



St Mary and St Andrew's Newsletter - May 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. Thank you to all of the families who attended our Wrens class assembly, the children were very happy that you could share worship with us.

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.

Please keep our First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates in our prayers as they all make their sacraments in June.

SATS and Assessment

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs this month. We were very proud of their hard work and dedication. They ended with a well earned treat at Levels and an ice cream!

Year 1 children will be completing their phonics screening on 9th, 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. We have only heard from two families, if you have any thoughts, feelings or questions, please let us know.

Sport

Congratulations to the tag rugby team who came first in the Preston Tag Rugby league.

Attendance:

Our attendance has fallen close to the national average. Whilst we understand that illness cannot be helped, there are families choosing to take extra days for holidays. The government state that for a child's attendance to be good, they should have 95% attendance. We have tried to add staff INSET days to half terms to help reduce the cost of holidays. Please could we ask that you look at our dates for next year and use these to when booking holidays rather than take children away from school.

96.6%

Afterschool Club Vacancy

Newhouse Out of School Club is currently seeking a friendly, reliable and caring individual to join the team as an Out of School Club Assistant. This role involves supporting children in a safe, nurturing and enjoyable environment after the school day.

Key details:

Start date: 15 June 2026

Hours: 12 hours per week (term time only)

Working pattern: Monday–Thursday 3:30–6:00pm, Friday 3:30–5:30pm

Pay: Grade 3 £25.949 pro rata (£13.45 per hour)

This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who enjoys working with children and being part of a supportive school community.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please find further details and apply via the link below:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/151561/EDV-2026-SMASACPSBN-94391>

We would be grateful if you could share this vacancy with friends, family, or anyone who may be suitable.



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.

HRSE Policy

Lancaster Diocese has issued a new HRSE Policy (Human Relationships and Sex Education Policy) for school to use from September 2026. It is now on our website for consultation. If you have any questions, please let us know via the school office or email. If you require a paper copy, these can be collected from the school office. <https://stmarystandrews.mecmat.org/key-information/policies>



St Mary and St Andrew's Summer Dates

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- 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)
- 2/7: Our Lady and Broughton High School Year 6 Transition Days
- 2/7: Transition afternoon in school (children visit their new classes)
- 10/7: Tri Kidz Medal Day (all children to wear PE kits)
- 14/7: Year 6 Leaver's Play 2pm and 6:15pm (families welcome)
- 15/7: Year 6 Leavers' Mass in church 2pm (families welcome)
- 16/7: Choir Concert for families and parishioners 2pm
- 17/7: Year 6 Camping on School Field
- 20/7: Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9am



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The City of Preston Annual

Corpus Christi Procession



at St Walburges' Shrine Church

Sunday 7th 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.

