



## St Mary and St Andrew's Newsletter - November 2025

*Guide us O God to be the best we can be: in every thought, in every word and every deed*

Thank you for all of the support you have shown school over the festive period and for all of the kind cards and gifts you have shared with the staff and I.

Have a fantastic Christmas making great memories with the children.

See you all next year!

### **Catholic Life/Advent:**

Many thanks to the families who joined us for our whole school Advent mass on 2nd December. Our next school mass will be 13th January at 2pm.

Each morning, the children have enjoyed meeting in the hall, as a school, to listen to a story from the Jesse Tree. These stories track the line of David back from the creation story leading all the way to Joseph and Mary.

Thank you to Canon Towers for holding Reconciliation with our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils in preparation for Christmas.

Thank you to those who donated to the CAFOD readathon. We raised enough money to buy 6 gifts of reading.



### **Food Bank Collection:**

Thank you for all of the donations of chocolates and biscuits for 'Share It'. Our ambassadors took them down to the centre where we learned about why food parcels are important for many in our communities. The organisers were very thankful for our donations.



### **Christmas Fair:**

A huge thank you to our PTFA and all of those who helped with the Christmas Fair. It was a lot of fun and a great success. The PTFA raised £752 from the Christmas Fair and £821 from the Christmas Raffle. All of the raffle prizes are coming home with children today, after being draw in assembly. The money raised does great things to help in school. In January, it has funded a theatre group to perform a pantomime in the school hall.

If you would like to join the PTFA, please contact the school office and we will pass on your details.



### Sport:

Another great performance from our football team. Sadly we lost the match on penalties but a great effort all round—especially as most of them are Year 5 pupils.

### Attendance:

Thank you all for keeping our school attendance high. Please report an absence on ARBOR on the day (before 8:50am) or please contact the school office on 01772 862335 before 8:30am. Planned absences, i.e. dentist or doctors appointments, can be reported earlier using the online Pupil Absence Form.

**97%**

### Healthy Snacks:

Could we ask that parents check what snacks and treats Key Stage 2 children are bringing into school? We have asked that children try to bring in a healthy snack at break time and then on Friday to swap this for a small treat. The treats are getting much bigger and we are finding children bringing in sharing bags of crisps, family bars of chocolate, lollies and big bags of sweets. Though the children will say that they share their food, it is not the wish of all families that their children eat sweets at break times. Snacks should be a small treat that children can enjoy on their own. Many thanks.

### Brainkind:

Well done to our choir and Mrs Williams for their performance at Brainkind. They brought a special festive cheer to the residents.



### Curling (Year 5 and 6):

A reminder about payment/consent for curling at The Flower Bowl Entertainment Centre. There is no cost for the curling, however we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 for the bus tickets (payable on Arbor).

Children should wear PE kit and a warm coat; protective shoes and headbands will be provided by the Flower Bowl.

### Robinwood

A reminder to our Year 5 and Year 6 parents that the payment for the trip is on Arbor. School has paid the deposits and has to complete payment for the full balance for those attending by the end of February. If your child is no longer attending, please let the school office know.



### School Meals:

Could we please remind parents that school dinner's should be paid for in advance. The Trust do not offer credit facilities except in an emergency, when payment should be made as soon as possible.

### Spring Dates

Attached are some of our dates for the next term. More will be added once we have met as a staff in the new year.



## St Mary and St Andrew's Spring Dates

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- 3/11: Staff INSET Day
- 13/1: New Year Mass in church 2pm (all families welcome)
- 14/1: Bikeability Year 3 and Year 4
- 15/1: Curling Year 5 and Year 6 (Also 22./1, 29/1., 5/2)
- 27/1: St David's (Yellow House) can wear yellow to school
- 11/2: Year 3 and Year 4 visit to Whitworth Gallery
- 13/2: Curling Whole Day Competition Year 5 and Year 6
- 5/3 World Book Day
- 17/3: St Patrick's (Green House) can wear green to school
- 19/3: Let's Go Sing Concert at Blackburn Ice Arena
- 23/3: Rock Steady Concert
- 30/3: Robin Wood Year 5 and Year 6 Three Day Residential





**SIGN UP!**



**FREE TO ATTEND**

**VENUE**

ST MICHAELS CE HIGH SCHOOL  
ASTLEY RD, CHORLEY PR7 1RS

**WHEN**

SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

**TIME**

10AM-3:30PM



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