A B	Y2 A	Y2B	Y3 M	Y3 S	Y4P	Y5H		Y5N T	Y6B	Y6H
82	87	96	97	98	99	96	93	95	95	89		90	97	96





EYFS

We have had a fabulous week of learning in Nursery. We have loved exploring the story Owl babies and retelling the story using our teddies. We made nests for the owlets outside using twigs, leaves and hay. We also made chocolate crispy nests and enjoyed eating them at snack time!

We have been creative and cooperative with helping Jane to make our willow Christmas tree ready for our Christmas celebrations and painted our lanterns for our lantern festival next week. Well done everyone on a super week.



We have had another wonderful week in Reception. This week the children worked alongside our forest school teacher Jane to create a life size willow Christmas tree ! All the children were able to add a piece of willow which then manipulated into a branch. The children used their learning power of co-operation to work as a team and create a beautiful sculpture. Well done on another wonderful week.





Key Stage 1



Year 1



This week we have been busy learning about our History topic History of Hats. We have been thinking about the Hats that came from Stockport and why people wear hats. We had lots of fun trying different hats, some we have never seen before.



Year 2

This week a mysterious table appeared outside Year 2 with 3 bowls of porridge. The porridge was half eaten and we found some suspicious CCTV footage which we think reveals who the culprit was. We will be on the look out for any more appearances from our golden-haired suspect.

In forest school this week 2B made kebabs out of different things that can be found in the forest. These included wood from an elder tree, acorns and hawthorn berries.





Lower Key Stage 2



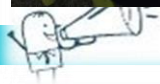
Year 3 have had a busy week adding their finishing touches to their lanterns for the parade next week. The children have started multiplication this week and have been working hard to create different groups and arrays with counters. On Tuesday, the children's progress in tin whistle really shone when they performed alongside the guitar and drums. In Science, the children have really engaged with our topic about rocks and soils. They have used some high-level vocabulary to compare the different rocks.



A fantastic week where we have showcased our multiplication skills by using informal and formal written methods.

We have finished writing our news bulletin on The Iron Man and will now move onto our narrative unit still looking at the same story.

We braved the elements, continuing to enjoy cricket with Lancashire coaches who have taught us how to bat this week.





Upper Key Stage 2

Year Five

It's been an exciting week in Year five! In science, we have been exploring which materials dissolve in liquids, carrying out investigations and making observations. In math's, the children have continued to develop their understanding of decimals up to two places, practicing both addition and subtraction with growing confidence. In English, our creative skills have been shining through as we write and present our non-chronological reports. The children have worked hard to make their pages look bright and engaging.

With creativity already flowing, we extended the fun by designing and making our beautiful lanterns. The children are rightly very proud of their wonderful creations and we can't wait to show them off in our parade next week!



Year Six

What a fantastic week year six have had. We've shown great co-operation and resilience while making our Christmas lanterns, and all the teaching staff are so proud of the creativity on display. We've also come together to create a spectacular whole year group line dance, which was a real highlight! In maths, we've been challenging ourselves by adding and subtracting mixed numbers, and everyone's made great progress. In Science, we've learned about the importance of water in our diet, which is vital for our health. Keep up the amazing work, A Team!





Catholic Life

All families are welcome to join us at Mass, led by Year 5, on Tuesday 2nd December.

★ Reverse Advent Calendar – Let's Help Others! ★

This Advent, instead of getting something each day, we are *giving* something to help others. Every day, we will put boxes on the playground and by the Early Years gate. You can bring in things like tins, pasta, toiletries or other non-perishable items to help people who don't have what they need. At the end of term, we will take everything to Caritas Cornerstone, who help people who are homeless or in need. Let's spread hope, kindness and love this Advent! 🕯️

🔍 **The First Sunday of Advent** 🔍

This Sunday, 30th November, is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a special time when we get ready in our hearts for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. In school, we will be lighting the first purple candle on our Advent wreath, which reminds us of *hope*. We are invited to slow down, pray, and think about how we can bring hope and kindness to others during this special season.

🎄 Carol Concert with St Richard's! 🎵

We're excited for our joint Carol Concert with St Richard's on **Thursday 11th December, from 6–7pm at St Mary's Parish Church**. It will be a lovely evening of singing, prayer and getting ready for Christmas together. Bring your family and friends — everyone is welcome!

