



Year of HOPE



On Monday we launched the year of hope. As a Catholic community we celebrate a year of the jubilee in 2025 and we are invited by Pope Francis to bring hope to those most in need. We will be celebrating as a whole school and will be experiencing many activities together. Each class took a candle of hope and a plant of hope to place on their holy tables in their classroom. We will be making a whole school Jubilee prayer which we will share with you when it is compiled. Please look out for the CAFOD prayer cards that will be coming home school.

Mrs Corker and Mrs Anderton, the ladies in the school office, will be retiring at Easter. They have been at St Maria Goretti for almost 30 years. Although we will be sad to see them go we do need someone experienced to come and work as our School Business Manager and be first part of contact for our parents and visitors. Do you know anyone enthusiastic who can join our team?

The job is advertised on the Lancashire website www.lancashire.gov.uk/jobs (non teaching jobs)

Well done to Eleanor, Zack, Nathan and Scarlett who represented SMG at a 'High Writers' day at Queen's Drive primary School. We were very lucky to work with Author, Damien Harvey who kindly signed our books for us.



Chinese New Year

The Chinese Lunar New Year is celebrated this week (29th January)

Each year is designated to one of the 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac and this year, 2025 is the year of the snake. We will be celebrating in school with Chinese stories, food, a parade and some Chinese style art work.



Valentines Disco

The SMG Valentines Disco will be on Thursday 13th February.

Please support this event.

Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be 4pm-5pm

Y3,4,5, and 6 will be 5:15pm-6:15pm

£3 entry on the door and sweets/drinks available to buy inside.



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Free School Meal Vouchers

The codes have been ordered and will be ready for collection from 3rd February. They are to the value of £15 and must be spent during the holidays on food for your child

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SPEND THE VOUCHER DURING THE FEBRUARY HALF TERM OR THEY WILL BECOME INACTIVE.

Young Voices Concert

Each year our wonderful choir and Y6 class take part in the Young Voices Concert at Manchester. This year it is being held on Friday 7th February at the Co-op Arena. We will be leaving school at lunchtime and returning at 10pm on that evening. Details have already been sent. Please make sure all slips have been returned and if you haven't purchased a t-shirt for your child from the young voices website they will need to wear a plain white t-shirt. Thank you

Internet Safety Day

This year we celebrate Internet Safety Day on Tuesday 11th February. As a school we have a very robust filtering and monitoring system which helps safeguard children from harmful online materials and provides a safe environment for learning. Filtering restricts access to certain sites and as a school we review all online activity in our weekly monitoring. This year's theme is 'Too good to be true?' where we will look at scams and pop ups. There will be a special assembly for the KS2 children and they will be attending a live lesson on the BBC Teach website on this day.