



## St Mary and St Andrew's Newsletter - April 2026

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### **Catholic Life**

Our class and school masses are on our dates list. We would love for the families of classes involved to join us as we worship. We have moved the class times to 2:15pm so that families attending are able to come back to school and take children home.

On the 1st Sunday of each Month, St Mary's Newhouse church hold a children's Liturgy at the 10:30am mass followed by drinks and biscuits in the Parish hall. We would love for families to join us in celebrating mass on these Sundays and for some children to read bidding prayers. We begin this week. The other dates this term are 7th June and 5th July.

Sr. Sheinrose has asked if any of our children would like to be altar servers. This could be serving on a Sunday at St Mary's Newhouse or your own parish or serving during school time in our class and school masses. If your child is interested, please let school know and Sr. Sheinrose will enrol them and teach them about the role.

### **SATS and Assessment**

This term sees statutory testing for YEAR 6 pupils. These tests are set nationally and monitored by Lancashire County Council. It is imperative that all Year 6 children are in school on time for their tests. SAT testing begins on Monday 11th May 2026. To help with nerves, we will be welcoming the children into school from 8:15am (this, unfortunately, does not include siblings), where we can chat together and be well prepared for the tests to begin promptly. There will be some fruit and pastries available every morning as a special treat.

Year 1 children will be completing their phonics screening on 10th and 11th June.

Year 4 will be completing their Multiplication check on 3rd, 4th and 5th June.

### **Uniform**

We are considering changing our uniform to make it more inclusive for our children. We would like to replace the blue skirt and blue trousers that girls wear with grey ones, to match the boys. Girls will then be able to wear grey skirts, grey trousers or grey shorts. We hope that this also helps families with purchasing uniform as the grey options are readily available in all supermarkets. We would like to consult families with their feelings on the idea before making the decision. If you have any thoughts, feelings or questions, please let us know.

## Sport

Tri Kidz were back with us for a fun day of running and cycling. The children had a fantastic day. They are back on 10th July for their final session of the school year. Children will then be able to win their own Tri Kidz medal.

We hope that the PE dates help with knowing when children should wear their PE kits. We will try our best to stick to the dates and will try to give as much notice as we can if changes need to be made.



## Attendance:

Thank you for your support with attendance. The national average for Spring Term was 93.7% .

# 96.7%

## Circus Day

Jays had a fantastic circus day where they learned some new skills and got to juggle the bean bags that they have designed and made. Our visitor was very impressed with the determination of the group, especially when juggling!



## Fantastic Fundraising

Congratulations to Rosie for completing her marathon fund raiser last weekend. Her hard work and training have helped her to raise £540 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Rosie said, 'I am doing it to help people get the treatment that they need and to keep living happily. To make Aunty Laura proud of me.'



## School Library

We are in the process of changing our outdoor classroom into a library and nature area. The theme is a forest theme. If anyone has any artificial plants that they do not need, we would love these to help decorate the area.



## Jewellery and Nail Varnish:

Quite a few children are wearing jewellery or nail varnish in school. Could we please remind you that children should not be wearing jewellery for school. Any earrings should be studs and children should not wear them on PE days. Teacher's will ask children to remove jewellery and put it in their trays/lockers until the end of the day. Thank you for your help with this.



## St Mary and St Andrew's Summer Dates

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- 13/5: Wrens' and Robins' liturgy in church 2:15pm (families welcome)
- 18/5: Wren's Assembly 9am (families welcome)
- 19/5: PTFA Film Night 3:30-5:30
- 1-2/6: INSET Days
- 3/6: Jays' Class Mass 2:15pm in church (families welcome)
- 8/6: Owls' Assembly 9am (families welcome)
- 9/6: Bug Buster Workshops Owls, Jays and Eagles (NHS)
- 17/6: Owls' Class Mass 2:15pm in church (families welcome)
- 22/6: Jays' Assembly 9am (families welcome)
- 24/6: Year 5 Eagles' Mass 2:15pm in church (families welcome)
- 26/6: Sports Day 1pm followed by Summer Fair until 5pm
- 29/6: Robins' Assembly 9am (families welcome)
- 10/7: Tri Kidz Medal Day (all children to wear PE kits)
- 14/7: Year 6 Leaver's Play 2pm and 6pm (families welcome)
- 15/7: Year 6 Leavers' Mass in church 2pm (families welcome)
- 16/7: Choir Concert for families and parishioners 2pm
- 20/7 Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9am

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# MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring **Zootropolis 2** for Infants &  
**GOAT** for Juniors



**£5**

PER TICKET

**TUESDAY 19 MAY**

**3:30 - 5:30PM**

INCLUDES MOVIE SNACKS!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL (CASH ONLY)

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS PROJECTS IN SCHOOL

YEAR 6 PROUDLY PRESENT

THE  
NEVERLAND  
WIZARD

TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY

AT

2PM AND 6.15PM

Neverland

The City of Preston Annual

# Corpus Christi Procession



## at St Walburges' Shrine Church

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 2.00pm**

All Parishioners and Parish groups, Schools, Colleges, Choirs, Uniformed organisations, Readers, Religious, Clergy, Catholic Organisations, Families, Children and especially, First Holy Communicants, are all invited to take part, on this special and important Feast Day, in this public act of Witness of our Faith.

